

*****INFORMATION NOTICE*****

Mute Swans at Indian Lake

Since 2005 a pair of mute swans have been taking up residence in the Long Island area of Indian Lake. It is unknown by what means they came to be at Indian Lake. It is illegal to place animals in Indian Lake, but this appears to be what has happened.

Please take note: Although these animals are beautiful to watch, they can create problems and conflicts with humans and other wildlife.

- 1) **Swan conflicts with humans and human safety:** Swans can weigh up to 30 lbs and can become aggressive to humans, especially during nesting season. They can and have inflicted injury to humans, especially children in some cases. Any swans which threaten the well being of people, or cause injury will be removed. In addition, property owners who encounter swans that prevent people from utilizing their property may request the removal of the offending swans.
- 2) **Competition between mute swans and trumpeter swans:** The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, under the direction of the Division of Wildlife, has initiated a reintroduction program for the trumpeter swan. Unlike the mute swan, which is not native, the trumpeter swan was formerly in Ohio. In addition, the trumpeter swan is an endangered species. Although we have no knowledge of this occurring, the potential for conflict and competition between these two species are there.
- 3) **Population control:** Although a limited amount of swans will most likely not have an adverse effect on native species or human activity, their population will be closely monitored and controlled when necessary to prevent any further conflicts.

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