

Hard Labor Creek Regional Reservoir



Public Access/Fishing Regulations

1. The possession or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any controlled substance is strictly prohibited.
2. All boats or watercraft used on the Reservoir shall be powered by electric motors or paddles only, and shall be equipped with flotation vests for each occupant.
3. Sailboats, jet skis / personal watercraft, inner tubes, paddle boards, and inflatable rafts are prohibited.
4. No boat with a gasoline/internal combustion engine is permitted on the reservoir.
5. All individuals that are fishing must comply with the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources fishing rules and regulations, daily limits, length limits, creel limits, safety, licenses, etc
6. The use of a set hook, trout line, cast net, seine or fish basket is prohibited.
7. Public access to the reservoir shall be made only at the entrance gate and public access area located on Social Circle-Fairplay Road. Private land owners immediately adjacent to the reservoir may access the reservoir from their property, provided such access does not impact the reservoir buffer.
8. Those individuals who elect to fish from the bank within the Public Recreation Area must fish from within the “marked” boundaries, identified with “NO FISHING BEYOND THIS POINT” signs.
9. Wading, swimming, or bathing is prohibited.
10. The use of trail bikes, 4-wheelers, mini bikes, go carts, and motorcycles not equipped for street use is prohibited on Authority property.
11. Operation or use of any audio or noise producing device, motorized equipment, or vehicles in such a manner to unreasonably annoy or endanger other persons is prohibited.
12. Individuals shall not discharge any waste matter on the site and shall keep their trash and litter self-contained and disposed of properly.
13. No glass or Styrofoam containers are permitted on Reservoir property.
14. Firearms are regulated in accordance with state law. Fireworks or Explosives of any kind are prohibited.
15. **All** hunting and trapping, including waterfowl hunting from or directly over the waters of the reservoir, is prohibited unless conducted under the direct supervision of Georgia DNR..
16. Destruction, defacement, or removal of Reservoir property is prohibited.
17. Individuals may be required to show proper identification and licenses upon request by an authorized representative of the Authority, Walton County, and /or the Department of Natural Resources.
18. Once boaters cast off from the recreation area, they are to remain inside their boats except in emergency situations.
19. All pets must be restrained by owners (leash law enforced in area).
20. All persons under age 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult over the age of 21.
21. Failure to abide by the regulations will result in expulsion from the recreation area, arrest and/or fines. Your cooperation in abiding by the above regulations will assist us in providing a safe, enjoyable recreational environment, while protecting our valuable water resources.