

DEER LAKE BEACH

RULES & REGULATIONS

Hours:

Memorial Day - Labor Day: 10:00AM- 8PM (hours may vary when school is still in session.)

General Rules:

1. Rules and regulations are established by Township Ordinance and will be enforced. Violations or misuse of the rules or property may result in loss of privileges.
2. Season passes and keys can be purchased at Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors Department, Monday through Thursday from 7:30AM to 5:30PM.
3. There is no parking outside the designated beach patron parking area. Cars parked within the boat trailer parking area or along White Lake Road will be ticketed and towed. Additional beach patron parking is available at Depot Park.
4. No fishing will be permitted inside or within 100 feet of the swimming area or boat launch area. No bank fishing is allowed on Deer Lake Beach.

Beach and Swimming Rules:

1. All patrons must show issued beach pass or purchase a daily beach pass at the entrance hut prior to entering the beach.
2. Children 4 and under must be directly supervised by a person 18 or older in the water. Children ages 5-11 must be directly supervised by a person 18 or older on the beach.
3. If any child is left unattended, the Parks, Recreation & Seniors Department reserves the right to suspend swim pass privileges.
4. Alcoholic beverages, smoking, vaping, fires, pets, and glass containers are not permitted.
5. Swimming is allowed in the designated areas only.
6. Playing or wading outside the swim area is prohibited.
7. All non-swimmers must stay in the shallow water to help prevent an aquatic emergency.
8. Absolutely no dunking or horseplay in the water.
9. Frisbees, footballs, and other sporting equipment are permitted in designated areas only when conditions are suitable.
10. Lifeguards have the right to refuse the use of personal flotation devices at any time.
11. Lifeguards have the authority to clear the water at any time.
12. All diapers must be covered with rubber pants.
13. No feeding the ducks, geese, or seagulls.
14. The use of radios, speakers, or CD players for music must be used at an appropriate level as deemed suitable by the lifeguards on duty.
15. The lifeguards have the right to act on any situation not expressly covered herein.



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DEER LAKE BEACH BOATING REGULATIONS

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Fishing Rules:

1. No fishing will be permitted inside or within 100 feet of the swimming areas. Bank fishing in the boat launch area is not allowed during normal beach hours. Beach hours are from 10:00AM thru 8:00PM Memorial Day through Labor Day.
2. There is an under-water shelf (shaded area) that projects out into the lake from the beach area (east end of the lake). It can be extremely hazardous if someone should step off the shelf. Water depth can change from 3 feet to 30 feet with one step. Always be cautious.

Boating Rules:

1. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on any boat.
2. When the parking lot for boat trailers is full, no more boats will be allowed to launch until another boat exits. Due to limited space, vehicles hauling boat trailers will not be allowed to wait in the parking lot for another trailer to leave. Violators of this rule will be issued a parking ticket and may lose Deer Lake launching privileges.
3. Violation of any rule or any of the State of Michigan safety regulations, could result in a possible penalty and/or loss of Deer Lake launching privileges.
4. All boats using Deer Lake must display the appropriate Township boat sticker on the starboard side.
5. No high-speed boating or pulling of water skiers prior to 11:00 a.m. or after 7:30 p.m. High speed boating means a speed at, or above, which a motorboat reaches a planing condition.
6. No more than two persons at one time on water skis behind the same boat. Boats pulling skiers must have an observer, other than the driver, watching skiers.
7. The west end of the lake has a slow NO WAKE speed zone. SLOW NO WAKE means a very slow speed whereby the wake or wakes created by the vessel is minimal.
8. There are limited one day permits for boaters who do not have a season. The one day permit must be purchased at Deer Lake Beach from staff on duty. Guest boaters must be off the lake when the beach closes because the boat gate is locked.
9. Boaters and skiers MUST stay 100 feet from the swimming area, a buoyed diver's flag, or a vessel moored or at anchor.
10. All persons operating vessels on the lake shall operate in a counterclockwise fashion, insofar as it is reasonably possible.
11. No swimming outside the swimming area. Diving from canoes, pontoons, sailboats, or similar craft is prohibited.
12. You MUST LOCK the boat launch gate each time you use the boat launch.
13. Boats are not to be docked over night at Deer Lake.
14. All marine rules will be enforced.



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BAY COURT PARK BEACH

Hours:

Memorial Day - Labor Day: 10:00AM- 8PM (hours may vary when school is still in session.)

Maximum Capacity - 200 people

General Rules

Rules and regulations are established by Township Ordinance and will be enforced.

Violations or misuse of the rules or property may result in loss of privileges.

Beach and Swimming Rules

1. Children 4 and under **must** be directly supervised by a person 18 or older in the water.
2. Children ages 5 - 11 **must** be directly supervised by a person 18 or older on the beach.
3. If any child is left unattended, the Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend privileges for use of the beach.
4. Alcoholic beverages, fires, pets and glass containers are not permitted.
5. Swimming allowed in designated areas only.
6. Playing or wading outside the swim area is prohibited.
7. All non-swimmers must stay in the shallow water to help prevent an aquatic emergency.
8. Absolutely no dunking or horseplay in the water.
9. Lawn chairs or similar furnishings are not allowed in the water.
10. Flotation devices, Frisbees and other sporting equipment permitted in designated areas only.
11. when conditions are suitable. Lifeguards have the right to refuse the use of personal.
12. floatation devices at any time.
13. All diapers must be covered with rubber pants.
14. No feeding the ducks, geese or seagulls.
15. No fishing will be permitted inside or within 100 feet of the swimming area.
16. The use of radios, tapes or CD players must be used at an appropriate level as deemed suitable by the parks staff.



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