



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:31-5-02 Use of outboard motors and power boats on wildlife areas.

Effective: January 1, 2023

Under authority of section 1531.06 of the Revised Code and after compliance with Chapter 1547. of the Revised Code, the chief of the division of wildlife orders that:

(A) No person shall operate (start/run) or permit to be operated a motor, other than an electric motor, to propel a vessel on water areas on the following state-owned or on controlled areas, or on water areas managed under agreement by the division of wildlife.

Barnesville reservoir #2	Belmont county
Barnesville reservoir #3	Belmont county
Barnesville reservoir #4	Belmont county
Belmont lake	Belmont county
Big island wildlife area	Marion county
Circleville canal	Pickaway county
Cooper hollow wildlife area	Jackson county
Darke wildlife area	Darke county
Delaware wildlife area	Delaware, Morrow, and Marion counties
Deer creek lake	Stark county
Deer creek wildlife area	Pickaway, Madison and Fayette counties
Grand river wildlife area	Trumbull county
Hammertown lake wildlife area (Jackson city reservoir)	Jackson county
Hebron canal	Licking and Fairfield counties
Indian creek wildlife area	Brown county
Ismond pond	Columbiana county
Lake Vesuvius	Lawrence county
Miller Blue hole	Sandusky county
New Lexington City reservoir	Perry county
Oberlin reservoir	Lorain county
Oldaker pond wildlife area	Highland county



Orwell pond wildlife area	Ashtabula county
Ottoville quarry wildlife area	Putnam county
Pleasant valley wildlife area	Ross county
Ruff pond wildlife area	Columbiana county
Spring valley wildlife area	Warren county
Timbre Ridge lake	Lawrence county
Tranquility wildlife area	Adams county
Wallace H. O'Dowd wildlife area	Athens county
Walhonding canal	Coshocton county
Waterloo wildlife area	Athens county
Wellington reservoir	Lorain county
Wolf creek wildlife area	Morgan county
Woodbury wildlife area	Coshocton county

(B) No person shall operate (start/run) or permit to be operated a motor, or combination of motors, exceeding a horsepower rating in excess of ten horsepower on the waters of Appalachian Hills wildlife area in Morgan, Muskingum and Noble counties, Greenfield lake wildlife area in Fairfield county, Jesse Owens wildlife area in Morgan County, Kokosing lake in Knox county, Rush creek reservoir in Fairfield and Perry counties, Veto lake in Washington county, Rockmill lake wildlife area in Fairfield county, Clouse lake in Perry county, Fox lake in Athens county, Monroe lake in Monroe county, Clark lake in Clark county, Grant lake in Brown county, Rush Run lake in Preble county, Jockey Hollow wildlife area ponds in Harrison county, Zepernick lake wildlife area in Columbiana county, and Highlandtown lake wildlife area in Columbiana county.

(C) No person shall operate (start/run) or permit to be operated a motor, or combination of motors, exceeding a horsepower rating of ten horsepower on Knox lake in Knox county, and Rupert lake in Vinton county unless motors in excess of ten horsepower are operated at idle speed and do not create a wake.

(D) No person shall operate (start/run), or permit to be operated any powercraft on any water area on Aldrich pond wildlife area in Sandusky county, Aquilla lake wildlife area in Geauga county, La Su An wildlife area Williams county, Fallsville wildlife area in Highland county, Fulton ponds wildlife area in Fulton county, Killdeer Plains wildlife area in Wyandot county, New Lyme lake in Ashtabula



county, Oxbow lake wildlife area in Defiance county, Resthaven wildlife area in Erie county, Ross lake wildlife area in Ross county, St. Joseph river wildlife area in Williams county, Shreve lake in Wayne county, Spencer lake in Medina county, Tycoon lake wildlife area in Gallia county, Wayne R. Carr lake in Paulding county, and Wingfoot lake in Portage county, unless the powercraft is operated at idle speed and does not create a wake.

(E) No person shall operate (start/run) or permit to be operated an electric motor exceeding four horsepower to propel a vessel on or within any water area owned or controlled by the division of wildlife.

(F) No person shall operate (start/run) or permit to be operated a motor, or combination of motors, exceeding a horsepower rating in excess of ten horsepower on any body of water on the American electric power recreation area.

(G) Vessels with higher horsepower motors may be present on the waters listed in this rule provided they comply with paragraphs (A), (B), (C), (D) (E) and (F) of this rule.

(H) No person shall operate (start/run), use, or permit to be operated or used, a boat on Barnesville reservoir no. 1.

(I) It shall be unlawful to operate watercraft on or within any water area owned or controlled by the division of wildlife in a manner that is not in conformity with posted regulations.

(J) All definitions set forth in rule 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code apply to this rule.