

## Introduction

The following list of rules and regulations governing activities in and around Lake Ripley should be used only as a general guide. It is not a complete list, and is subject to change as rules are revised or new ordinances are adopted. Please contact the appropriate local and state government officials for further details.



## Boating

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### Slow-No-Wake

*Slow-no-wake:* Defined as operating a motorized watercraft at the slowest possible speed while maintaining steerage control.

No person shall operate a motor boat or personal watercraft faster than slow-no-wake from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. daily.

No person shall operate a motor boat or personal watercraft faster than slow-no-wake within 200 feet of any shoreline.

No person shall operate a motor boat or personal watercraft faster than slow-no-wake within buoyed restricted areas. Restricted areas include portions of South Bay and Milwaukee (East) Bay.

No person shall operate a *motor boat* faster than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of piers, docks, rafts, and marked swimming areas. No person shall operate a *personal watercraft* faster than slow-no-wake within 100 feet of another personal watercraft, boat, pier, dock, raft, or marked swimming area.

### No-Motor Area

No person shall operate a motor of any kind (including trolling motors) within the horseshoe channel known as Vasby's Channel in South Bay.

### Public Boat Launch

No person shall use the public boat landing from May 1 to September 30 without first paying the posted launch fee and properly displaying a valid permit decal. Daily permit fee is \$7.00. Annual passes are \$20.00 for residents/landowners of Town of Oakland and senior citizens, and \$30.00 for all other users.

No person shall use the public boat landing from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

No person shall use the public boat landing for purposes of fishing or swimming.

No person shall engage in power loading (using a motor while loading and unloading watercraft from a trailer) at the public boat landing on Island Lane.

### Water Skiing

No person shall pull a water skier unless there is a competent observer in the boat in addition to the operator.

No person shall engage in water skiing or similar activity without wearing a Coast Guard-approved life preserver.

No person shall operate or use any boat, or manipulate any water skis, in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger anyone's life or property.

No person shall operate a motor boat engaged in water skiing within 100 feet of any occupied, anchored boat, personal watercraft, marked swimming area or public boat landing.

No person shall engage in water skiing during the 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m. slow-no-wake period.

No person shall direct or participate in any boat race, regatta, water ski meet or other water sporting event or exhibition unless authorized by the Town of Oakland.

### Evening Hours

No person shall operate a personal watercraft from sunset to sunrise.

No person shall operate a boat of any type from sunset to sunrise, and during periods of restricted visibility, without proper navigation lights.

### Age Requirements

No person under 10 years of age shall operate a motor boat.

No person between 10 and 12 years of age shall operate a motor boat unless accompanied by an adult, or unless that person has successfully completed a DNR-prescribed boating safety course and possesses a safety certificate.

No person under 12 years of age shall operate a personal watercraft.

No person between 12 and 16 years of age shall operate a personal watercraft unless that person has successfully completed a DNR-prescribed boating safety course and possesses a safety certificate.

### Other Boating Rules

No person shall operate a motor boat at a speed that is greater than reasonable and prudent, or in a manner that creates a hazardous wake.

No person shall operate a motor boat while any passenger sits or rides on the gunwales, tops of seats, backs or sides or on the decking over the bow unless such person is inboard of guards or railings (except for anchoring, mooring or casting off).

No person shall operate any boat beyond the safe carrying capacity of passengers or cargo, or to equip a boat with propulsion in excess of its safe power capacity, taking into consideration existing operating conditions.

No person shall operate a motor boat while intoxicated. Furthermore, no person shall permit an individual who is intoxicated or under the influence

of a controlled substance to be a passenger in a boat operated by that person except in cases of emergency.

No person shall unnecessarily activate any sound-producing device while on a boat.

No person shall operate a boat that is not covered by a valid certificate of number issued by the DNR.

No person shall operate a personal watercraft unless that person is wearing an approved personal flotation device.

No person shall operate contrary to any posted municipal boating ordinances.



## Swimming

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### Swimming Rules

No person shall swim from an unmanned boat.

No person shall swim more than 200 feet from the shore unless in a designated swimming zone or when accompanied by a competent person in a boat.

No person shall swim more than 200 feet from the shore between sunset and sunrise.

### Snorkeling/Skin-Diving

No person shall swim with a snorkel except in designated swimming areas or when complying with s. 30.70 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

No person shall engage in underwater skin diving, scuba diving, or swimming with use of swimming fins outside a marked swim area or beyond 150 feet from shore unless the location of such activity is marked by a diver's flag.

No person diving or swimming shall interfere with someone engaged in fishing.



## Fishing

### Fishing Rules

No person 16 years of age or older shall fish without possessing a current Wisconsin fishing license.

No person shall use more than three hooks, baits or lures while fishing.

No person shall leave a line unattended, possess live crayfish, or release unused bait into the lake.

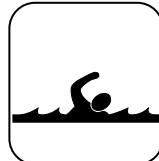
No person shall engage in motor trolling while fishing on Lake Ripley.

No person shall engage in fish sorting. Any fish taken into your possession which is not immediately released is part of your daily bag limit.

No person shall possess a fish that does not meet legal size requirements. Furthermore, no person shall possess a quantity of fish that exceeds the daily bag limit(s) for the particular species caught.

### Size & Bag Limits

Species	Season	Min. Length	Bag Limit
Small & Largemouth Bass	First Saturday in May through March 1	14 in.	5 in total
Northern Pike	First Saturday in May through March 1	26 in.	2
Bluegill, sunfish, crappie & perch	All year	None	25 in total
Walleye	First Saturday in May through March 1	15 in.	5
Muskellunge	First Saturday in May through November 30	34 in.	1
Bullhead, rough fish, rock bass, yellow & white bass	All year	None	None



## Miscellaneous

### Buoys

No person shall place a buoy in Lake Ripley without approval from the Town of Oakland.

No person shall molest or interfere with any buoys.

### Littering

No person shall leave, deposit, place, or throw on the waters, ice, shores of water or upon public or private property any cans, bottles, debris, refuse, solid waste material or fish parts.

### Ice Safety

No person shall leave a hole in the ice greater than 12 inches in diameter unless it is clearly marked.



## Shorelands

### Piers, Docks, Rafts & Decks

No person shall place a pier or other structure within designated sensitive areas without a permit. Sensitive shoreline areas on Lake Ripley include portions of South Bay and Milwaukee (East) Bay.

No person other than a riparian owner may place a pier or wharf. Although piers are private property of the riparian, someone wading along the shoreline may portage around a pier by the shortest route practicable on private property.

No person shall place a pier, dock or raft in a location where it unnecessarily obstructs navigation, or is not entirely confined to the owner's riparian zone.

No person shall place a pier in a manner that obstructs the free flow of water, or includes any features that trap or accumulate aquatic plants or sediment.

No person shall place a pier that extends past the greater of: 1) a boat length, 2) the 3-ft. water depth contour, or 3) a deeper contour if required by the draft of craft using the pier.

No person shall construct roofs, canopies, decks, water slides or similar structures on a pier or dock that is not essential for mooring watercraft.

No person shall place or maintain any raft that is not of modest size (10' X 10' suggested), or more than 150 feet from the shore without a DNR permit.

No person shall construct a deck that extends over the water.

### Burning of Yard Waste

No person shall burn yard waste within 25 feet of Lake Ripley or any channel or ditch that continuously drains water to the lake. Burning is further prohibited in streets, curbsides and ditches in Town of Oakland right-of-ways located within the Sanitary District.

### Shoreland Development

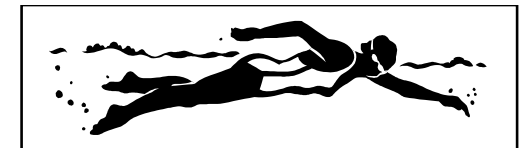
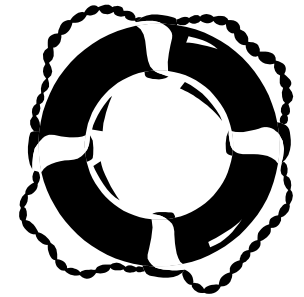
No person shall place structures--other than approved piers, boat hoists and boathouses--within 75 feet of the water's edge without proper permits.

Many activities (e.g. ditching, filling, grading, excavating, land clearing and shoreline reinforcement) that take place within 1,000 feet of the water's edge are prohibited without a permit. Check with your local zoning department and other appropriate regulatory agencies before proceeding.

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# Lake Ripley

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