



SUMMARY OF RESERVOIR RULES

This summary should serve only as an informative outline of Reservoir Rules. For a complete copy of Reservoir Rules, contact the Findlay Recreation Department, 3430 North Main Street, Findlay OH 45840 (419) 424-7176.

Established by the Findlay Parks and Recreation Board to protect the water supply and to allow for the fullest enjoyment of recreational opportunities at the Findlay Reservoirs. City Code provides fines and sentences of \$25-\$500 or jail time.

DESTRUCTION, POLLUTING, LITTERING, FIREWORKS, WEAPONS, ALCOHOL, DRUGS, GAMBLING, LOITERING, DISTURBING THE PEACE, ADVERTISING will not be tolerated at the Findlay Reservoirs.

OHIO MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS APPLY, all motor vehicles must stay on roads and in public parking areas.

BOATING

- **Hours** 24 hrs.day, 7 days/week
- **Legal Boats** sailboats, canoes rowboats and fishing boats; approved inflatable watercraft
- **Sailboats/windsurfers** are prohibited
- **Boat Size**
Single Hull -min.10 ft; max.20 ft
Multi-Hull -min. 9 ft; max. 24 ft
- **Maximum Engine Size**
Res. #1 Electric only, max 6hp
Res. #2 outboard, max 10hp
- **Driver must be 18 yrs old** or have a valid driver's license

FISHING

- **24 Hours/Day** from boats, banks and fishing docks
- **License Required** at all times
- **No fishing** off launching dock
- **Bow Fishing** allowed from boats
- **Fish must be released alive or removed** from Reservoir property for cleaning/disposal

ICE FISHING

- **Ages** 18 yrs or accompanied by an adult
- **Shelters** must be removed daily

HUNTING

- **Migratory Waterfowl Only** under State/Federal Laws
- **Special Permit Required** available at the Hancock Park District Office, 819 Park St
- **No Firearms** except while legally hunting waterfowl
- **Target Shooting** prohibited
- **Bow Hunting** is prohibited
- **Hunting Prohibited**
 - from tops of grassy slopes of dikes where a road is located at the base of the dike
 - in any flatlands adjacent to reservoir dikes
 - within 500 ft of any road, parking area, boat dock, fishing dock or access

WINTER SPORTS

- **Sledding/Skiing** allowed on outer banks of dikes
- **Snowmobiles** allowed on flat areas only if 6 inches or snow
- **Ice Skating** and walking on the ice is prohibited

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Swimming** is prohibited
- **Camping** is prohibited on Reservoir property; available at Riverbend Park
- **ATV's** not allowed off-road
- **Picnicking** allowed first come, first served; areas must be left free of trash
- **Horseback Riding** allowed in flat areas only; not permitted on dikes
- **Fires** are prohibited
- **Domestic Pets** must be controlled on a leash; no pets are allowed in the water
- **Walking/Jogging** allowed on tops of dikes
- **Bicycles** allowed on dikes

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **Hours** 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset
- **Special Permits** obtained from the Service-Safety Director
- **Closed Areas** any area(s) may be closed to public use

UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE 1533.181; EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY TO RECREATIONAL USERS, THE CITY OF FINDLAY:

- (A) owes no duty to a recreational user to keep the premises safe for entry or use;
- (B) extends no assurance, by giving permission, that the premises are safe for entry or use;
- (C) assumes no responsibility for, or incurs no liability for, any loss or injury to person or property caused by any act of a recreational user.