

Guidelines for Lake Tahkodah Residents and Guests

Lake Tahkodah is a small lake shared by those with interest in both its solitude and recreational activities. Everyone needs to use common sense in keeping our lake a refuge for all its residents and in balancing the tranquility with the ever-expanding array of water-related recreational activities. With this in mind the Tahkodah Lake District has adopted the following guidelines:

1. Radios, CD players, and other electronic audio devices should be set at sound levels which will not disturb other lake residents.
2. Use of motorized personal watercraft such as jet skis is strongly discouraged on this small lake.
3. Water skiing should be limited to the hours between 9:00 AM and sunset. Wisconsin law prohibits water-skiing after sundown. It is preferred that water-skiing stop one-half hour before sunset. At least two people must be in the boat.
4. Operators of motorized watercraft should not cause shoreline erosion, dock damage, lake bottom scouring, or safety concerns for non-motorized craft. Wisconsin law requires that boats go slow and create no wake within 100 feet of shore, docks, rafts, and swimmers. The use of watercraft designed or operated to create an enhanced wake is strongly discouraged.
5. Always be considerate of those swimming, fishing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking, and using non-motorized watercraft.
6. The use of many forms of fireworks is prohibited under Wisconsin law. All residents and guests should abide by the legal fireworks requirements.
7. Residents are required to follow the guidelines posted at the public landing for cleaning and removal of exotic species from their boats before putting into the lake. Violators face heavy fines. Owners who rent or allow nonresidents to use their cabins must make their guests aware of the proper treatment of their watercraft and trailer before launching.
Wisconsin state law requires that you:
 - INSPECT boats, trailers and equipment.
 - REMOVE all attached aquatic plants and animals.
 - DRAIN all water from boats, vehicles and equipment.
 - NEVER MOVE plants or live fish away from a waterbodyAll boats from other lakes must be scrubbed and rinsed with high-pressure hot water when possible or dried for 5 days. This allows spores to dry and die to protect our lake from exotic species.
8. Residents should be aware of and follow zoning rules for outdoor lights shining on the lake and on neighboring properties.
9. All residents and visitors to the lake must inform themselves at each visit of the current burning regulations.
10. To avoid infusing the lake with excess nutrients, the use of fertilizer is discouraged, especially fertilizer containing phosphorus.