

# **BLUE MARSH LAKE PROJECT REGULATIONS**

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Developed Areas:** Dry Brooks Day Use Area, Dry Brooks Boat Ramp, State Hill Boat Ramp, Visitor Center, Stilling Basin, Swiftwater, Rebers Bridge and Old Church Road Parking Areas- As Posted at Entrances.

**Remote Areas:** All other areas not listed above. Unless otherwise posted, areas are open sunrise to sunset, except for authorized recreational activities, e.g. hiking, hunting, fishing and boating are permitted 24 hours. Loitering is prohibited.

## **USER FEES**

There are no fees charged at Blue Marsh Lake. Pavilions are available for group use and may be reserved at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) for a nominal fee.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Possession and/or consumption of Alcoholic Beverages is Prohibited.

## **DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Any act or conduct, which interferes with, impedes or disrupts the use of the project, or impairs the safety of any person is prohibited.

## **VESSELS**

- All watercraft may operate on project waters, except in prohibited or restricted areas, in accordance with posted regulations including buoys and signs.
- The following is prohibited:
  1. to operate a motorboat at greater than slow, no wake speed within 100 feet of shoreline, launches, docks, swimmers, downed skiers, anchored, moored or drifting boats, and as otherwise posted.
  2. to operate a motorboat less than 20 feet in length at greater than slow, no-wake speed while a person is standing on or in the boat.
  3. to operate a motorboat not equipped with railings or other safeguards at greater than slow, no-wake speed while a person is riding on the bow decking, gunwales, transom or motor cover.
  4. to cause a boat to become airborne or to leave the water completely while crossing another boats' wake when within 100 feet of the boat creating the wake.
  5. to weave through congested traffic.
  6. to operate faster than slow, no-wake speed when within 100 feet to the rear or 50 feet to the side of another boat that is underway.
  7. to operate within 100 feet of anyone towed behind another boat.
- Operation of watercraft, to include the use of water skis, in a careless, reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger any person, property or environmental feature is prohibited.
- Children 12 years of age and younger must wear an approved life jacket device while underway on any boat 20 feet or less in length, and in canoes and kayaks.
- All operators that are required to maintain a boating safety certificate by the State of Pennsylvania shall possess a valid certificate while boating at the project.
- All vessels or watercraft so required shall display an appropriate registration on board whenever the vessel is on project waters.

- All vessels shall have safety equipment including but not limited to, personal flotation devices, fire extinguishers, sound producing devices and lighting requirements in compliance with U.S. Coast Guard boating safety requirements and in compliance with boating safety laws issued and enforced by the state.
- All water skiers and anyone towed behind boats, personal watercraft operators and passengers, and sailboarders must wear an approved life jacket.
- Parasails and ski-kites are prohibited.
- Water skiing or any similar activity is limited to one person at a time and is permitted only from sunrise to sunset.
- All water skiing activities require that a competent observer accompany the boat operator.
- INFLATABLES: Inflatable boats must be at least 7 feet in length, constructed of durable fabric and have at least two separate buoyancy chambers. All other inflatables are prohibited, except if they are manufactured and used as skiing devices.
- Overnight Occupancy of a vessel is only permitted if actively fishing or boating.
- Launching of motorized vessels is prohibited from the Dry Brooks Day Use Area.
- All applicable Pennsylvania boating regulations do apply and are enforced by authorized officials.

### **SWIMMING**

Swimming, wading, snorkeling or scuba diving at ones' own risk is permitted, except at launching sites, boat beaches, public docks and other posted sites, and only between sunrise and sunset. Only Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices are permitted as swimming aids. Diving, jumping, or swinging from trees, bridges or other structures which cross or are adjacent to project waters is prohibited.

### **BEACH REGULATIONS**

**NO LIFEGUARDS!** Swimming/wading is at your own risk. Beach hours and regulations are posted at the waterfront.

### **FIRES**

Fires shall be confined to grills, stoves and other facilities designed for that purpose and only within developed areas where ash pits are provided. Fires shall not be left unattended and must be extinguished prior to departure.

### **CAMPING**

Camping is prohibited, on both land and water.

### **VEHICLES**

Vehicles to include bicycles or any other such equipment, must be operated in accordance with posted regulations. Vehicles shall be parked in accordance with posted restrictions and regulations, and shall not impede traffic, or block gates and roadways. Operation and/or parking of motorized vehicles off of roadways, around gates, fences, barricades or beyond restrictive signs is prohibited. Vehicles shall be used only for entry and exit. No person shall operate any vehicle in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger any person, property or environmental feature.

### **HUNTING/FISHING/TRAPPING**

Hunting/Fishing/Trapping are permitted in accordance with applicable Federal, State and local laws, except in posted restricted areas.

### **FIREARMS/WEAPONS/EXPLOSIVES/FIREWORKS**

The possession of loaded firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows or other weapons is prohibited unless : In the possession of a Federal, state or local law enforcement officer, or being used for hunting and fishing in remote areas, and in accordance with State Game and Fish regulations. Devices must be unloaded when transporting to, from or between hunting and fishing sites.

Possession and /or use of fireworks or explosives of any kind is prohibited.

### **SANITATION**

Waste material generated on the project, and incidental to authorized recreational use, shall be deposited in proper refuse receptacles. It is a violation to bring onto the project any household or commercial waste, debris or dead animals for disposal. The spilling, discharge or pumping of pollutants, human or other waste, into project waters or lands is prohibited.

### **ANIMALS**

- Pets shall be on a leash under 6 feet in length, or otherwise physically restrained, in all developed areas or adjacent waters.
- Persons bringing pets into developed areas shall be responsible for removal and disposal of wastes produced.
- Pets shall not impede the full and free use of the project by the public.
- Pets are prohibited below parking lot lower F of the Day Use Area, State Hill Boat Beach, in the Visitor Center, or in restroom areas.
- Horses are prohibited in developed areas.
- Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Abandonment of any animal on project lands or waters is prohibited.
- Wild or exotic pets and animals or any pets or animals displaying a vicious or aggressive behavior are prohibited.

### **ABANDONMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Personal property shall not be abandoned or left unattended upon project lands or waters.

Unattended personal property may be impounded after 24 hours, or at any time after a posted closure hour or for the purpose of providing public safety or resource protection.

### **PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Destruction, injury, defacement, removal or any alteration of public property including, but not limited to, developed facilities, boundary monumentation and vegetative growth is prohibited.

### **ADVERTISING/COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Advertising by the use of billboards, signs, markers, audio devices, circulars and posters, or by any other means is prohibited. Engaging in, or solicitation of business on project lands or waters is prohibited without a permit.

### **UNAUTHORIZED STRUCTURES / PERMITS**

The construction, placement or existence of any structure (including but not limited to, roads, trails, signs, non portable hunting stands or blinds, rope swings or landscape features), floating or nonfloating of any kind is prohibited without a permit. Special events and organizational functions, including fishing tournaments, hikes, rides, and hunts, dramatic presentations and special recreation programs require written permission. The sponsor and all participants must comply with the terms set forth in the permit. Restoration of an area to pre-event conditions is required.

### **INTERFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

Interfering in the conduct of official duties pertaining to the administration of these regulations is prohibited. Failure to comply with a lawful order directed by any government employee in the performance of his/her official duties is prohibited.

### **STATE AND LOCAL LAWS**

All State and local laws and ordinances shall apply on project lands and waters and are enforced by authorized enforcement agencies. This includes, but is not limited to, operation and use of motor vehicles and vessels, use or possession of firearms or other weapons, use of alcohol or other controlled substances as well as civil disobedience and criminal acts.

### **VIOLATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Violation of the provisions of these regulations, shall subject the violator to a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. Detailed copies of Title 36 Rules and Regulations are posted and kept on file at the Park Administration Building and Ranger Station.

**THIS IS YOUR WATER RESOURCE PROJECT - PLEASE RESPECT IT AND OTHERS WHO USE IT.**

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