

Lake Doster Usage Rules and Regulations

It is the responsibility of all LDLA members to be familiar with the Lake Usage Rules and Regulations and to be compliant with Michigan law. For everyone's safety, LDLA Lake Usage Rules and Regulations will be enforced.

Watercraft:

Only boats (including but not limited to pontoons, powerboats, sailboats, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and paddle boats) owned by LDLA Members in good standing are permitted on the Lake. LDLA Members must have their LDLA issued Boat Identification Number affixed to their boat's right rear panel. Any guest operating a member boat that is not an immediate family member must have a member present at all times. Guest kayaks and paddleboards are permitted as long as the LDLA member is present.

Power boat length is limited to no more than 23 feet. This does not apply to pontoons or tritoons.

Wake enhancing devices on boats (including "fat sacks", "wedges", ballast tanks, strategic placement of passengers, reduced speeds, and other wake enhancing devices and techniques not listed) is not allowed on Lake Doster. Wake-surfing by any method is not permitted.

Boats over 16' must be registered with the Michigan Secretary of State and their registration number displayed as required by the State of Michigan.

All boats must have a wearable PFD (personal flotation device) for each person aboard. All children aboard under 6 years of age must wear a PFD.

Jet Skis and other mechanically powered personal watercraft are prohibited.

After dusk, all power boats 16 feet or longer must display red and green bow navigation lights or lantern placed in the bow for visibility.

After dusk, power boats under 16 feet must display one white navigation light or lantern placed in the bow for visibility.

Sailboats and other non-motorized boats must have one white navigation light or lantern placed in the bow for visibility.

Watercraft Operation:

The boating laws of Michigan are enforced by officers of the Law Enforcement Division of the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, County Sheriff and any other authorized

law enforcement officer. They have the right to stop and board vessels in order to check for compliance with federal and state laws.

Open water boat operation must be conducted in a counter-clockwise direction (i.e., shoreline should be on your right).

Lake Doster is a no wake lake from 30 minutes before sunset or 8:30 pm, whichever is earlier, to 8:30 am.

Boating speed limit is 35 MPH.

Boat traffic (including fishing vessels) is not allowed between rafts and the shore.

No water skiing, wake-boarding, tubing, etc. is allowed in Trout Cove

No wake is allowed in Sheltered Bay.

Operation of a boat under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is prohibited.

Order of Right-Of-Way:

- Swimmers
- Sailboats
- Non-Powered Boats (i.e. kayaks, canoes, paddle boats)
- Power Boats with a Water Skier, Wake-Boarder, or Tuber
- Power Boats

Per Michigan Law,

Those less than 12 years of age:

- May legally operate a boat powered by a motor of no more than 6 horsepower (hp) without restrictions.
- May legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 6 hp, but no more than 35 hp, only if they:
 - Have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board; and
 - **Are** directly supervised on board by a person at least 16 years of age.
- May not legally operate a boat powered by a motor of more than 35 hp legally under any conditions.

Those born on or after July 1, 1996 may legally operate a boat only if they have been issued a boating safety certificate and have it on board.

Those born before July 1, 1996 may legally operate a boat without restrictions.

Fishing:

Fishing is open to all LDLA Members in good standing and their guests. Any guest that is not an immediate family member must have a member present at all times while fishing.

All those fishing must be compliant with the State of Michigan's permits and regulations.

Fishing is not allowed in areas designated for swimming.

Ice fishing structures are allowed during daylight hours and must be removed every night.

No fishing between main beach mooring posts from shore or boats.

Swimming:

Swimming at the main beach is open to all LDLA Members and their guests.

LDHA members may use the main beach with the purchase of a beach membership.

Swimming beyond floats is prohibited, unless accompanied by a boat.

Water skis, Tubes, Wake-boards, and similar devices:

Recreational towing activities are allowed only between the hours of 8:30 am to 30 minutes before sunset but no later than 8:30 pm.

All participants under age 12 must use a PFD. All skiers must wear a PFD or a ski life jacket

Skiing, Wake-boarding, Tubing, etc. is limited to the main body of the Lake. Wake-surfing is not permitted.

No riders shall come closer than 100 feet to any anchored boat, dock, and raft or marked swimming area (except when starting or ending their ride).

Every vessel towing a person(s) on water skis, a wake-board, or a similar device must have a person, in addition to the vessel operator, observing the towed person(s) at all times.

Scuba Diving and Snorkeling:

Scuba Diving or Snorkeling is Limited to daylight hours.

These activities require the placement of a buoy with a flag at or near the point of submergence. The flag will be red with a white stripe running diagonally.

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