

MAPLE LAKE REGULATIONS

1. **BASIC ELIGIBILITY** – The use of Maple Lake and the surrounding area, Washington Grove, Maryland, is restricted to those persons who reside in or own real property in the town.
2. **PERMITS** – Individuals or families eligible under paragraph 1 desiring to use Lake facilities are required to obtain (at no cost) a Lake Permit which shall be issued by a member of the Lake Committee or the Town Clerk, subject to these conditions:
 - (a) Permits shall be issued to each person in the household who is fourteen years or older.
 - (b) Permits are non-transferable.
 - (c) Permit holders may be required to produce their permits at any time while present at Maple Lake or the surrounding vicinity.
 - (d) Except as qualified in Paragraphs 3 and 7 hereof, only permit holders may use the Lake facilities.
3. **GUEST PRIVILEGES** – Permit holders are entitled to have guests at Maple Lake subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) All guests should be accompanied by persons holding valid permits.
 - (b) Permit holders shall not have guests at the Lake more than two days in any week except overnight house guests.
 - (c) Children between 14 and 18 years of age inclusive may have guests only with written parental consent and may have no more than two guests at any one time.
4. **RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS** – The use of Maple Lake and the surrounding area shall be subject to the following restrictions and prohibitions:
 - (a) Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by at least one parent or, with the consent of the parent, by another permit holder 18 years or older.
 - (b) Ducking, running, pushing on the dock, dangerous water games, or other dangerous activities are prohibited at all times.
 - (c) Swimming is prohibited at all times unless another qualified swimmer is present.
 - (d) Boats, rafts, or paddle boards shall not be used on the Lake, provide however that the reasonable use of plastic or rubber water devices may be permitted at the discretion of the lifeguard. Parents or guardians (18 years or older) must be in the water with their children and provide direct supervision during use of these devices.
 - (e) The deposit of refuse (littering) of any kind in the Lake area is prohibited at all times.
 - (f) No dogs allowed.
 - (g) All motorized vehicles including motorcycles are restricted to the parking area.
 - (h) Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except when prior written permission is granted by the Mayor for special events in accordance with Article 2B, Section 211 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
 - (i) No glass containers allowed at the Lake.
 - (j) The Lake and surrounding area must be evacuated when lightning or stormy weather threatens safety. The lifeguard or swimming instructor may determine when evacuation is required, as well as when use of the area may be resumed.
5. **FISHING** – Fishing in Maple Lake shall be in accordance with all applicable State laws and regulations.
6. **HOURS OF USE**– The use of Maple Lake or the surrounding area is restricted to daylight, provided however that use at any other time may be authorized at the discretion of the Mayor or Councilor in charge of the Lake.
7. **SPECIAL PARTIES** – Maple Lake or the surrounding area may be used for special parties sponsored by permit holders provided advance authorization in the form of a Lake Party Permit is obtained from a member of the Lake Committee. Such authorization shall not entitle any party to exclusive use of Maple Lake or the surrounding area at any time. See also Paragraph 4 above.
8. **ENFORCEMENT**– The regulations promulgated herein shall be enforced by the Mayor, any member of the Town Council, Lake Committee member, Lifeguard, or by any person so authorized in writing by the Mayor.
9. **PENALTY** –
 - (a) Individuals who violate these regulations may be expelled from Maple Lake and the surrounding area at any time.
 - (b) The Permit of any person found violating any regulation may be suspended by the Mayor or Town Councilor in charge of the Lake.
 - (c) A violation of these regulations shall be considered to be a misdemeanor and shall subject the offender to a fine not to exceed \$25.00 for each violation.
10. **USER'S RISK** – The use of Maple Lake and the surrounding area shall be at the individual's own risk at all times.