

Wellington Upground Reservoir: Rules and regulations.
(These rules will also apply to the South Reservoir)

Recreational Activities and Uses:

- The recreational uses of the Upground Reservoir are secondary in consideration, behind the primary use as the exclusive source of drinking water for the Village of Wellington. All activities will be regulated and monitored to assure the highest possible water quality in the reservoir, as well as to guarantee the highest degree of security for this most important resource.
- 1) Public swimming and bathing is prohibited.
 - 2) Boating/Watercraft:
 - a) No person shall leave any boat or boat trailer on reservoir property. Failure to remove any boat or trailer will result in their impoundment, to be considered as abandoned by owner.
 - b) No person shall operate any boat other than those powered by sail, paddle, oars, or electric motor, no greater than 6 HP. Permitted water craft include sailcraft, pontoon, canoe, and rowboat. Sailboards and windsurfers are prohibited. Inflatable craft are permitted if U.S. Coast Guard approved and in compliance with all other reservoir rules.

Exceptions:

- Gasoline powered engines may be used by emergency personnel or maintenance and other authorized personnel only.
 - Gasoline powered engines, not in operation, are permitted if locked in the up position. No portable fuel tanks are permitted on the water, and must be removed prior to launch.
- c) Size of craft: Water craft must be no less than six (6) feet in length, and no more than twenty-three (23) feet in length.
 - d) Seaworthiness: No person shall operate any unseaworthy watercraft, or any watercraft failing to meet Ohio Division of Watercraft and U.S. Coast Guard standards. All watercraft are subject to safety inspection by the Village Administrator or his/her authorized representative, including but not limited to the Supt. of Water and staff, Wellington Police Officers, or any duly authorized water enforcement agent.
 - e) Capacity of Watercraft: No person shall operate any boat/watercraft that exceeds the recommendations of the manufacturer or designer as to the maximum capacity for the vessel. If a manufacturer or designer recommendation is not available, it can be determined by the formula:

$$\frac{L \times B \times D}{25} = \text{no. persons.}$$

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Where L = length of boat in feet and decimals thereof.

B = maximum beam in feet and decimals thereof.

D = minimum draft in feet and decimals thereof, measured vertically from the inside surface of the hull material at the center of the boat, to a straight edge resting on the gunwales.

- f) Sanitary Requirements: No person shall operate, launch, dock, moor, or use any watercraft which contains a sink, toilet, or sanitary system which is capable of discharging urine, fecal matter, contents of a chemical commode, kitchen wastes, laundry soaps, or any waste material whatsoever into the water of said reservoir. No person shall dispose of these or any other waste material by any means into said water, whether deemed contaminative or not. Any such facility aboard shall be sealed off or removed.
- g) Designated Areas: No person shall bring into or operate any watercraft upon any waters except for places designated for boating by the Village Administrator. Such activity shall be in accordance with applicable regulations which are now or may hereafter be adopted.
- h) Due Regard: All watercraft will be operated and navigated with due regard for the safety of passengers, other boats, and all other persons both on the water as well as on the embankments of the reservoir.
- i) Hours of Operation: The Wellington Upground Reservoir Waters and Park Area will open one-half hour before sunup and close one-half hour after sunset. All watercraft will be off of the waters during the overnight hours, unless prior approval is obtained from either the Village Administrator or the Wellington Police.

3) Miscellaneous Safety Regulations.

No person shall:

- a) Operate watercraft, regardless of the type of propulsion, without having life jackets, life vests, or life buoys or buoyant cushions sufficient to sustain any and all occupants afloat as prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard, said life preservers bearing the U. S. Coast Guard seal of approval stamped on each such item by the manufacturer thereof. Such safety equipment will be placed so as to be immediately available to each person aboard such watercraft at all times. Children under ten (10) years of age shall wear approved life vests or jackets at all times when they are in, on, or around watercraft or launch areas.
- b) Operate any power watercraft without approved fire extinguishers.
- c) Operate any watercraft without an anchor of sufficient weight to anchor such watercraft securely, and without an anchor line less than three times the depth of the water, said length being approximately seventy-five (75) feet.
- d) Operate any craft, except sailcraft and emergency craft, at speed greater than six (6) miles per hour, unless a genuine emergency requires greater speed in order to protect the life or health of a person.

- e) Operate any watercraft without a distress flag measuring two (2) feet square and International Orange in color. No person shall display such flag unless the watercraft or person is in distress or in need of help.
- f) Operate or anchor any watercraft in any restricted area on Reservoir waters, said restricted areas to be clearly marked by marker buoys and/or posted signs.
- g) Rent, lease, or otherwise permit the use of any watercraft under a person's control or the control of his/her agents unless such watercraft is provided with equipment required under this chapter and U.S. Coast Guard regulations for such watercraft.
- h) Operate any motorized vehicle of any sort on the top of the dam or on any part of the reservoir embankment. Prohibited vehicles include - but are not limited to - cars, trucks, snowmobiles, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), motorcycles, scooters, etc.. These vehicles pose an immediate hazard to the pedestrian users of the facilities, as well as to the integrity of the dam and embankments. Exception is made for emergency, maintenance, and other authorized vehicles only. Exception is also made for the appropriate use by cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc., of the designated parking areas and boat launch. Special mention is made of the areas designated for persons with disabilities. The Village will enforce proper use of these parking areas, as well.
- i) Appropriate signage will be posted, but the absence of such signage will not in any way mitigate the enforcement of these rules.

