

Van Etten Lake Facts



Van Etten is a 1420 acre mesotrophic lake

6 miles long – one mile in width

Average depth of 15 feet

Maximum depth of 33 feet

Lake volume – 7.5 billion gallons

Lake level maintained by court order
at 589.2 feet above sea level

10.7 miles of shoreline

28 species of fish

About the Association

The Van Etten Lake Association was founded as a not-for-profit organization in 1981. The By-Laws originally stated the organization's purpose and were the basis for the not-for-profit model. Our leaders are volunteers who are elected at the annual meeting. VELA networks with other lake associations and in particular the Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed Coalition in an effort to understand our impoundment and how the lake affects neighbors, users and wildlife. We are particularly concerned about how the surrounding environment has impacts on our lakeside experience.



VAN ETTEN LAKE
ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 601 | Oscoda, Michigan 48750

www.VanEttenLake.com

VELA is a non-profit 501(c3) organization, formed to educate, inform and actively work toward the improvement and protection of Van Etten Lake and its surrounding environment.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 31

General Membership Meeting
Held at the Robert J. Parks Library

JULY 5

Annual Meeting
Held at the Robert J. Parks Library

AUG 2

Annual Picnic Ratliff
Held at the Park - Warrior Pavillion

SEPT 6

General Membership Meeting
Held at the Robert J. Parks Library

Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed Coalition (PRVEL)

Russell Williams
jrusswill@gmail.com

Need Our Water (NOW)

Cathy Wusterbarth
nowactiongroup@gmail.com

Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)

afcec.af.mil

GET INVOLVED!

Volunteer Opportunities

- ☐ Weed Committee
(8 members max.)
- ☐ Membership Committee
- ☐ Activities Committee
- ☐ General Volunteer

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Family Membership - \$25

*Must be a property owner in the Van Etten Lake Dam Special
Assessment District in Oscoda Township, Iosco County.
One vote per property.*

Associate Membership - \$100

(Not a voting member)

*Any government agency, organization or non-property owner
who wishes to support the Association. Includes a small banner
ad to be placed on the VELA website and changed yearly*

2025 ASSOCIATION DUES INVOICE

January 1, 2025 thru December 31, 2025

(Please print all information clearly!)

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Property Address: _____ Oscoda, Michigan 48750

Best Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Email Address: _____

(If you would like to receive additional emails at different email addresses, please write below!)

Email Address: _____

Membership Type (please check one):

☐ Family Membership ☐ Associate Membership ☐ Donation (\$_____)
\$25 \$100

Total Amount: _____

How did you hear about VELA? _____

Please make your check payable to:

VELA and mail to

P.O. Box 601, Oscoda, MI, 48750

or pay online at www.vanettenlake.com

For any questions, please contact Diane Banks at 734.323.7766
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