

Public Access/Fishing Regulations

1. The possession or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any controlled substance is strictly prohibited.
2. All boats or watercraft used on the Reservoir shall be powered by electric motors or paddles only, and shall be equipped with flotation vests for each occupant.
3. Sailboats, jet skis / personal watercraft, inner tubes, paddle boards, and inflatable rafts are prohibited.
4. No boat with a gasoline/internal combustion engine is permitted on the reservoir.
5. All individuals that are fishing must comply with the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources fishing rules and regulations, daily limits, length limits, creel limits, safety, licenses, etc
6. The use of a set hook, trout line, cast net, seine or fish basket is prohibited.
7. Public access to the reservoir shall be made only at the entrance gate and public access area located on Social Circle-Fairplay Road. Private land owners immediately adjacent to the reservoir may access the reservoir from their property, provided such access does not impact the reservoir buffer.
8. Those individuals who elect to fish from the bank within the Public Recreation Area must fish from within the "marked" boundaries, identified with "NO FISHING BEYOND THIS POINT" signs.
9. Wading, swimming, or bathing is prohibited.
10. The use of trail bikes, 4-wheelers, mini bikes, go carts, and motorcycles not equipped for street use is prohibited on Authority property.
11. Operation or use of any audio or noise producing device, motorized equipment, or vehicles in such a manner to unreasonably annoy or endanger other persons is prohibited.
12. Individuals shall not discharge any waste matter on the site and shall keep their trash and litter self-contained and disposed of properly.
13. No glass or Styrofoam containers are permitted on Reservoir property.
14. Firearms are regulated in accordance with state law. Fireworks or Explosives of any kind are prohibited.
15. **All** hunting and trapping, including waterfowl hunting from or directly over the waters of the reservoir, is prohibited unless conducted under the direct supervision of Georgia DNR..
16. Destruction, injury defacement, or removal of Reservoir property is prohibited.
17. Individuals may be required to show proper identification and licenses upon request by an authorized representative of the Authority, Walton County, and/or the Department of Natural Resources.
18. Once boaters cast off from the recreation area, they are to remain inside their boats except in emergency situations.
19. All pets must be restrained by owners (leash law enforced in area).
20. All persons under age 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult over the age of 21.
21. Failure to abide by the regulations will result in expulsion from the recreation area, arrest and/or fines. Your cooperation in abiding by the above regulations will assist us in providing a safe, enjoyable recreational environment, while protecting our valuable water resources.

Boat Ramp Annual Permit Rules

Hard Labor Creek Reservoir requires all vehicles parking in the boat ramp area to obtain an Annual Parking Permit or a Daily Parking Pass. Vehicles without a permit/pass are subject to a fine and towing at owner's expense.

Hard Labor Creek Reservoir reserves the right to close the boat ramp area without notice, but will attempt to notify the public when possible.

Permits are effective yearly from January 1 to December 31.

Transfer - Permits are **not transferable** and must be permanently affixed to the rear windshield glass of the automobile. Any transfer of the permit will result in a revocation. Sticker **CANNOT** be taped to windshield glass or placed on paper or transparencies.

Replacement - If you should trade or sell your vehicle, OR have your rear windshield replaced, you must **SCRAPE** the permit from the windshield and return it with your receipt and new car registration. **Permits that are stolen or lost will not be reissued.**