

Ice Fishing 2009

SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIRED:

To participate in ice-fishing, a special permit is required through the Tremont Area Park District. This special permit is **in addition** to an Illinois fishing license and a regular TAPD fishing permit. The yearly permit is \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Park District office or online at www.tremontpark.org.

FISHING HOURS:

From sunrise to sunset

AGE RESTRICTIONS:

Persons under age 16 must be accompanied by a person at least 16 years of age or older when fishing.

GUESTS:

Two guests are allowed per TAPD permit, and the guest must have a current Illinois fishing license (unless under 16).

RESTRICTIONS:

Ice-fishing is allowed on a FISH AT YOUR OWN RISK basis. *Ice conditions are not monitored by the District.* Ice fishermen should check ice thickness before going out on any frozen body of water. A **minimum of four inches of solid ice** over the entire lake is recommended before individuals attempt ice fishing.

EQUIPMENT LIMITS / REQUIREMENTS:

POLE AND LINE FISHING ONLY: No other fishing devices are permitted. The ice angler may use a maximum of two poles or tip-ups with no more than two hooks on each line. All poles and tip-ups shall be constantly attended and kept under observation by the angler.

CHAINSAW OR ICE SAW: Holes cut in the ice are limited to 12-inch diameter or less.

LIFE JACKETS AND ICE PICKS are required at all times.

PORTABLE SHELTERS: Shelter structures are limited to portable construction of metal or wood framework, covered with canvas, paper, plastic material or similar fabric. Each shelter shall have the name and address of the owner attached, shall not be left unattended at any time, and shall be removed from the lake area by the end of each fishing day.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Ice may be safe in one spot, yet very thin only a few feet away. Currents, underwater springs, animal activity (beavers) or runoff from local roads and watersheds can all create hard-to-detect areas of thin ice. Remember, for your own safety, no ice should be considered totally safe. **Using a little common sense can help you avoid a lot of problems.**