

# RULES FOR WALNUT CREEK LAKES

2020

Familiarity with lake rules are prerequisites for the use of Lake Wackena and Spring Lake.

**Failure to comply with these rules may result in suspension of lake privileges and revocation of boat permits.**

## USE OF THE LAKES

- Lake Wackena and Spring Lake are owned by the Village and controlled by the Walnut Creek Police Department.
- **Spring Lake:** Use of Spring Lake is limited to residents and non-resident property owners and their immediate family members.
- **Lake Wackena:** Use of Lake Wackena is limited to (1) Walnut Creek residents and their immediate family members, (2) non-resident property owners and their immediate family members, and (3) WCCC members and their dependent family members.
- No one shall be authorized to use Lake Wackena and Spring Lake unless accompanied by a person authorized to use such lakes as noted above.
- Anything that floats (other than inflatable toys) and carries personnel is considered a boat and requires a boat permit.
- Any boat going on the lake must be owned by a current resident, property owner or WCCC member.

## Boating Regulations

**Boats:** Any boat being used on either lake must have a current Walnut Creek permit attached permanently to the starboard side within two feet of the stem. Boat trailers must have a current Walnut Creek permit attached to the tongue of the trailer near the hitch.

Any boat launched on Spring Lake must be launched from a property owner's property. Under no circumstances will a boat be launched from the Spring Lake dam. Water-skiing is not allowed on Spring Lake. Boats are limited to 10 H.P. maximum and 5 miles per hour.

On Lake Wackena, all boats other than those launched from a property owner's lot will be launched from the boat ramp near the dam and must be off the lake by sundown. No boats may be launched before sunrise.

**Outlet Structures:** No one is allowed on the outlet structure of either lake for any reason.

## Fishing from Lake Wackena and Spring Lake Dam

Fishing from the Lake Wackena Dam and Spring Lake Dam shall be permitted for the sole use of (1) residents of the Village of Walnut Creek, their immediate family members and guests, (2) non-resident property owners of the Village of Walnut Creek, their immediate family members and guests, and (3) members of WCCC and their dependent family members. Guests must be accompanied by property owner or a member of the property owner's immediate family. Fishing is the only activity allowed on the dam of Lake Wackena and Spring Lake and is not permitted after dark. No fishing shall be permitted from the boat landing ramp of Lake Wackena or the Lake Wackena spillway. While the water in Lake Wackena or Spring Lake has been lowered, any fish caught must be released.

## HOW TO OBTAIN AN AUTHORIZED BOAT PERMIT

Pick up an application from the Village Office, download it from the website or obtain one from one of the Walnut Creek Police Officers. You must:

- provide a copy of your North Carolina boat registration.
- pay the registration fee as shown on the application.
- certify that you are a property owner or WCCC member and the boat is owned by you.
- provide proof you have in force a minimum of \$25,000 liability insurance for bodily injury. (All boats, including sailboats, kayaks, canoes, paddleboats and manually powered boats, require the same minimum insurance as powered boats.)

If you sell your boat and/or trailer, you are responsible for completely removing the Walnut Creek permit from both the boat and trailer.

## **LAKE SAFETY**

**SWIMMING:** Swimming and wading is not allowed except by property owners and their immediate families within 100' of their property. The use of inner tubes, inflatable floats, etc. is construed as swimming.

### **BOATING AND SKIING (including Personal Watercraft):**

1. Each boat, regardless of horsepower, must have adequate U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) on-board for each person.
2. No more than twelve (12) boats of 10 H.P. or greater will be allowed to operate on Lake Wackena at any time.
3. The boating pattern is counter-clockwise and shall be strictly followed when two or more boats are on the lake. Boats not being operated under power of a gas motor have the right of way.
4. No person shall operate a boat or personal watercraft towing another person on water skis or other device unless the boat or personal watercraft has on board, in addition to the operator, an observer who shall monitor the progress of the person or persons being towed or the boat or personal watercraft is equipped with a rear view mirror.
5. All skiers must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD.
6. When skiers fall while being towed, they should place a ski well above their heads in order for other boat operators to be aware of a skier down in the water. No ski boat shall follow another closer than 250 feet.
7. Skiers are cautioned that the practice of dropping one ski when other boats are on the lake is very dangerous. No deliberate dropping of a ski is permitted.
8. Skiing is not allowed within 50 feet of shore. Skiing is not allowed between the small island west of the Country Club and shore.
9. Operation of high-powered boats and hydroplanes is limited to moderate speeds (not to exceed 40 mph).
10. Boat racing is strictly forbidden.
11. The area near the boat ramp has been designated as a no wake area and is marked with buoys as such. Red buoys also mark the danger areas of Lake Wackena and extreme caution is urged for anyone operating a boat beyond these areas.
12. No personal watercraft may be operated at greater than no-wake speed within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, the shoreline, a dock, pier, swim float, swimmers, fisherman or any other manually propelled vessel.

## **SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

1. No waste of any kind will be dumped into the lakes or on the surrounding area.
2. Boats that generate excessive noise, such as an air boat, are not allowed on the lakes.

## **LAKE PATROL**

The Village Council has authorized the Lake Committee to work in concert with the Walnut Creek Police Department to develop rules for access and use of the lakes. The Walnut Creek Police Department has the authority to have a boat removed from either lake if the operator endangers the public in any way or refuses to follow the rules. This includes the right to have trespassers removed.

## **CLOSING OF LAKES**

Either lake may be closed in the event of extremely high or low water levels or other hazardous condition at the discretion of the Walnut Creek Police Department, in concert with the Village Administrator.

## **LAKE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

John Seegars (Liaison to the Village Council)	Jim Clough, Chairman
Greg Bauer Tommy Wiggins Neil Dupuy Russ Prys John Seegars Sherm Hawkins	