All vessels must possess required Coast Guard approved safety equipment applicable to each vessel's size and type.

Open for general boating Thursday through Monday.

- No person under 16 years of age may operate a motorboat of more than 15 HP, unless supervised on board by a person at least 18 years of age.
- All boats must have one type I, II, or III (V wearable) personal flotation device (PFD) for each person on board and one type IV ( throwable) in each boat. **NOTE:** All PFD's must be easily and readily accessible and in good working condition.
- All vessels must carry a fully charged type B-1 or equivalent fire extinguisher that is readily accessible.
- All motorboats or motor vessels except open boats, using gasoline as fuel shall have at least two ventilator ducts fitted with cowls or their equivalent.
- Vessels equipped with gasoline engines, except outboards must have a Coast Guard approved backfire flame control device that has a flame tight connection.
- Fuel leaks or spills of any kind are strictly prohibited and are grounds for termination. Remember, this is a drinking water reservoir.
- All boats must be properly muffled at all times to meet State and local noise requirements. No unmuffled or “dry stack” exhaust systems.
- Boats are prohibited from having on-board toilets/sinks.
- Maximum speed limit is 35 mph and is restricted to the skiing area.
- Maximum speed limit 100 feet of shoreline is 5 mph. Passing a tow line over another boat or skier or towing a skier within 100 feet of another boat, skier or downed skier is prohibited.
- If a boat operator is faced with a potentially unsafe situation (overcrowded), turn with fallen skiers) shut down operation of vessel. The vessel on the right or the vessel you overtake has the right-of-way.
- All PWC operators must sit securely in the boat.
- All passengers must sit securely in the boat.
- Direction of all vessels (except to pick-up fallen skiers) is counterclockwise. Vessels must follow set pattern to assure smooth water and safe boating. **Boat traffic is permitted to go both directions 100 feet of shoreline in the 5 mph areas when lake levels permit.**

- California boating law, local rules and common boating courtesy must be observed at all times.
- Operators and passengers must wear a PFD. Children 12 years or less must wear a PFD when vessel is underway.
- Speeding, racing or reckless operation is strictly prohibited.
- During adverse weather (wind, lightning, etc.) proceed to nearest shoreline or, if safe, the public dock.
- Anchoring of any type of watercraft on the Restricted Area Buoy line is prohibited.
- All personal watercraft are classified as Class A inboard vessels, therefore, operators must follow the same rules of operation which govern all boats in any waterway. In addition, all local rules and regulations must be observed at all times.
- Reservoir is open for three-person personal watercraft (PWC) only on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May through October) and Sundays only (November through April).
- PWC which carry three passengers may tow in the ski zone.
- No freestyle or turns greater than 30 degrees. All PWC’s must follow straight counter clockwise direction in tow operation which govern all boats in any waterway. In addition, all local rules and regulations must be observed at all times.

**Fishing**

- Watch for downed skiers. A red flag being displayed means a skier is in the water.
- Minimum speed limit on the course will be 20 mph. If your craft cannot maintain 20 mph you are required to travel in the 5 mph zone around the perimeter of the reservoir.
- Minimum size limit for bass is 12”.
- No fishing is permitted within 100 feet of the boat dock or the courtesy dock.
- While on the ski course (refer to map) all boats must use proper course direction.

*There are no fish cleaning stations provided within the City of San Diego’s Reservoir and Recreation Program.*

It is your responsibility to learn and observe all rules and regulations pertaining to recreational activities at this reservoir. Violators are subject to citation, eviction from premises (without refund) and restrictions from future use of the reservoir.
Lowell Island DAM

North Pt.

Mussey Pt.

Barona Cove

Hopkins Cove

Benwood Cove

Saddle Dam

Surge Tank

Spill Way

Launch Ramp

Foster Point

Rec Station

To Lakeside

Moreno Ave.

Locker Gate

To Lakeside

San Vincente Creek

Kimball Arm

Sneed Homestead

No Wake Zone

Controlled Use Zone

Wake board Area

Special Permit Required

On Water Contact Days

No Wake Zone

Slow Tow Zone

10 mph max.

Tow Zone I

35 MPH MAX.

Tow Zone II

35 MPH MAX.

Controlled Use Zone

Slalom Course Area

Special Permit Required

On Water Contact Days

No Wake Zone

Restricted area no public access

Slow tow zone 10 mph max speed

Orange turn buoy counter clock wise

Counter clock wise travel direction

Open water 35 mph maximum speed

5 MPH within 100’ of shoreline

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