

**OFFICIAL LAKE OF EGYPT RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS POWER COOPERATIVE, MARION, IL 62959**

Lake of Egypt is a private lake; its primary purpose being to furnish water for the generation of electricity. The waters and shoreline may be used for recreational purposes subject to the following rules and regulations.

These rules are enforceable by SIPC Lake Patrol. The Illinois Department of Conservation and local law enforcement agencies including the sheriff's departments of Williamson and Johnson counties may also take action for any violations of state law and local ordinances and SIPC reserves the right to seek their assistance and/or to request prosecution of anyone violating state law or local ordinances. See IDNR website for official sundown times.

**1. SHORELINE AGREEMENT**

- A. Shoreline property owners who have a boat dock on or make use of the shoreline abutting their property shall execute a standard Southern Illinois Power Cooperative Shoreline Agreement.

**2. ZONING**

- A. **RECREATIONAL AREA:** All areas of Lake of Egypt except "Restricted Areas" are open to boating and fishing.  
B. **RESTRICTED AREA:** Areas marked "Restricted" are not open to recreation. Authorized boats only are permitted in these areas.  
C. **SKIING**  
Limited to northern wide area of lake.  
Skiers shall not ski closer than 100 feet from shoreline or buoyline.  
Skiers will ski in counterclockwise direction. This applies to Jet Skis also.  
No skiing after sundown.

**3. BOATS – TYPES PROHIBITED**

- A. Racing type boats.  
B. Boats with loud, open or uninhibited exhaust systems.  
C. Pontoon boats exceeding 28 feet and hull boats exceeding 20 feet.  
D. Boats with toilet, kitchen or lodging facilities.  
E. Boats (except when docked) that have closed sidewalls where all occupants are not visible to passing boats.  
F. Any boats using full ballast tanks or any other equipment, apparatus, or design for wake surfing.

**4. BOATING REGULATIONS**

- A. All provisions of the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act will be enforced on the Lake of Egypt. (See Manual).  
B. All boats shall carry a container acceptable for holding litter and refuse and must be emptied in litter barrels, not in lake.  
C. All boats will display anchor lights and, when moving, running lights after sundown.  
D. Boats will not anchor within 25 feet of lake buoys or buoy line.  
E. No one under the influence of alcohol may operate a boat on the Lake of Egypt.  
F. Racing is prohibited  
G. 35 miles per hour speed limit.  
H. **JET SKIS – State Law – same as for boats.**  
Not allowed on lake after sundown.

**5. FISHING**

- A. Bass tournaments, fish-offs or other competitive fishing events for prizes will register their events at a marina on Lake of Egypt. No bass tournaments or fish-offs will be allowed from June 1 thru September 30 except on a catch-measure-release basis.  
B. **NO TROT LINES OR JUGS ALLOWED IN SKI AREA OR COVES OFF THE SKI AREA. ALL TROT LINES AND JUGS MUST HAVE NAME AND ADDRESS ON EACH JUG AND TROT LINE. JUGS AND TROT LINES CANNOT BE PUT IN BEFORE 5:00 P.M. AND MUST BE REMOVED BY 8:00 A.M.**  
C. Crappie limited to 30 fish per day per fisherman.  
D. Largemouth bass – 4 fish per day < 14" in length and 2 fish > 16" in length.\*  
E. Walleye 14" minimum length – 6 fish per day.  
F. Hybrid striped bass 18" minimum length – 3 fish per day.  
G. **NO CASTING OF LURES WITHIN 10 FEET OF DOCKS, BOATS OR BOAT HOUSES.**  
H. Private fish and/or aquatic stocking prohibited.

6. Boaters will not anchor boats for picnicking or fishing within less than 100 feet of shoreline near residence so as not to interfere with the privacy of the homeowner.

7. Swimming is prohibited except at approved beaches marked by buoys. Air mattresses are prohibited outside of beach areas.

8. Skin diving, scuba diving and landing of sea planes in lake are prohibited.

9. The use of kite tubes is prohibited on the lake.

10. Wake surfing is prohibited on the lake.

11. Hunting is not permitted on or over the Lake nor is the transportation or discharge of firearms or other weapons permitted on or over the Lake.

12. Failure to abide by these rules will result in either arrest and/or denial or further use of Lake of Egypt.

**13. Chemical Treatment of Lake.**

WHEREAS, the lake is under the jurisdiction of State and Federal EPA Regulations, there shall be no chemicals or any foreign substances placed into, or allowed as runoff or leaching into, the water of the lake or on the property of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative.

14. These rules and regulations may be changed by the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative Board of Directors from time to time as necessary.

\* (< = Less than, > = Greater than)