

Swimming

SWIMMING is only allowed within 50 FEET OF THE SHORE, within a designated swimming area, within 20 feet of a private dock, or as incidental or necessary to recreational towing activities, or in an emergency.

SWIM at your own risk, no lifeguard on duty. Always swim with a partner.



SCUBA DIVING is prohibited.

Personal Watercraft

HOURS of operation are between 7:00 am and sunset

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT shall maintain a 100 ft distance from all other boats while operating above wakeless speeds.



PROHIBITED from spraying down any person or vessel in the water.

RIDERS shall wear personal flotation devices.

Recreational Towing Activities

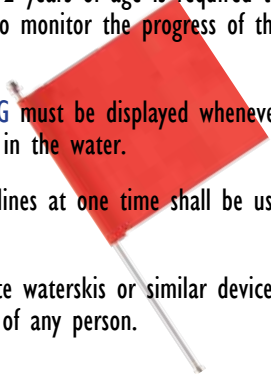
HOURS OF RTA including waterskiing, wakeboarding, tubing, etc. are between 7:00 am and sunset.

ALL BOATS engaged in RTA shall maintain a counter clockwise direction.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES shall be worn by person in the water.

AN OBSERVER at least 12 years of age is required to be on board the boat to monitor the progress of the person towed.

A RED OR ORANGE FLAG must be displayed whenever a person or equipment is in the water.



NO MORE THAN 2 tow lines at one time shall be used for RTA activities.

NO PERSON shall operate waterskis or similar device so as to endanger the life of any person.

Operations

RECKLESS OPERATION No person shall operated a boat, waterski, or similar device in a reckless or negligent manner. The owner and or operator are responsible for any damage caused by their boat, its wake, or its tow.

BE A SOBER BOATER. Alcohol and boating are a deadly mix.

BE A COURTEOUS BOATER. Stay 100 feet from other boats when underway.



CHILDREN under the age of 13 are required to wear a personal flotation device while on board a vessel that is underway.

ALL SAILING CRAFT have the right of way over motorized boats, except in an overtaking situation.

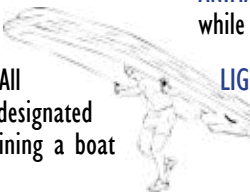
BOATING ACCIDENTS must be reported immediately to the Lake Patrol.



SPEED LIMIT 35 MPH maximum; 10 MPH from sunset to 7:00am; 5 MPH between buoys indicating same and the shoreline; 3 MPH in Papoose Bay, Canvasback Cove, Mallard Lagoon, Shore Acres, and Kidd Cove.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT All boats must be equipped according to California Boating Law safety requirements.

LAUNCHING boats requiring trailers may be launched only from designated launch ramps. All other boats may be carried and launched at designated recreational or public access points after obtaining a boat permit.



MOORING or tying to navigational markers is prohibited. Overnight mooring or beaching of boats along the shoreline is prohibited.

PERSONS 12 THROUGH 15 YEARS of age are prohibited from operating a vessel with more than 15 horsepower unless supervised on board by a person at least 18 years of age.

OPERATORS should maneuver boats slowly and carefully in unfamiliar waters since fluctuating Lake levels can cause unmarked natural or manmade hazards to occur.

General Regulations

LAKE PATROL officers are peace officers under state law and authorized to enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations in effect on the waters of Big Bear Lake.

BOAT PERMITS must be properly displayed on all boats and may be suspended or revoked when the permittee, owner or operator violates the terms and conditions of the permit, the Code or other requirements of the law.

BOAT SIZE REQUIREMENTS: Maximum boat length is 26 feet. Manually propelled boats less than 12 feet in length and fishing float-tubes are required to operate between 5 MPH buoys and the shore.

PADDLE BOARDS are considered a vessel and a life jacket is required on board.

PUBLIC DOCKS located at the boat launch facilities are for loading and unloading only; do not leave boat unattended or moor boat on the inside of dock after launch.

SANITATION: No refuse shall be thrown into or left on the shoreline of the Lake; no oil from a bilge pump shall be allowed to discharge into the Lake; no person shall deposit any type of fish, amphibian or plant life into the Lake.

VEHICLES are prohibited from driving on the Lake bottom. Vehicles on District property must obey posted speed signs and operate in accordance with the Vehicle Code.

ANIMALS must be on a leash no more than 7 feet long while on District property.

LIGHTNING STORMS can develop quickly in the mountains and lightning frequently strikes the Lake's surface. Boaters are advised to quickly seek shelter and safety.

Fishing

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is prohibited from the Dam or from within posted no fishing areas.

TROLLER ANGLERS should display a white trolling flag to indicate to other boaters that they are trailing a line.

FISHING BOATS should not impede safe access for waterskiers entering or exiting a designated ski beach.

State and local ordinances for enjoying Big Bear Lake

Management of Big Bear Lake

Big Bear Municipal Water District
40524 Lakeview Drive PO Box 2863
Big Bear Lake CA 92315



Big Bear Lake RECREATION AND BOATING MAP

Lake Patrol Dispatch & Main Office
(909) 866-5796

East Public Launch Ramp
(909) 866-5200

West Public Launch Ramp
(909) 866-2917



BOATERS BE FOREWARNED
FLUCTUATING LAKE LEVELS MAY RESULT IN UNMARKED HAZARDS

HAZARD
UNDERWATER HAZARD MARKER

Boat should not pass between this buoy and nearest shore.

These buoys mark known underwater hazards and shallow areas.

WHITE FLAG
RED FLAG

Fisherman trolling lines behind boat
Skier in water

CAUTION

When boating at night use safe speed and proper lookout
BUOYS, SS RELIEFS AND SHORE MAY OR MAY NOT BE LIGHTED



All vessels must be inspected prior to launching into Big Bear Lake.



MAP LEGEND

- BBQ Grill
- Fishing License Retailer
- Trout Fishing Spots
- Fuel Dock
- Handicap Accessible Fishing Pier
- Hospital
- Lifeguard Serviced Beach
- Marina
- Overnight Camping
- Picnic Area
- Popular Hand Launch Locations
- Public Fishing Dock
- Public Launch Ramp
- Restroom
- Waterski Beach
- Water Quality Monitoring Buoy

Absolutely no swimming beyond 50 feet of the shore. Be aware not all areas are specifically marked.

The perimeter of the Lake is 5mph zone as marked with buoys; this area and all bays and marinas are no wake zones.

Marks points in the Lake the District gathers water data throughout the season.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TIE TO A NAVIGATIONAL BUOY
Cal. Harb & Nav. Code §307

If you are having difficulty in your rental vessel
CONTACT YOUR MARINA DIRECTLY

Big Bear Lake Marina (909) 866-3218
 Captain John's Fawn Harbor (909) 866-6478
 Holloway's Marina (909) 866-5706
 North Shore Landing (909) 878-4386
 Pine Knot Landing (909) 866-7766
 Pleasure Point Marina (909) 866-2455