

# LAKE HEATHER RULES AND REGULATIONS

**NOTE: Lake Heather is a private lake, owned by Lake Heather Homeowners' Association, Inc. ("LHHA"). A valid, current permit must be obtained for each calendar year in order to boat or fish on the lake. See [www.lakeheather.org](http://www.lakeheather.org) for further permitting information. Anyone using the lake for any purpose without such a permit will be considered a trespasser and will be prosecuted accordingly.**

1. Fun and great fishing are what we hope everyone has on Lake Heather, but Safety is the primary focus when considering who is allowed to use Lake Heather. All persons who are on our lake property are to have all safety equipment as required by State law. A violation of this rule will result in the revocation of the associated permit(s). Life jackets are to be in excellent condition. Please wear your life jacket or have it readily at hand while on the water (wearing is preferred). State law has specific requirements for safety items required to be in each boat, including items such as throw ring, life vests, including the type, size and age.

In addition, we require that the cell phone shown on the permit holder's Permit Application be in the boat and turned on at all times when the permit holder is on lake property.

2. **For kayak and canoe users:** Positive floatation life jackets must be worn at all times. The type of life jacket must be one that works without having to pull a cord, or similar, to activate the life saving benefits. **For boaters with boats that are less than 14 feet long, life jackets are required to be worn. We encourage everyone to wear a life jacket at all times when on or near the water.**
3. For the safety of all lake users, NO ALCOHOL or other intoxicants are allowed on property (i.e. road, boat launch area, lake, etc.).
4. All laws are to be obeyed.
5. The person whose name is on the permit (permit holder), must be in the boat, but can have guests with him/her but the permit holder is totally responsible for his/her guests as described in the indemnity agreement to which the permit holder is a party.
6. Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers -- If you fish other lakes or ponds with the same boat or equipment that you bring onto Lake Heather, please make sure that you have done the following when you exit the other lakes or ponds, well before you arrive onto Lake Heather property:
  - a. Clean off aquatic plants and mud from your watercraft, motor, trailer and other equipment.
  - b. Drain water from your watercraft including the motor, bilge, live well and ballast areas.
  - c. Dry your watercraft in order to kill small species not easily seen.
7. **No night fishing or boating is allowed.** Boat launch hours are from 30 minutes before the official sunrise until 30 minutes after the official sunset, seven days a week. Anyone on the property (lake or dry land) outside of those times is subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing. Sunrise and Sunset times can be found on Lake Heather's website at [www.LakeHeather.org/Lake](http://www.LakeHeather.org/Lake)
8. The boat launch is for boat use **ONLY**. No swimming, sunbathing or loitering is allowed.
9. NO swimming, wading or other similar use of the lake is permitted. Use of the lake is only from inside a boat or bank fishing by a shoreline property homeowner (and guests) with a current Lake Heather permit from their shoreline property. No other bank fishing is allowed.
10. **Each boat is required to have two permit decals** with the placement locations on the boat the same as the state requirements. (The boat decals must be visible on both the port (left) and starboard (right) sides of your boat and located toward the bow (front)). Decals must be renewed each year. This applies whether you use the boat launch or not.
11. A Lake Heather parking decal must be attached to the tongue of your boat trailer unless you have received other written instructions.

12. Gasoline motors may not be used on the lake, even when trailering your boat. Gasoline motors must be tilted up and out of the water at all times. Only electric motors are permitted. Non-turbulent and non-disturbing wakes only.
13. Jet skis or other motorized personal watercraft are **NOT** permitted.
14. Paddle boards are allowed if the operator wears a life vest.
15. No Litter. Please do not discard any items into the lake or onto any lake related property. There is a trash can at the boat launch for disposing of trash.
16. No boats may be stored at the boat launch area.
17. Out of courtesy to others, loud music or other loud disturbances are not allowed while using the lake.
18. No game fish are to be taken by any method other than pole and line or rod and reel.
19. Under no circumstances shall trot lines, jug fishing, cast nets or any commercial apparatus for the catching of fish be allowed.
20. Fines or penalties, including but not limited to revocation of Lake Use permits, for violating these Rules & Regulations may be levied on a Lake User by LHHA.
21. Upon entering the boat launch area, all Lake Users must lock the gate to the boat launch area behind them, so that it is locked both while they are in the boat launch area and upon leaving.
22. No keys issued to Lake Users may be duplicated or given, sold or loaned to anyone else. A specific key is assigned to each permit holder. The Boat Permit Decals, the Parking Permit and the Key in use by the person on the property, must all match the person on the property (i.e. the registered permit holder). That means no sharing of keys, boat permit decals or parking permits.
23. If a Lake User loses his/her key to the boat launch gate, the replacement cost is the cost of a new permit and all costs associated with re-keying and re-issuing keys.
24. LHHA reserves the right to revoke any Lake Heather Use Permit at any time for any reason.
25. LHHA reserves the right to change or amend these rules at any time.

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Lake User's Signature, agreeing to the rules above

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Date

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Print name signed above

