

continue south from Rule Park and turn east on Deerpath Road to John Mogg Road. Turn north to Woodland Terrace. Park here and walk to the beach to view the southern end of Gages Lake. This lake often holds waterbirds in spring and fall and sometimes remains open in winter.

Third Lake/Druce Lake

Return to Deerpath Road. Turn west to Route 45, then north past Washington Street. Access to this lake is best from Route 45 turning west on Sunshine Avenue. Go west past the Serbian monastery to North Lake Avenue, and continue west (right) to almost the dead end of N. Lake Avenue. Just before the Village Hall of Third Lake, you'll see several small parking slips. Walk back east on North Lake Avenue to an empty lot with a small village access pathway to the lakefront. From here you can view the lake from the north. There's also a second lakefront access boat launch 0.2 mile east from the Village Hall. This is the deepest lake in Lake County. As a result, it sometimes remains open in winter where huge concentrations of waterfowl including 10,000+ Canada Geese and occasionally Snow Geese and Greater White-fronted Geese linger. Also on this lake, you can find all three mergansers, Canvasback, Redhead, Mute Swans, grebes, and even an occasional Trumpeter from re-introductions in Wisconsin. Loons also have been recorded here and often good

numbers of Horned Grebes in alternate (breeding plumage) can be seen. Ring-necked Ducks often abound on this lake. **Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve** can also be accessed from the end of Lake Ave and the Village Hall. During the winter of 1995/96, two Northern Shrikes were found at the Savannah. **Drury Lane**, off Rollins Road, to the north of the savannah had a vernal wetland that often held some of the best puddle ducks you could find in the spring in the county along with shorebirds, but this area is being developed like so much of the rest of the county. A Cinnamon Teal was once at this wetland. **Druce Lake** is adjacent to Third Lake and often has the same birds as Third Lake. From Sunshine Avenue take Grant Avenue south to a nice shoreline eastern view of the lake. This lake recently has hosted wintering Mute Swans in number often exceeding 20 individuals. In spring nearly all the puddle ducks can be recorded here, and the lake has been particularly good for Horned Grebe, mergansers, and coot. Return to Route 45 by via Cottage Avenue (east). from Lake Shore Drive. You can also view Third Lake from Linden Lane off Washington Street Turn south on Route 45 and go to Washington Street. Turn west to Linden Lane. Go 0.4 mi. and park on the east, just before a private white "no outlet" gate, by the Lake County Forest Preserve gate facing some oak woods. Walk a short distance to Third Lake through the

woods. During migration, Rusty Blackbirds are often seen in the wet woods to the east of Linden Lane as your driving north (about 200 yards from Washington St.).

Grays Lake

From Washington Street travel west past Route 83) to Lake Street, on the east side of the town of Grayslake. Turn south to George Street. Turn west, driving until the road dead-ends at Grays Lake, which, in spring, often has a loon or two, Pied-billed Grebes, Mute Swans, coots, Canvasbacks, Redheads, American Wigeons, and mergansers. Gulls used to congregate here from a local landfill, but fewer are being seen since the landfill closed. Unusual gulls recorded on this lake include Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous, and Thayer's Gulls. You can also view this lake from Route 120 on the south by pulling off the shoulder (to the north) while you're westbound on Route 120, but traffic is often very busy here. A fine northwesterly viewing area is located to the west of Lake Street on Harvey Avenue. Take Harvey west from Lake Street to the intersection of Harvey and Alleghany Road. At the southeast corner of this intersection is Jones Island Park. Park in the Grayslake Park District parking area just to the south and east of the Jones Island Park District office.

Miltmore Lake/ Fourth Lake

Return to Lake Street. and go north to Route 83. Turn northwest, traveling past Rollins Road to Engle Road. Turn east to North Nathan Hale Road. Turn south and almost immediately you'll see Lake Miltmore Beach for viewing **Miltmore Lake**. This lake during migration often has a loon or two, Pied-billed Grebe, coots, and mergansers. After viewing Miltmore Lake continue south and east on North Nathan Hale Road to Wildwood Drive; jog south on Wildwood turning southeast on South Nathan Hale Drive, until you reach Paradise Drive Court. Turn east to the Lake



A group of birders view loons through their scopes in March overlooking Mineola Bay of Fox Lake in Lake County.