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Boating Safety This Summer

Before you plan for a day at the lake this summer, make sure you consider these important reminders to keep everyone safe while enjoying your time on the water.

If you're planning to go out on a watercraft, there are some key steps to complete before you even get out on the water:

- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Check the weather.
- Ensure your watercraft is in good working order. Always do a test run before you go out on the lake, and ask any of our wardens to help you do a safety check.

Another essential step is making sure you have all the required safety equipment on board, including:

- Life Jackets – enough for each passenger, U.S. Coast Guard approved and in good condition. Life Jackets only work if you wear them, so be sure to keep a properly fitting floatation device on at all times when you are on the water.
- Retrievable floatation cushion – in case someone goes overboard.
- Fire extinguisher – required by law, dependent on the size of your boat.
- Navigation lights – on between official sunset and sunrise.
- Sound device – horn, air horn, or whistle.

You should take ownership of your own personal safety, but also keep an eye out for others. If you see something, please say something. Contact the Lake Bowen Wardens' Office at 864-592-2240 or the Lake Blalock Wardens' Office at 864-578-5442 to report a safety issue or concern.





Planning a Day on the Lake?

It's a good idea to carpool.

With our 2022-23 boating season already underway, the busiest days of the season are coming up this summer. With more visitors to our Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock Parks during this time, it is always a great idea to carpool with the other members of your party.

Both parks have limited parking for vehicles and boat trailers, so parking is a strictly first-come, first-serve basis. Any additional vehicles that arrive after our parking areas are full will not be allowed to enter until a spot opens up.

We appreciate your consideration to carpool. We look forward to welcoming you to the lakes this summer.



Trash Spoils the Experience for Everyone

Whether discarded cans and bags or even fishing line and hooks, trash in our reservoirs and on the shoreline is an unwelcome sight – and can even prove dangerous to those visiting to fish or recreate.

So, for anytime you are planning on packing a picnic or spending a day fishing from the shore, always remember the “Pack in, Pack Out” rule. Whatever items you bring with you, be sure they also leave with you or end up in one of our convenient trash receptacles.

Thank you for helping us keep our reservoirs and lake parks clean and safe for all visitors!



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