

General Rules And Regulations

It shall be unlawful to commit any act specifically named herein or not, that is clearly detrimental to the use of any city reservoir as a public water supply source or that interferes with the rights of others who wish to engage in lawful recreational activities in connection with the Van Wert City Reservoirs. Public responsibility of reservoir users should be to help report violations and protect the area for the enjoyment of the general public.

It will be unlawful for any person to dispose of paper, beverage bottles, or cans, empty bait containers, food, or any other forms of garbage or refuse by throwing it on the ground, on the ice, in the water, or on the stone riprap. All such materials must be disposed of by depositing them in refuse containers which have been provided for that purpose.

NO PERSON SHALL REMOVE, REARRANGE, OR THROW ANY STONE PLACED ALONG THE EMBANKMENT OF THE RESERVOIR

NO FIRES ARE PERMITTED ON THE VAN WERT RESERVOIR PROPERTY.

DESTRUCTION OR TAMPERING WITH PUBLIC PROPERTY AND/OR NATURAL RESOURCES IS PROHIBITED.

NO PERSON SHALL SWIM, WADE OR ALLOW A DOMESTICATED ANIMAL TO SWIM IN THE CITY RESERVOIRS.

NO PERSON SHALL DRINK, POSSESS OR BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEV-

ERAGE OR INTOXICANT OF ANY TYPE WHILE ON VAN WERT CITY RESERVOIR PROPERTY.

NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT CITY GOVERNMENT VEHICLES ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, ARE PERMITTED TO ENTER UPON THE JOGGING/ BICYCLE TRACK AROUND THE RESERVOIRS

The Mayor and/or Safety Service Director has the power to declare that the City reservoirs be closed and off limits to all boating and fishing when it is deemed in the public interest and safety; and they shall remain closed for such length of time as necessary. The event will be clearly marked at each entrance point on each effected reservoir.

These rules and regulations shall be enforced by the Van Wert Police, and appropriate officials of the Van Wert Parks and Recreation, and Water Treatment Departments. Upon proper identification persons shall comply with any request or command given by forenamed officials.

Failure to observe all rules and regulations as herein set forth shall upon the first violation result in the loss of his or her right to recreational boating and fishing upon the Van Wert City Reservoir, which shall effectively prohibit said violator from using the City reservoirs for recreational boating and fishing purposes. If said violator continues to use the reservoir for recreational purposes, violators will be guilty of a minor misdemeanor if a first offense and a fourth degree misdemeanor upon any subsequent offense.

If in the judgment of an enforcing official a boater has committed a flagrant violation and/or refuses to comply with any officials request, then said official will immediately suspend all boating and fishing privileges for said boater/fisherman.



VAN WERT PARKS
AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT

Rules and Regulations for Boating and Fishing at City Reservoirs



TAKE A NATURE BREAK
AND SPEND TIME WITH
YOUR FAMILY!



Boating



Any person using the Van Wert City Reservoirs for any purpose shall assume full responsibility and shall do so at their own risk.

All Watercraft laws for the State of Ohio, as specified by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Watercraft, must be followed. All boaters will be responsible for knowing these laws and abiding by them.

All boats are required to have a boat permit before they are allowed to be placed on the reservoirs. The permit shall be in effect for two(2) years and no boat will be permitted to operate on the reservoirs without said permit. Permit fees are set at \$20.00 for a two (2) year period.

All persons using the reservoirs for any boating activity are hereby required to wear a safety jacket or other personal flotation device.

The use of boats is limited to sailboats, hand propelled boats or canoes and crafts/boats propelled by electric trolling motors or any state-licensed watercraft.

ALL GASOLINE AND DIESEL POWERED MOTORS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED TO BE OPERATED ON THE CITY OF VAN WERT RESERVOIRS

Boating shall be permitted on the reservoirs according to the Watercraft Laws of the State of Ohio. Fishing from any watercraft is permitted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All night boating must abide by these laws including a light on-board of craft.



All boats, including sailboats and canoes, shall be operated in a prudent manner, so as to avoid capsizing. In the event a boat is capsized, the operator shall upright the boat as quickly as possible and return to the interior immediately. If it is apparent that a boat was capsized to provide pretext for swimming, the operator will be ordered off the reservoir and appropriate action taken.

All boats shall be launched and/or landed and occupants must embark and disembark in designated areas on each reservoir only. The use of a motorized vehicle is prohibited.

No vehicles of any type are permitted on the banks of the reservoirs. All boats must be carried up the reservoir embankment of the north reservoir. A boat ramp is made available to boaters and their boats on the south reservoir, with access to the ramp off of Peter Collins Road. All boats and trailers must be removed from the reservoir and its premises when not in use on the reservoir.

Recreational Fishing and Ice Fishing

Recreational fishing and ice fishing is allowed upon the waters of the reservoirs owned by the City under the rules and regulations set forth and under the Ohio State Fishing Laws.

Recreational fishing is permitted from the shores of all reservoirs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Persons fishing or ice fishing on the reservoirs of the City must have a valid Ohio fishing license according to the State Fishing Laws.

Only portable shelters shall be permitted on the ice on the reservoirs and are to be removed from the ice and City property when not in use.

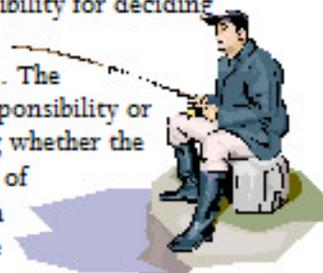
No one under the age of 16 years of age is permitted to ice fish on the City reservoirs unless accompanied by a person over the age of 21 years.

NO ICE FISHING IS PERMITTED IN THE PUMPING AREAS OF THE RESERVOIR

NO ICE FISHING HOLE IS TO BE LARGER THAN EIGHT INCHES IN DIAMETER.

NO TIP-UPS SHALL BE UNATTENDED.

Anyone ice fishing on city reservoirs assumes full liability and responsibility for deciding whether or not the ice is safe for fishing. The City assumes no responsibility or liability for deciding whether the ice is safe regardless of action it may take in the regulation of ice fishing.



Parking

All parking for vehicles and trailers must be in the designated areas ONLY!

Handicap Dock

A handicap dock has been made available for physically challenged and wheelchair accessible fishing at the south reservoir. This handicap dock can be reached from the Peter Collins Road entrance.

VAN WERT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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**OBTAIN YOUR BOAT PERMIT AT
THE JUBILEE PARK OFFICE
137 GLEASON AVE.
419-238-9121**

Any Child less than 10 years old must wear a US Coast Guard approved Type I, II or III PFD