




What Are The Swimming Regulations For Lake Decatur?



Swimming is allowed on Lake Decatur with specific guidelines. These rules, from City Code Chapter 66 *Regulation of Lake Decatur*, are necessary to allow both swimmers and boaters the opportunity to safely enjoy the Lake. The regulations are:

When swimming at any Lake location:





-  Diving "head first" is prohibited.
-  Skin diving or scuba diving is prohibited except that permission may be granted by the Lake Manager to a certified diver.
-  Swimming, skin diving or scuba diving is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

When swimming out of boats:



-  Swimming out of boats is allowed only in no wake areas, within 25 feet of boats.
-  Swimming out of boats is prohibited in areas adjacent to Nelson and Chandler Parks, all boat ramps, bridges and navigational channels.

When swimming from docks or shoreline:

-  No person shall swim from any dock or property adjacent to the Lake without the owner's consent.
-  The owner of any dock or property adjacent to the Lake shall permit no swimming from the dock or property by children under the age of 16 years unless an adult who is an expert swimmer is present.
-  There shall be no swimming from any dock or property adjacent to the Lake beyond 50 feet from shore.
-  Swimming from bridges, bridge piers, or bridge approaches is prohibited.