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4. All watercraft are encouraged to follow a counterclockwise rotation when cruising the lakes, whether the watercraft is towing a skier or not. Similar to the rules of the road, watercraft should travel on the righthand side of the lake.
5. Swimmers are encouraged to stay in no-wake zones. Wake zones can be hazardous for swimming, which includes swimming close to a moored/floating watercraft or with a flotation device near a moored/floating watercraft. Swimming and other activities in a wake zone where watercraft are allowed to travel at speed is inherently dangerous. Such activity is recommended to take place in no-wake zones of the lakes. No-wake zones include areas 100-feet from the shore line, plus certain designated lakes and coves. This recommendation does not apply to water skiers, wake surfers, or those towed behind a watercraft on a tube or other towable equipment.
6. Water skiing and tubing – Operation of a watercraft with the intention of pulling a water skier(s) or towing an individual(s) on a tube, mat, or other towable equipment is prohibited within 200 feet of a designated recreation area, dock, pier, raft, float, kayak, boat, shoreline, dam intake structure or other obstruction. Operation of a watercraft with the intention of pulling a water skier(s) or towing an individual(s) on a tube, or other towable equipment are required to operate their watercraft in a counterclockwise rotation within the areas designated for this type of activity.
7. Wake boats –
 - a) The operation of a watercraft with the intention of creating an enlarged wake is prohibited and the use of which will not be allowed on any Bella Vista POA lake, with the exception of Loch Lomond, Lake Windsor, and Lake Ann.
 - b) Operation of a watercraft with the intention of creating an enlarged wake is prohibited within 200 feet of a designated recreation area, dock, pier, raft, float, kayak, boat, shoreline, dam intake structure or other obstruction.
 - c) Provided the watercraft complies with the above two regulations, when operating a watercraft with the intention of creating an enlarged wake, if the watercraft is using a wedge or other similar device to create an enlarged wake, the wedge (or other similar device) must be positioned to direct the enlarged wake toward the center of the lake.
 - d) Those operating a watercraft with the intention of creating an enlarged wake are required to operate their watercraft in a counterclockwise rotation within the areas designated for this type of activity.
 - e) The definition of wake boating includes, but is not limited to, the following: the use of devices, equipment or placement of passengers onboard for the purpose of creating an enlarged wake; devices and equipment used to create an enlarged wake include, but are not limited to: exterior panels, wings, or wedges deployed underwater; rubberized, plastic or metal tanks, chests or bags filled with any material; crowding of passengers to the rear; inside-the-hull water tanks; or boat hulls designed specifically to enhance the wake.
8. Swimmers are encouraged to stay in no-wake zones. Wake zones can be hazardous for swimming, which includes swimming close to a moored/floating watercraft or with a flotation device near a moored/floating watercraft. Swimming and other activities in a wake zone where watercraft are allowed to travel at speed is inherently dangerous. Such activity is recommended to take place in no-wake zones of the lakes. No-wake zones include areas 100-feet from the shore line, plus certain designated lakes and coves. This recommendation does not apply to water skiers, wake surfers, or those towed behind a watercraft on a tube or other towable equipment.
9. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)
 - a) All watercraft must have at least one U.S. Coast Guard approved wearable PFD (life jacket) for each person on board.
 - b) In addition to the above requirement, one U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable PFD must be on board watercraft that are 16 feet or longer.
 - c) Children 12 years old and younger must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD securely fastened to their persons at all times while on any watercraft.
 - d) Each person being towed or surfing behind a watercraft on water skis, an aquaplane, wakeboard or other device must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD.

- e) Besides being U.S. Coast Guard approved, all PFDs must be:
 - In good and serviceable condition.
 - Readily accessible, which means you are able to put the PFD on quickly in an emergency.
 - Of the proper size for the intended wearer. Sizing for PFDs is based on body weight and chest size.
10. Operation of any watercraft, water skis, wakeboards, or similar devices in a reckless or negligent manner that endangers any person, shore, or structure is prohibited. If you see a problem, please report it immediately.
 - a) To report violations or request a POA Lakes & Parks Ranger, call (479) 876-9581. POA Lakes & Parks Rangers are vested with final authority for the interpretation and enforcement of these watercrafting regulations.
 - b) After hours, contact the Bella Vista Police Department at (479) 855-3771 or (479) 855-8030.
 - c) To report any Arkansas Game and Fish Commission violations, call (800) 482-9262 or the Bella Vista Police Department at (479) 855-3771 or (479) 855-8030.
 - d) For lakes and parks information, contact the Lakes and Parks Department at (479) 855-5068.
11. Motorized watercraft measuring 26 feet in length or longer, are prohibited on all POA Lakes. Any motorized watercraft registered with the POA as of December 31, 2020 that are 26 feet in length or longer will be allowed to continue to renew their annual registration until the watercraft is sold, provided the POA annual registration never lapses.

Thank you for helping to preserve our POA lakes and parks and for acting in a courteous and responsible manner toward fellow POA Members and their guests.

PERTINENT INFORMATION FOR EACH LAKE

WAKE LAKES

ANN - All-sport lake. Boat launching ramp located off of Windemere Lane.

LOCH LOMOND - All-sport lake. Launching ramps located off of Stoneykirk Drive, at Tiree Park, and at Granton Park. Marina (479-855-8182), bait & tackle shop and boat & kayak rentals located off of Marina Drive, near Lakepoint Restaurant. Fishing is allowed at the fishing dock at the Marina. Shoreline fishing is not allowed at Lakepoint Restaurant.

WINDSOR - All-sport lake. Launching ramps located off of London Drive and at the dam off of Cannock Lane. Kayaks/canoes can be launched at Pontoon Park off of Chelsea.

NO-WAKE LAKES

AVALON - Covered picnic area, beach, and launching ramp off Camden Road. Enclosed and heated fishing dock on the dam located off of Tamworth Circle. Seasonal rental of kayaks and stand up paddle boards.

BRITTANY - Launching ramp at the dam off of Ashwell Lane.

NORWOOD - Launching ramp located at the dam off of Memorial Drive, behind Harps Food Store.

RAYBURN - Launching ramp located on the dam at Lakeside Drive.



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FISHING, BOATING & WATER SPORTS

REGULATIONS

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POA lakes, dams, parking lots, and parks are private property owned by the Bella Vista Property Owners Association. They are for the exclusive use of POA Members and their guests. Improperly parked vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense. Violations of Bella Vista POA regulations may result in the suspension of member privileges and loss of use of Bella Vista POA lakes and other amenities. POA Members and their guests must have in their possession either a POA issued Activity Card, Member Card or Guest Card at all times while using POA lakes, dams, parking lots, and their associated parks. Guests are not required to have a Guest Card if they are physically present with a Member that has in their possession a POA issued Activity Card or Member Card.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and Arkansas State Boating Regulations must be followed at all times. For more information, reference the Handbook of Arkansas Boating Laws and Responsibilities.

Bella Vista lakes and parks are patrolled by POA Lakes & Parks Rangers. POA Lakes & Parks Rangers can be reached from 7a.m. - 10 p.m. daily by calling (479) 876-9581. After hours, contact the non-emergency Bella Vista Police Department (479) 855-3771.

CONTACT

Bella Vista Police Department

Emergencies 911
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or (479) 855-8030

For more information, contact:

POA Lakes & Parks Ranger (479) 876-9581
Lakes Superintendent (479) 855-5068
Member Resources (479) 855-8000 opt. 2