

**FOR LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY DIAL 911**  
**PARK WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS**

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WATERCRAFT MUST BE REGISTERED AND DISPLAY A VALID COUNTY WATERCRAFT PERMIT. FORMS AVAILABLE AT PARK OFFICE, RANGERS OR BOAT CONCESSIONAIRES. PLACE PERMIT ON STARBOARD (RIGHT) SIDE OF BOW (FRONT) OF BOAT.



PARK OPEN FROM 8 AM TO SUNSET UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.



1. BOATS, CANOES, SAILBOATS, SAILBOARDS AND INFLATABLE BOATS WITH 2 OR MORE AIR CHAMBERS AND A MINIMUM LENGTH OF 7' ARE PERMITTED. NOVELTY-TYPE WATERCRAFT PROHIBITED.



2. NO GAS POWERED MOTOR BOATS ALLOWED. ELECTRICALLY POWERED BOATS ALLOWED ONLY WHERE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED.



3. BOATS OVER 16' FEET IN LENGTH ARE NOT PERMITTED EXCEPT FOR CANOES, WHICH MAY BE 18' LONG.



4. SERVICEABLE AND PROPERLY FITTED U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES MUST ACCOMPANY EACH OCCUPANT OF A WATERCRAFT. THESE DEVICES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY NON SWIMMERS AND CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE (12) YEARS OF AGE.



5. WINDSURFERS MUST WEAR A TYPE I, II, III OR V COAST GUARD APPROVED PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE.



6. WATERCRAFT LOAD MAY NOT EXCEED LOAD LIMITS OF THE MANUFACTURER'S SAFE CARRYING CAPACITY.



7. WATERCRAFT OPERATORS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE UNLESS THEY POSSESS A CERTIFICATE FROM AN APPROVED BOATING SAFETY COURSE.



8. SWIMMING OR DIVING FROM WATERCRAFT IS PROHIBITED.



9. ALL WATERCRAFT MUST BE OPERATED IN A SAFE AND PRUDENT MANNER, WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS.



10. OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN AREAS MARKED BY ORANGE BUOYS.



11. OVERNIGHT STORAGE OF BOATS BY DEPARTMENT APPROVAL ONLY.

12. SPECIAL USE PERMITS FOR WATERCRAFT RACES, REGATTAS, TOURNAMENTS, AND EXHIBITIONS MUST BE OBTAINED AT THE PARK OFFICE.

13. 24-HOUR FISHING PERMITTED IN DESIGNATED PARKS. PARKING AREAS ASSIGNED FOR THIS ACTIVITY. ALL OTHER PARKING AREAS CLOSED AT SUNSET.

14. VEHICLES WITH TRAILER MUST PARK IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

15. BOATS MUST BE RIGGED/LOADED, ETC. PRIOR TO ENTRANCE TO RAMP.

**FLAG SYMBOLISM**

- GREEN** - GOOD BOATING OR ICE CONDITIONS
- YELLOW** - ADVERSE BOATING CONDITIONS CAUSED BY STRONG WINDS OR LOW WATER TEMPERATURE, OCCUPANTS REQUIRED TO WEAR APPROVED LIFESAVING DEVICES.
- RED** - LAKE NOT MONITORED FOR ICE SAFETY OR WATER CONDITIONS

\*\* PENNSYLVANIA FISH COMMISSION AND MOTOR BOAT LAWS APPLY TO ALL WATERCRAFT

\*\* VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION SET FORTH IN BUCKS COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 95 ENACTED JULY 30, 1997.

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