ABOUT THE LAKE GEORGE PARK

The Lake George Park and the Lake George Park Commission are established by articles 43 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law as a means for the people to protect and preserve one of New York’s greatest natural resources. The park consists of the lake and its surrounding land drainages basin including approximately 108 square miles of State Forest Preserve and 115 square miles of private property.

Like many natural resources today, the lake and its watershed are exhibiting the effects of human activity that come with increased use and development. There is concern that these changes will diminish the lake’s water quality. The open space qualities of the lake, which draw so many recreationalists, may be impaired at times as well. Conflicts, use conflicts and safety hazards are more frequently reported as lake use increases.

Through individual action, each visitor has a means to participate in efforts to protect the lake’s natural qualities and open space character. Careful use of the lake and compliance with the regulations contributes to a more enjoyable experience for everyone.

ABOUT THE LAKE GEORGE PARK TRUST FUND

Through boat and dock registration fees, users of the lake support a special trust fund for long-term efforts to protect a truly magnificent natural resource. Funds support the Lake George Park Commission Marine Patrol, water quality programs, aquatic plant management, and shoreline protection efforts.

WATER QUALITY

Lake George is the drinking water supply for most of the people who reside along its shores and adjoining communities. Please help us keep it that way.

It is not lawful to discharge any kind of noxious material into the lake. It is unlawful to launch or operate a vessel equipped with sanitary facilities such as toilets, sinks, showers, etc., which either or any may be allowed to discharge into the lake. All boats must be properly sealed.

MARINE PUMP-OUT

Several private marinas provide convenient pump-out services for marine facilities. A marine pump-out is available FREE of charge at Mabee Point Boat Launch.

LITTER

Please take care and use the proper disposal of garbage and other solid waste. The New York State Island Campgrounds are operated as “carry-in, carry-out” facilities.

MARINE PATROL MONITORS CHANNEL 16

Emergency Numbers

Emergency Fire, Ambulance, Police  911
Poison Control Center  1-800-336-6077
Marine Radio  Channel 16

Non-Emergency Numbers

LGPC Marine Patrol  Dispatcher 745-2300
Warren County Sheriff’s Patrol  Dispatcher 762-3350
NYS Fish & Game Commissioner Information  1-800-327-8248
Lake George Park Commission Administrative Office and Marine Patrol during normal business hours

518-663-1291

SPECIAL LAKE GEORGE REGULATIONS

PERSONAL NOISE

There are vessel sound noise control regulations on the Lake. These limits are strictly enforced. It is unfair to other lake users if you are aware of your boat’s complex. Emissions “ear-rays” prohibited. Please operate your vessel continuosly.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

It is illegal to anchor, moor or moor close within 200 feet of private property, except for fishing or excursions.

SPEED

Maximum speed on the lake is 15 MPH (25 MPH at night, 45 MPH to 55 MPH the LWS). Exceed the posted speed limits at your own peril.

SCUBA DIVING

No scuba diving is allowed within one mile of a private property or in any location where it will interfere with safe and free access to another person’s property.

ARTIFACTS

No proper shall interfere, move, or destroy any historic artifact or predecessor submerged in Lake George. These are marked and protected New York State Submerged Lands. Provisions under New York’s Environmental Conservation Law and the NYS Parks and Recreation by the state of New York. Any removal or alteration of an artifact is subject to penalties as set forth in the New York State’s Environmental Conservation Law.

PERSONAL FLOATION DEVICES

Dress Code: USCG approved PFD (life jacket) is required for every person on board, children under 12 years are required to wear the PFDs. No life jackets or water sports on the lake are expected to wear in about 2 years. Use PFDs. 

Other laws, regulations, and ordinances apply. Contact the Lake George Park Commission’s Administration Office or go to their website for more information.