

Lake Devin Community Fishing Project

Welcome to Lake Devin. We hope that your experience in our Park is a pleasant one. During your visits please be cautious and carefully follow all safety guidelines for activities in or around water, obey all ordinances, and watch for and follow all creel requirements.

Lake Devin is presently undergoing intensive management to improve the experience for anglers. Help us to reach our goal to provide the opportunity for an excellent fishing experience by following all guidelines and by reporting catches as requested. Please note that postings of creel may change periodically depending on the population of specific breeds in the lake.

We are in hopes that this short list of key park regulations will help to keep our Park and Lake pristine and of the highest quality for fishing and recreation. Please refer to the City of Oxford complete list of ordinances for all applicable regulations and ordinances.

KEY REGULATIONS & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Enforced by N.C. Wildlife Commission, Oxford Police Department, and City Staff

1. **DO NOT LITTER.** Please do not throw bottles, cans, wrappers, or paper on the ground or in the lake.
2. **NO SWIMMING. NO WADING.** No part of the body may enter the lake.
3. Rest rooms are located on the back side of the dam.
4. All boats must enter the lake at the boat ramp. All boats must be registered and in compliance with state law. Gas powered boats may enter the lake but engines **MAY NOT** be used and must remain in the locked upright position. Must be 16 or older to operate a boat on Lake Devin.
5. State Fishing License: State Laws Apply
 - *If you fish in the county in which you live (proof of residence required) a State License is required **ONLY** if you use artificial bait. (Lures, rubber worms, etc.) If you live in Granville County and you fish with worms you **DO NOT** need a State Fishing License.
 - *State License is required for anyone who lives outside of Granville County.
6. Lake Devin Fishing Permit: Purchase at City Hall in the Finance Office. (\$10 residents - \$12 non-res)
 - *A Lake Devin Fishing Permit is required for anyone 16 years and older to fish at Lake Devin. (Proceeds pay for Lake Management) Persons 65 and older may purchase a lifetime fishing permit.
7. Bank Fishing is permitted **ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS.** Only the dam and boat ramp area is designated at this time. City ordinance prohibits bank fishing in any other area of the lake.
8. A tackle loaner program will operate 7 days per week. Children under the age of 16 and seniors 65 and older may “check out” a rod and reel to fish. Guidelines will be posted at the “Loaner House” at Lake Devin and at the Recreation Department. The “Loaner House” will have limited hours but loaner rods may be obtained from the Recreation Department on McClanahan Street. A \$30 fee will be charged for damaged, lost, or unreturned rods and reels.
9. The use of “shiners” for bait is prohibited.
10. **DO NOT TAKE Israeli Carp.**
11. A Creel of only 6 catfish per day per person is strictly enforced.
12. A creel of 5 bass is enforced. Bass must measure 14 inches in length, except 2 of the 5 may be less than 14 inches. (Please watch postings for any changes that may be imposed by the Wildlife Commission)
13. No creel is required for bream, crape, sunfish etc.
14. The possession or consumption of alcohol in City Parks is prohibited.

WE ASK THAT YOU WEIGH IN YOUR CATCH EACH DAY AND ACCURATELY REPORT. THIS WILL HELP US AS WE WORK TO IMPROVE FISHING AND PROMOTE A PROPER BALANCE FOR SIZE AND WEIGHT. IF NO ONE IS IN THE LOANER HOUSE, PLEASE USE THE COURTESY BOX AND WEIGH STATION.

Fines and penalties are imposed in accordance with N. C. Wildlife Laws and City Ordinances

