

OFFICIAL LAKE OF EGYPT RULES AND REGULATIONS
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS POWER COOPERATIVE, MARION, IL 62959

** NEW Updates - Effective January 1, 2027 **

Lake of Egypt is a private lake, owned by Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC); its only purpose being to furnish water for the generation of electricity. The waters and shoreline may be used for recreational purposes, subject to the following rules and regulations. SIPC supports behavior conducive to a family-friendly environment.

These rules are enforceable by SIPC Lake Patrol. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources and local law enforcement agencies, including the sheriff's departments of Williamson and Johnson counties, may also take action for any violations of state law and local ordinances, and SIPC reserves the right to seek their assistance and/or to request prosecution of anyone violating state law or local ordinances.

1. SHORELINE AGREEMENT

- A. Shoreline property owners, who have a boat dock on or make use of the shoreline abutting their property, shall execute a standard Southern Illinois Power Cooperative Shoreline Agreement annually. Owner shall use SIPC's property for personal and family recreational use only; no commercial or business use of any nature is permitted, unless authorized by SIPC.
- B. Visitors shall use SIPC's property for personal and family recreational use only; no commercial or business use of any nature is permitted.

2. ZONING

- A. **RECREATIONAL AREA:** All areas of Lake of Egypt except "Restricted Areas" are open to boating and fishing.
- B. **RESTRICTED AREA:** Areas marked "Restricted" are not open to recreation. Only authorized boats are permitted in these areas.
- C. **SKIING**
Water or Jet Skiing - limited to "ski area" marked on map. See SIPC lake map.
Skiers shall not ski closer than 100 feet from shoreline or buoyline.
Skiers will ski in counterclockwise direction. This applies to jet skis also.
Water skiing shall always have right-of-way over jet skis.
No skiing, or tubing, outside of ski area. Jet skis are restricted to direct path travel only (to/from destination). No skiing after sundown. Allowed up to 30 minutes prior to sundown and 30 minutes after sunrise. (See IDNR website for official sundown times.)

3. BOATS – TYPES PROHIBITED

- A. Racing type boats.
- B. Boats with loud, open or uninhibited exhaust systems.
- C. Pontoon boats exceeding 28 feet and hull boats exceeding 20 feet.
- D. House boats or boats with toilet, kitchen or lodging facilities.
- E. Boats (except when docked) that have closed sidewalls where all occupants are not visible to passing boats.
- F. Any boats using full ballast tanks or any other equipment, apparatus, or design for wake surfing.

4. BOATING REGULATIONS - Follow Illinois State Law

- A. All provisions of the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act will be enforced on the Lake of Egypt. (See the Handbook of Illinois Boating Laws and Responsibilities. dnr.illinois.gov/boating).
- B. All boats shall carry a container acceptable for holding litter and refuse and all trash must be properly disposed on land.
- C. All boats will display anchor lights and, when moving, running lights after sundown.
- D. Boats will not anchor within 25 feet of lake buoys or buoy line.
- E. No one under the influence of alcohol may operate a boat on the Lake of Egypt.
- F. Racing is prohibited.
- G. 35 miles per hour speed limit.
- H. JET SKIS – State Law – same as for boats. Operating age requirements and other restrictions as defined in 625 ILCS 45.
- I. Boats and Jet skis, used for rentals, must be registered, by owner, with SIPC. Applications can be found at www.sipower.org. Application must be approved prior to rental and use of registered rentals. Rentals from personal docks are prohibited.

5. FISHING

- A. Tournament fishing events for prizes will register their events at a marina on Lake of Egypt. Tournaments must also register their event with SIPC. No tournaments will be allowed from June 1 thru September 30. Tournament applications and regulations are on the SIPC website at www.sipower.org. All tournaments are subject to SIPC Lake Rules.
- B. All trotlines and jugs must have name and address on each jug and trotline. Jugs and trotlines cannot be put in before 5:00 p.m. and must be removed by 8:00 a.m. Such trotlines and jugs shall only be allowed in east end of the Lake, "Shawnee area".
- C. Crappie limited to 15 fish per day, per person, and each crappie shall be at least 10" in length.
- D. Largemouth bass limited to 5 fish per day: 4 fish between 12"-16" in length and 1 fish greater than 16".
- E. Bluegill and Redear Sunfish limited to 15 fish per day, per person, and each shall be at least 6" in length.
- F. Maximum fish possession is 2 times daily limits.
- G. NO CASTING OF LURES WITHIN 10 FEET OF DOCKS, BOATS OR BOAT HOUSES.
- H. Private fish and/or aquatic stocking prohibited.

6. Boaters will not anchor boats for picnicking or fishing within less than 100 feet of shoreline near residence or boat docks.

7. Kite tubes, wake surfing, skin diving, scuba diving and landing of sea planes in or on the lake are prohibited.

8. Hunting is not permitted on or over the Lake nor is the transportation or discharge of firearms or other weapons permitted on or over the Lake.

9. Chemical Treatment of Lake.

The lake is under the jurisdiction of State and Federal EPA Regulations. There shall be no chemicals or any foreign substances placed into, or allowed as runoff or leaching into, the water of the lake or on the property of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, unless approved by SIPC. The collection and disposal of leaves and other yard waste is not permitted in the lake.

10. These rules and regulations may be changed by the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative Board of Directors from time to time as necessary.

11. Failure to abide by these rules, and/or failure to comply with Lake Patrol and/or Illinois Department of Natural Resources and/or any law enforcement agency, may result in either arrest and/or denial of further use of Lake of Egypt.

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