

STRAUS LAKE USE RULES

Straus Lake serves as a pleasure boating and fishing venue for property owners and their houseguests.

NO SWIMMING in the lake due to risk of drowning or illness/death as a result of ingesting fecal coliform bacteria from the numerous waterfowl that frequent the lake.

No motorboats are allowed on the lake – only paddle powered canoes, kayaks, and other similar craft.

Per North Carolina Law, “all watercraft must have one Type I, II, or III personal flotation device (PFD) that is U. S. Coast Guard approved, wearable, and of the proper size for each person on board. Children 13 years of age and under must wear a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD when underway”.

Fishing is “catch and release only”.

The dock must be kept clear of obstructions at all times to facilitate safe foot traffic. **No storage of boats or canoes on the dock will be permitted.** Boats may be stored in the canoe rack next to the Lake House on a space available basis. Boats may be left in the water on temporary basis (example: over a week or weekend of heavy use). Otherwise, craft should be removed from the property.

Children 13 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult anytime they walk on or fish from the dock, beach or shore line.

Do not feed the ducks and geese. Their droppings are the cause of fecal coliform contamination of the lake water.

Please help keep the lake and adjoining area clean by properly disposing of all trash.

In case of emergency call: 911 - Fire - Police – Ambulance. A 911 phone is located under the pavilion next to the pool and should be used only in an emergency.

Leave the lake area and seek shelter under Lake House cover during electrical storms.

GENERAL INFORMATION

There will be no “authority figure” on duty at any time.

All residents and their guests will boat and fish “at their own risk”.

Each resident is responsible for the actions of their family and guests.

Assistance in keeping the lake, docks, and shore clean is greatly appreciated.

The lake is available for use from dawn to dusk. No nighttime use is allowed.

Infractions of any rules may result in the loss of lake privileges.

It is the **responsibility** of all property owners to communicate the above to their **children and guests**.