

Diascund Reservoir Rules & Regulations

Diascund Reservoir is open to the general public for boating access and fishing. The following rules and regulations have been established by the Newport News Waterworks Department in accordance with Chapter 29, Art. III, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Newport News, Virginia:

PUBLIC ACCESS - The City of Newport News in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the County of James City is providing public access for water-based activities at Diascund Reservoir. Public access is located at **9551 Diascund Reservoir Road, Lanexa, VA 23089**

- Public boat landing hours of operation will be from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. All boating will be limited to these hours. No after-hours access or parking.
- Public boat launching, landing, and disembarking are permitted only at the public boat ramp

WATERCRAFT - All regulations appropriate to local and state inland boating laws will be enforced.

- The use of internal combustion engines is prohibited on the Reservoir. Electric trolling motors that create no wake are permitted. Outboard motors may be kept on a boat under the following conditions:
 - Motor must be kept out of the water at all times.
 - Portable fuel tanks must be removed from the boat.
 - Built-in fuel lines must have the shut-off valve in the closed position.
- All watercraft are limited to the capacity as prescribed by the boat's particular manufacturer. Every boat on the Reservoir must observe U.S. Coast Guard regulations regarding approved personal flotation devices (PFDs).
- Sailboards, floating platforms, stand-up paddleboards (SUPs), personal watercraft (such as jet skis) and non-enclosed watercraft are prohibited on the Reservoir. Canoes, kayaks and small sailboats are considered to be enclosed watercraft as long as they have freeboard between the water and the occupant.
- Owners of property abutting City-owned lands* surrounding the Reservoir may store watercraft on City-owned land and launch from the bank (however, use of the public ramp is encouraged).
 - Boat racks are not permitted.
 - Only boats in usable condition will be allowed.
 - Watercraft must display owner identification.

(Boats in unusable condition or lacking owner identification are subject to removal by NN Waterworks)

FISHING - All regulations appropriate to local and state inland fishing laws will be enforced.

- When fishing in the Reservoir, either from the bank or from a boat, you must have in your possession a valid VA freshwater fishing license
- Bank fishing by the general public will be permitted in designated areas immediately adjacent to the public boat ramp (please see map).
- Owners of property abutting City-owned lands* surrounding the Reservoir, and their guests, have the right to fish from City-owned lands* adjacent to their property.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES – the following activities are PROHIBITED on the Reservoir and surrounding City-owned lands*:

- Public access to dam, spillway, pump station, or any other posted areas
- Swimming
- Motorized vehicles or equipment outside of public boat landing area
- Hunting and trapping
- Feeding or baiting of waterfowl or game
- Construction of structures (blinds, wharves, piers, docks, ladders or any other structure)
- Disturbance to the earth to include rutting or soil erosion
- Removal or damage to vegetation
- Private boat ramps - boats with trailers or in vehicles must utilize the public launch facility.
- Ropes or other swinging devices
- Disposal/Dumping of debris, brush, or other vegetation
- Metal detecting
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages
- Off-leash pets

*City-owned lands (Newport News Waterworks Property) - all land between the 30-foot contour property line and Diascund Reservoir water body

**Diascund Reservoir is a public drinking water supply area.
Please protect it**

<http://www.nnva.gov/waterworks>

For questions or comments pertaining to these rules or regulations, please contact:

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