

Responsible Pleasure Craft Operation - Lakeland Waterways

RESPECT, SAFE, PROTECT, ENJOY

Lakes and waterways in the District of Lakeland are intensely used therefore it is imperative to be safe, cautious, courteous and to show respect to other users at all times while enjoying the use of boats and pleasure craft of all types. As well, to ensure a pristine environment into the future requires being aware of and responding to the impact of our boats on the environment. The following is a list of Do's and Don'ts:

DO:

- Be aware everyone who uses or enjoys the lakes and waterways, whether boating, walking along the shoreline or actually living near the water has the same rights to enjoy the tranquility of the water. Boaters and pleasure craft operators should respect the rights of others who live or play along the shoreline.
- Every year review the Safe Boating Guide - Safety Tips and Requirements for Pleasure Craft by Transport Canada. Find at <http://www.tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety>.
- Wear a lifejacket or personal floatation device (PFD). While children under 10 years must wear PFDs at all times, a sufficient number in appropriate sizes must be readily available for all passengers. Refer to the Safe Boating Guide for proper fit and buoyancy testing procedures.
- Operators of pleasure craft are responsible to ensure all required safety equipment in workable condition is on board. Refer to the Safe Boating Guide for legislated minimum safety equipment requirements (boats, personal watercraft(PWC), sail boats, paddle boats, paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, rowboats, sailboards, etc.).
- All operators of powered watercraft (including electric trolling motors) require a Pleasure Craft Licence(PCL) and must carry the PCL, and personal identification on the boat, sail boat, PWC (e.g. Sea-Doo).
- Follow the nautical "rules of the road" for safe boating. Know and understand navigation lights, following, passing, etc. Refer to the Canadian Safe Boating Course Study Guide at www.boaterexam.com.
- Abide by the age and horsepower restrictions: under age 12 with no direct supervision may operate a boat up to 10 hp motor, ages 12 to under 16 with no direct supervision may operate a boat up to 40hp motor, under age 16 may not operate a personal watercraft(PWC), age 16 or over there are no horsepower restrictions.
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings and other users at all times.
- Be aware of your speed and the wake created by your boat or PWC. Be respectful of other users and slow down keeping your wake to a minimum when near other boats, PWCs, canoes, kayaks, and other pleasure craft, swimmers, anglers and the shoreline.
- Protect the shoreline from erosion and preserve aquatic vegetation. Large wake along the shoreline can damage boats, docks, and causes erosion that negatively affects aquatic habitat and bird nesting habitat. The legislated speed limit within 30 meters of a shoreline is a maximum of 10 km/hr.
- Avoid and steer clear of wildlife on the lakes including waterfowl, shorebirds, beaver, muskrat, etc.

DON'T:

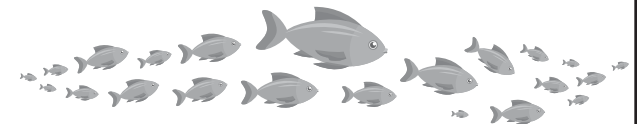
- Don't - tow anyone in a channel including the narrows at MacIntosh Point/McPhail Cove on Emma Lake, dredged channel and natural channel to North (3rd) Emma, Anglin Lake channel and under the bridge, Christopher Lake Slotten's Bay channel.
- Don't - travel at a speed that creates a wake (**so only use idle speed**) in any channels listed above or other restricted areas.
- Don't - tow anyone or anything without a spotter. This also includes a Personal Watercraft (PWC).
- Don't - operate near swimmers or anyone being towed on skies, boards, any type of water toy, etc.
- Don't- operate in shallow water where your prop or pump intake can stir up bottom sediments and destroy aquatic plants and affect sediment in fish spawning grounds.
- Don't - litter our lakes and waterways e.g. cans, bottles, cigarettes, plastic bags, etc.
- Don't - cause a disturbance by noise including keeping voices, music and other noises to a minimum near the shoreline of subdivisions and beaches. Be aware sound carries farther over water than over land especially in the evening. Be respectful and consider others right to enjoy the tranquility of the lake.

Lakeland Lakers If you do this ...

Any discharge of chlorinated water into fish bearing waters is considered an offence under the Fisheries Act Canada. This would include all forms of treated water including hot tub water and even city drinking water. Emma, Christopher, Anglin and McPhee Lakes each

have unique characteristics, but all are eutrophic or late stage lakes. Any additional nutrients, such as chemical fertilizers, feed algae and act to speed up the aging process. Vegetation along the shoreline will consume nutrients (natural and otherwise) before they get to the lake. Growing older is not optional even for lakes and trees, however we can sometimes make the process less painful.

What we do on shore ultimately affects our lakes. Care and planning will keep our lakes healthy into the future.



GBHPP and Lakeland Trails

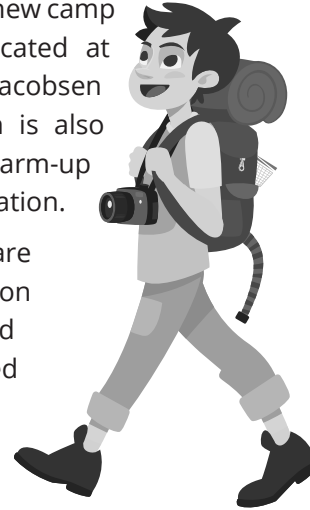
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The creation of Great Blue Heron Provincial Park (GBHPP) within the District of Lakeland is changing our landscape and providing visitors and residents with re-developed trails to explore (some still in construction). The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport is working to designate trails specifically for motorized and non-motorized use to provide everyone with a safe and enjoyable trail experience. This work is being completed through the park planning process in collaboration with the Park Advisory Committee.

In Saskatchewan, off road vehicles (ATV's, etc.) are illegal on all public roads. They are regulated for use on public land and require liability insurance. Riders require a driver's license and children ages 12-15 require an ATV safety training certificate and accompaniment of a licensed rider. A popular ATV trail runs adjacent to what has been known as hi-way #952 (910) / Poachers Road to the west of Okema Beach and connects to hi-way #953 northwest of North Emma 3 where several trail options continue north-eastward, eventually circling back to hi-way #263. Off road vehicles are prohibited in the Murray Point subdivision, campgrounds, beach and boat launch areas, so riders from this area must exit the subdivision via the north-south entrance ditch and proceed west to the Okema trail-head. All motorized users must stay on designated trails and keep wheels out of lakes, streams and ponds to protect fish/waterfowl habitat (see Fisheries and Oceans Canada link for related Do's and Don'ts <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Library/333554.pdf>).

The 5 km Valleyview Trail has been re-opened for hikers/skiers with access from a parking lot located along hi-way #953 northwest of North

Emma 3. The Anglin Lake ski/hike trails have also been re-worked with a new camp kitchen outbuilding located at the bridge west of Jacobsen Bay. The Tower Cabin is also available for use as a warm-up shelter or hiking destination.



These trails systems are becoming a key attraction for GBHPP and Lakeland and are being developed and maintained for the enjoyment of all users, motorized and pedestrian. The use of these trails is a privilege, and everyone must respect each other and the natural environment so that it can be enjoyed for generations to come. Maps of the pedestrian trails are available on www.saskparks.com, with motorized trail maps still in development.

Motorized violations or dangerous behaviour can be reported (depending on the infraction) to RCMP @ 310-7267, Conservation Officers @ 306-982-6250 or Lakeland Protective Services @ 306-982-4466. ***Above all please stay on the trails, use them responsibly and help preserve the beauty of our lakes and forests.***

FOR MORE INFORMATION REFER TO THE DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.lakeland521.ca



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