



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:47-5-03 Use of outboard motors and power boats on wildlife areas.

Effective: June 30, 2024

(A) It is unlawful for any person to operate (start/run) or permit the operation of a powercraft, other than a powercraft propelled by an electric motor, on the following water areas under the management authority of the division of wildlife.

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| 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 |
| Deer creek lake | Stark county |
| Deer creek wildlife area | Pickaway, Madison and Fayette counties |
| Delaware wildlife area | Delaware, Morrow and Marion 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 |



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| 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) On the following water areas, the presence of any portable or external liquid fuel container or any outboard motor, other than an electric motor, is prohibited. It is not lawful for any person to operate (start/run) or permit the operation of any watercraft propelled by an inboard or outboard motor other than an electric motor:

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| East Branch reservoir | Geauga county |
| LaDue reservoir | Geauga county |
| Mogadore reservoir | Portage county |

(C) It is unlawful for any person to operate (start/run) or permit to be operated a powercraft propelled by a motor, or combination of motors, with a horsepower rating in excess of ten horsepower on the waters of the following areas:

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| Appalachian Hills wildlife area | Morgan, Muskingum and Noble counties |
| Clark lake | Clark county |
| Clouse lake | Perry county |
| Fox lake | Athens county |
| Grant lake | Brown county |
| Greenfield lake wildlife area | Fairfield county |
| Highlandtown lake wildlife area | Columbiana county |
| Kokosing lake | Knox county |
| Jesse Owens wildlife area | Morgan county |



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| Jockey Hollow wildlife area | Harrison county |
| Monroe lake | Monroe county |
| Rockmill wildlife area | Fairfield county |
| Rush creek reservoir | Fairfield and Perry counties |
| Rush Run lake | Preble county |
| Veto lake | Washington county |
| Zepernick lake wildlife area | Columbiana county |

(D) It is unlawful for any person to operate (start/run) or permit to be operated a powercraft propelled by a motor, or combination of motors, exceeding a horsepower rating of ten horsepower, unless any such powercraft equipped with motors in excess of ten horsepower are operated at idle speed or at a speed that does not create a wake on the following water areas:

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| Knox lake | Knox county |
| Rupert lake | Vinton county |

(E) It is unlawful for any person to operate (start/run) or permit to be operated any powercraft on the waters of the following areas, unless the powercraft is operated at idle speed and does not create a wake:

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| Aldrich pond wildlife area | Sandusky county |
| Aquilla lake wildlife area | Geauga county |
| Fallsville wildlife area | Highland county |
| Fulton ponds wildlife area | Fulton county |
| Killdeer Plains wildlife area | Wyandot county |
| La Su An wildlife area | Williams county |
| New Lyme lake | Ashtabula county |
| Oxbow lake wildlife area | Defiance county |
| Resthaven wildlife area | Erie county |
| Ross lake wildlife area | Ross county |
| St. Joseph river wildlife area | Williams county |
| Shreve lake | Wayne county |
| Spencer lake | Medina county |



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| Tycoon lake wildlife area | Gallia county |
| Wayne R. Carr lake | Paulding county |
| Wingfoot lake | Portage county |

(F) It is unlawful for any person to operate (start/run) or permit to be operated an electric motor exceeding four horsepower to propel a vessel on or within any water area under the management authority of the division of wildlife.

(G) It is unlawful for any person to 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.

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

(I) It is unlawful for any person to operate (start/run), use, or permit to be operated or used, any watercraft on Barnesville reservoir no. 1.