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**DATES
of
Opening and Closing
of
LAKE MONONA
and
LAKE MENDOTA**

1851 to 1935

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Winter	Lake Monona			Lake Mendota		
	closed	open	days	closed	open	days
1861, 82	12 10	3 21	140
1862, 83	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	4 2	.. ..	.. ..
1863, 84	12 21	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
1864, 85	12 18	4 14	128	12 18	4 14	118
1865, 86	12 19	4 5	141	12 6	5 5	151
1866, 87	12 11	3 23	139	11 23	3 23	139
1867, 88	12 11	3 13	144	11 8	3 13	148
1868, 89	12 8	3 28	131	11 3	3 28	138
1869, 90	12 12	4 13	129	12 14	4 10	117
1870, 91	12 12	4 13	129	12 7	4 10	122
1871, 92	12 7	4 6	159	12 20	4 6	164
1872, 93	12 11	4 26	131	12 28	4 21	125
1873, 94	12 9	4 5	157	12 8	4 5	159
1874, 95	12 14	4 18	125	12 14	4 18	125
1875, 96	12 17	4 19	126	12 25	4 26	123
1876, 97	12 14	3 30	138	12 22	3 20	150
1877, 98	12 16	4 16	126	12 25	4 16	127
1878, 99	11 24	4 11	138	12 2	4 12	131
1879, 01	12 22	4 7	150	12 24	4 7	150
1880, 02	11 20	4 26	143	12 10	4 21	136
1881, 03	11 26	4 18	141	11 26	4 21	144
1882, 04	11 25	4 14	146	11 29	4 14	146
1883, 05	12 12	4 14	128	12 16	4 15	128
1884, 06	1 10	4 19	91	1 10	4 19	90
1885, 07	12 6	4 14	122	12 6	4 17	120
1886, 08	11 6	3 8	142	1 6	3 8	142
1887, 09	11 16	4 19	115	11 21	4 12	118
1888, 10	12 16	3 19	123	12 17	3 19	123
1889, 11	12 10	3 1	140	12 10	3 1	140
1890, 12	1 3	3 19	71	1 2	3 21	74
1891, 03	12 7	4 10	127	12 10	4 10	124
1892, 04	12 17	4 15	129	12 16	4 15	129
1893, 05	12 17	4 12	133	12 17	4 20	133
1894, 06	12 7	4 17	132	12 12	4 19	128
1895, 07	12 6	4 15	133	12 6	4 15	131
1896, 08	11 26	4 13	137	11 24	4 13	133
1897, 09	12 25	3 28	127	1 3	3 21	120
1898, 10	1 14	3 23	74	1 14	3 26	75
1899, 11	12 24	4 16	113	12 26	4 16	111
1900, 12	1 9	3 1	98	12 27	4 2	97
1901, 01	12 11	4 7	117	12 14	4 7	112
1902, 02	12 3	3 11	99	12 4	3 11	101
1903, 03	12 20	4 8	104	12 28	4 8	101
1904, 04	12 4	4 1	119	1 5	4 1	91
1905, 05	12 19	4 5	123	12 17	4 16	120
1906, 06	12 15	4 26	107	12 17	4 27	105
1907, 07	12 7	4 13	128	12 9	4 12	126
1908, 08	12 25	4 16	112	12 25	4 17	111

Winter	Lake Monona			Lake Mendota		
	closed	open	days	closed	open	days
1909, 01	12 14	4 11	118	12 20	4 11	107
1910, 02	12 14	3 27	103	12 18	3 26	100
1911, 03	12 20	3 21	93	12 20	3 21	89
1912, 04	11 27	4 15	149	12 13	4 17	139
1913, 05	12 10	4 30	111	12 14	4 7	106
1914, 06	12 14	4 8	115	1 1	4 8	97
1915, 07	12 8	3 18	100	12 22	3 14	98
1916, 08	12 11	3 23	108	1 1	3 14	83
1917, 09	12 9	4 6	118	12 22	4 7	100
1918, 10	12 18	3 20	95	12 18	3 20	78
1919, 11	12 8	3 21	103	12 9	3 20	101
1920, 12	12 18	4 9	113	12 20	4 14	106
1921, 01	12 22	3 19	94	12 22	3 19	79
1922, 02	12 19	4 9	108	12 20	4 7	89
1923, 03	12 27	4 2	96	1 22	4 10	86
1924, 04	12 15	4 9	115	12 26	4 10	115
1925, 05	12 15	4 11	116	12 26	4 8	102
1926, 06	12 19	4 11	124	12 14	4 12	112
1927, 07	12 9	4 10	134	12 11	4 10	123
1928, 08	12 27	3 20	83	1 2	3 20	82
1929, 09	12 3	3 25	114	12 9	3 25	109
1930, 10	12 20	3 16	93	12 25	3 16	81
1931, 11	12 19	3 25	94	12 20	3 25	86
1932, 12	12 17	4 10	127	12 14	4 20	126
1933, 01	1 1	4 10	108	1 1	4 14	104
1934, 02	12 14	4 27	105	12 19	4 18	103
1935, 03	12 19	4 15	126	12 16	4 18	124
1936, 04	12 17	4 17	127	12 16	4 18	123
1937, 05	12 9	4 26	106	12 17	4 1	100
1938, 06	12 21	4 27	96	12 21	4 27	86
1939, 07	12 9	4 17	104	12 9	4 20	107
1940, 08	12 16	4 24	98	12 16	4 24	98
1941, 09	1 20	3 20	60	1 20	4 4	66
1942, 10	12 16	3 27	107	12 16	4 4	115
1943, 11	12 11	4 26	100	12 25	4 26	91
1944, 12	12 20	4 26	98	12 26	4 26	94
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Average	12 16	4 5	112	12 19	4 7	109

Note: Italic figures denote earliest and latest closing and opening dates and shortest and longest periods the lakes were frozen.