

RULES FOR PUBLIC USE OF LAND AND WATER

OWNED BY CENTRAL ARKANSAS WATER AT LAKE MAUMELLE AND LAKE WINONA

Adopted by the Central Arkansas Water Board of Commissioners on November 10, 2022

Effective Date: January 1st, 2023

The Board may amend these rules at any time with notice or without notice.

Lakes Maumelle & Winona are the primary public drinking water supply reservoirs for the Central Arkansas metropolitan area and serve a population of over 500,000. The sole purpose for both Lakes' construction was to provide a high-quality water supply. Central Arkansas Water ("CAW") owns these Lakes and much of the surrounding lands and has the responsibility of protecting them to ensure its outstanding water quality for current consumers and future generations of Central Arkansans. CAW permits certain recreation-based activities on its lands and waters as a service to the region to support improved quality of life while fostering an appreciation for the resources that supply the high-quality and reliable drinking water.

The purpose of these rules is to permit limited, compatible recreational use on CAW-owned lands and water in the areas of Lake Maumelle and Lake Winona. These rules are intended to protect these areas from pollution that could deface the lands or negatively impact drinking water quality and/or supplies. All persons using these areas must abide by these rules and all applicable rules, regulations and laws of the State of Arkansas and the United States of America. Exceptions to these rules are limited to employees of Central Arkansas Water, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Geological Survey personnel; and Law Enforcement Officers and others specifically authorized by CAW engaged in the performance of their official duties.

It is the responsibility of CAW to ensure the health and longevity of these resources. If at any time CAW recognizes that certain recreational activities pose a threat to the reservoirs or the lands surrounding them, the utility reserves the right to suspend or withdraw activities. There are many possible threats to these resources that can be exacerbated by recreational activity including the introduction of disease and harmful invasive or nuisance species, as well as excessive soil erosion and nutrient inputs into the reservoirs. By adhering to these rules, all parties help lessen these risks and allow CAW to support low-impact recreational activity.

AUTHORITY

These rules are promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-234-405 (permitting the adoption of rules prohibiting, permitting, and governing recreational activities upon lands and waters owned for waterworks purposes) and Ark. Code Ann. § 25-20-306(a)(14) (granting entities created pursuant to the Consolidated Waterworks Authorization Act the same powers relating to the ownership and operation of waterworks systems as are now by law given to the municipalities creating such entity).

These rules supplement all other laws, rules, and regulations of the State of Arkansas, the United States of America, the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Arkansas Department of Health, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and any other governmental entity or regulatory body having jurisdiction over hunting, fishing, boating or recreational activities within the State of Arkansas, public health, or the protection of public drinking supply reservoirs.

ENFORCEMENT

CAW may enforce these rules. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission may enforce the rules that appear in Section IX pursuant to rules of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Law enforcement agencies and other state agencies may enforce these rules as permitted by law.

VIII. REVOCATION OF PRIVILEGES

CAW may, without prosecution, suspend or revoke the privileges granted by these rules of any person who (i) CAW reasonably believes to have violated these rules or (ii) is found by a court of law to have violated these rules, applicable State or federal rules or laws regarding the safety of public water supply reservoirs, boating, hunting, fishing, public intoxication, or operating motorized vehicles or vessels while intoxicated.

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GENERAL RULES

- 1. Littering is prohibited** including trash and human and pet wastes deposited on lands or waters and also including the emptying of a toilet or other untreated sewage.
- 2. Body contact by a person or an animal, pet, or livestock owned, possessed, or controlled by a person with lake water and recreational activities that may result in such body contact with lake water are prohibited** including but not limited to swimming, bathing, wading, diving, water skiing, jet skiing, stand-up paddle boarding, and the occupying or use of inflatable watercraft but excluding canoeing and kayaking as permitted by these rules.
- 3. Camping is prohibited** except in areas specifically designated by CAW. Camping is further limited to one consecutive night in each designated location unless otherwise posted at the site.
- 4. Operation of any ATV, E-bike, dune buggy, or amphibious vehicle is prohibited.**
- 5. Burning or Open-Air Fires are prohibited,** except in permanent firepits and grills that CAW has established within designated areas, or personal and attended grills, griddles, and camp stoves. Furthermore, it is unlawful to leave a fire without completely extinguishing it; burn any material or objects that are not completely combustible; or build open air fires, even in facilities provided by CAW for such purpose, during burn bans in effect by order of a county judge.
- 6. Vandalism and the removal of property is prohibited,** including the destruction, injury, defacement, or removal of signs, and other public property. It is also unlawful to remove any objects, including, but not limited to rocks, fruits, nuts, acorns, artifacts, and plants, although game and fish harvested legally may be removed.
- 7. Building, attaching, or occupying any type of structure made from common building materials, such as wire, nylon, canvass, metal, or lumber is prohibited** including but not limited to hunting stands and blinds, buildings, shelters, lean-tos, and moored houseboats. Exceptions to this rule are single night tent-use in designated camping areas and temporary hunting stands and blinds that are not attached with nails, screws, or other metal objects to trees and that are permitted by rules of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for wildlife management areas.
- 8. Permitting livestock, including but not limited to trail horses or spreading of animal waste onto CAW lands is prohibited.**
- 9. Firearms may be possessed only as permitted by rules of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for wildlife management areas.**

10. The distribution, posting, or displaying of advertisements and private notices is prohibited.

11. Landing air boats and aquaplanes on water is prohibited.

12. The use and possession of fireworks is prohibited.

13. Mountain bikes are prohibited except on trails specifically designated for such use by CAW. E-Bikes are prohibited in ALL areas.

14. Trespassing. Entering an area of land that is posted or otherwise designated as off-limits is prohibited.

BOATING RULES

15. Boating is allowed to the extent permitted by and in accordance with these rules and other applicable rules, regulations, and laws including but not limited to the rules of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for wildlife management areas.

16. All boating activities are prohibited within the restricted area of each lake.

17. Authorized watercraft are only allowed to enter and exit the lake at designated, public launch points.

18. Each boat with an unblocked through-the-hull toilet is prohibited.

19. Boating is restricted to vessels greater than fourteen feet (14') in length, except for kayaks and canoes as permitted by rules of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for wildlife management areas.

20. Kayaks and canoes, regardless of length, are permitted in designated lake areas from dawn to dusk and must be launched at designated launch points. At Lake Maumelle canoeing and kayaking is allowed in the area west and south of Arkansas Highway 10 and at Lake Winona, canoeing and kayaking are allowed west of the buoy line nearest the boat ramp.

21. Boats with a primary motor of LESS than 9.9 horsepower are restricted to the same areas that are designated for canoes and kayaks. Boats with a primary motor of 9.9 horsepower or more are permitted in all areas except the restricted areas of each lake.

FISHING RULES

22. Fishing is permitted as allowed or permitted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Code Book.

23. Adding materials for fish habitat enhancement in the Lakes is prohibited. Furthermore, the presence of brush-cutting devices in a boat in the Lake Areas are prohibited.

24. Commercial fishing and fishing by seine, net, trap, gig, jug lines, and yo-yo are prohibited in the Lakes.

25. Trot lines are permitted. Trot lines may be used as allowed or permitted by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Code Book.

26. Magnet Fishing is permitted. All recovered items must be removed from water and lands and/or properly disposed of.

HUNTING RULES

27. Hunting is permitted to the extent permitted by rules of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for wildlife management areas.

28. Hunting is prohibited on the islands within the Lakes and within the Restricted Areas.

29. Hunting dogs are allowed to the extent that they are permitted by rules of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission for wildlife management areas.

BOAT INSPECTIONS

Before entry into Lake Maumelle or Lake Winona, the exterior of each boat is subject to exterior inspection for invasive aquatic species, and the interior of each boat is subject to interior inspection for properly drained drywells free of invasive aquatic species and unblocked through-the-hull toilets. Each boat that is docked at Lake Maumelle is subject to exterior inspection for invasive aquatic species, and the interior of each boat is subject to interior inspection for unblocked through-the-hull toilets. The presence of any interior or exterior invasive aquatic species, or an unblocked through the hull toilet, shall cause the boat to be denied entry.