



## Public Works/Lake Management

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### CEDAR LAKE

Cedar Lake is a 1,750 acre impoundment which was constructed by the City of Carbondale solely as a municipal water supply for Carbondale and surrounding communities. The City of Carbondale owns and regulates the lake, the water within the lake and oversees its watershed. Half of Cedar Lake's shoreline is owned by the City and half by the U.S. Forest Service as part of the Shawnee National Forest. Through a mutual agreement with both parties, limited recreational use was developed and is permitted on Cedar Lake. Users should be familiar with the complete regulations posted in the parking lot at the Carbondale boat launch, available to review at the City Clerk's Office and on line at [www.explorecarbndale.com](http://www.explorecarbndale.com).

### LAKE RULES & REGULATIONS

*(incomplete but simplified version)*

#### **Boats & Watercrafts**

**Only legally registered boats and canoes or kayaks with valid state water usage stamps, may be used on Cedar Lake.** No other floatation devices, inflatable rafts, inner tubes, surfboards, sailboards or paddleboards are allowed on Cedar Lake. All watercraft users must also comply with Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) regulations including all required safety equipment.

**Boat motors are limited to a maximum of 10 horsepower (hp)**, the only exception being officially authorized government watercrafts. **Boat motors must have factory affixed ID tags** containing the serial number, model number and horsepower rating. **Only 1 gas powered motor is allowed in the water at any time.** Individuals in boats with larger motors may use Cedar Lake but **any motor larger than 10 hp must remain unused and in the raised position at all times** (including during loading and unloading) while on the lake. Fuel lines shall be disconnected or propellers removed from motors larger than 10 hp, as well.

No tying off or docking of boats along the shoreline of Cedar Lake on City of Carbondale property, except at the designated, City access area. No unattended, overnight storage of boats or equipment.

No boating within 150' of areas marked with buoys as restricted, such as the water intake structure, the spillway and the swimming areas.

#### **Fishing**

*Anglers are subject to state IDNR regulations, plus...*

**Pole and Line fishing only** with a two pole maximum (2 hooks or lures per pole limit). *No jug fishing nor trot lines.*

**Large or Smallmouth Bass** 14" – 18" length protected slot limit (no possession); 5 fish under 14" length, 1 fish over 18" length, daily creel limit

**Striped, White or Hybrid Bass** – 17" minimum length limit; 3 fish daily creel limit

**Crappie (White, Black or Hybrid)** – 25 fish daily creel limit

### **Fish-Offs/Fishing Tournaments**

Any organized group of competing anglers on Cedar Lake (whether accessing from Pomona or Carbondale Boat Launch) must request permission in advance from the City of Carbondale. Fish-off/Fishing Tournament Permits are required for all events and must be approved by the City of Carbondale. All events are limited to a maximum of 20 boats. A \$25 fee is required for each scheduled fish-off /fishing tournament. Call the Lake Supervisor at 618/549-8441 for permit applications, information and scheduling. Statewide tournament permits are also required and issued by IDNR for all fishing competitions.

**No Swimming** or wading is permitted, except at the City of Carbondale's designated Poplar Camp Beach during regular beach hours. No jumping or diving off rocks, no snorkeling or scuba diving. No rock climbing on the City's Cedar Lake property.

**No Camping or fires** on the surrounding City of Carbondale's Cedar Lake property.

**Archery Deer Hunting** is the only hunting permitted on the surrounding, City of Carbondale's Cedar Lake property. To assist hunters, boats may be tied or docked along the City's shoreline during archery season only. No hunting in closed areas designated by No Hunting or No Trespassing signs and delineated areas on maps. Only temporary stands and blinds may be used and must be removed at the end of each day's hunt. No use of bark piercing nails or screws. No off-road vehicle use. Do not park blocking roads, drives or gates. Illinois Department of Natural Resources hunting regulations apply.

**No alcoholic beverages**

**Dogs must be leashed** and controlled while on the City's Cedar Lake property. No dogs may enter the water and owners or agents of dogs must clean up after their animals.

**No Littering – no exceptions!** – If you bring it with you when you come, take it with you when you leave. Dumpsters and recycling bins are available for users at the Carbondale boat launch for trash and litter found or generated while using Cedar Lake. No household or other garbage brought in from outside the Cedar Lake area may be left in dumpsters at the boat launch.

**Parking is permitted in designated (striped) parking spaces only.** No parking on roadways, on shoulders or on lawn areas unless such areas are specifically designated for parking.

**No motorized vehicle use off designated roads and parking areas.** No mountain bike, horse or pack animal use on trails or off designated roadways.

**Firearms and fireworks are prohibited**