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Lake Arrowhead/Nebraska State Boating, Fishing, Rules, Regulations

*The following information was from the Nebraska Game and Parks Private Waters/Fishing Guide

- The issue of private waters raises several common questions. What constitutes a private pond that doesn't require anglers to have a valid fishing license? The only exception to the requirement of a valid license is when a body of water is entirely on private land, has been entirely private stocked with private hatchery-reared fish and doesn't connect by inflow or outflow with other waters outside the pond owner's property. An unlicensed angler who catches fish from such a body of water and wants to remove them from the premises must have a written statement from the pond owner listing the pond owner's name and the number of fish taken.
- Anglers must observe statewide bag and possession regulations. A valid fishing license is required of those of an age requiring a fishing license, including the pond owner. If they wish, pond owners may restrict anglers to more restrictive regulations. It is important for anglers to remember that it is a privilege to fish private ponds, and they must respect the land they are on and the pond in which they are fishing.
- Nebraska anglers are limited to no more than 2 lines with a max of 2 hooks on each line-one hook means single, double, or treble hooks.
- Nebraska ice fisherman can have a total of 5 lines with 2 hooks per line. Each line must be under direct supervision and within unaided observation of the angler. Holes may not exceed 10 in diameter.
- It is illegal to use limb lines or set lines in any pond, lake, or reservoir.
- It is unlawful to release any non- native fish, reptile, or amphibian in waters of the state or release any fish in any public/private waters in the state except in which it came. (Private-without written authorization from Lake Arrowhead Board of Directors.)
- It is illegal to release baitfish or any fish caught from a different body of water into public or private waters. (Private waters- without written consent from Lake Arrowhead Board of Directors).
- ***NEW* Aquatic Invasive Species Regulations-** Any boat that has been on a water body **MUST** drain all water from their compartments, equipment or containers **BEFORE LEAVING** the launch area. All aquatic vegetation from that water body must be removed **BEFORE LEAVING** the launch area. Felt sole boots or waders are not allowed to be used in Nebraska waters.
- Zebra and quagga mussels can survive up to 2 weeks out of water, so after boating in infested water (**Offut Air Force Base Lake, Cunningham Lake, Zorinsky Lake, Spirit Lake, IA, Lake Okaboji, IA, Storm Lake, IA, Blackhawk Lake, IA, Lake Manawa, IA, Lewis and Clark Lake, NE and the Missouri River**) and before launching your boat in a different body of water, rinse boat and all equipment with hot tap water more than 140 degrees F. Spray boat and trailer with a high pressure sprayer or dry boat and all equipment for at least 5 days. Vinegar can also be used to kill Zebra Mussels. Please see updated list of infested waters on NGPC website NEinvasives.com.

*** Lake Arrowhead has an invasive plant called Brittle Naiad. Curly Leaf Pondweed is another invasive aquatic species found in area lakes.** These weeds can grow in thick mats to the surface and displace native vegetation and create boating and swimming hazards. These plants only need a small fragment to expand rapidly in a new water body. Brittle Naiad and Pondweed is easily transported by trailers and or bilge pumps/live wells. Remove all plants and inspect boat trailers before you leave the launch area. It is the law! **Help prevent the spread of weeds into Lake Arrowhead and other lakes.** Two local lakes that have Curly Leaf Pondweed are Prarie View Lake near

Bennington, NE and Summit Lake near Tekamah. Other lakes infested near Omaha include Walnut Creek near Papillion and Standing Bear Lake in Omaha.



Brittle Naiad

- * Run the water out of the lower unit
- * Clean, drain, dry your equipment. Flush water with an empty gallon milk or juice jug with clean tap water.
- * Report dumping or pollution activities to the Environmental Protection Agency toll free 1-800-223-0425.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Aquatic Invasive Species are spread by hitchhiking on boating and fishing equipment.

Protect Nebraska's waterbodies by following these procedures:



AFTER BOATING, BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE LAUNCH:

Remove all visible plants, animals, fish and mud from your boat, trailer or other equipment and **dispose of in a suitable trash container or on dry land.**



AFTER BOATING, BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE LAUNCH:

Drain water from bilge, live wells, ballast tanks and any other locations with water before leaving the launch. Invasive species can survive in **small amounts of water.**



BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE LAUNCH TO GO BOATING:

Dry your boat, trailer and all equipment completely. Drying times vary depending on the weather. Dry at least **5 days** during the summer.



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- Daily Bag Limit- The # of fish harvested from midnight to midnight the following day taken by all legal methods combined. No person may possess more than one day's bag limit of fish while on water or actively fishing.
- Possession Limit- The total # of fish that a person may possess in portable coolers, home freezers, or in any way under their control. Fish placed in public storage or transferred must be labeled with the owners name, address, phone #, date of birth, signature, date taken, species, and # of fish taken, and name of recipient, if transferred.

*How to measure fish-Lay the fish on its side with its mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together, with a tape measure under fish, measure from the tip of snout to the edge of the tail. Do not follow contour of the fish.

- Any fish that is not to be counted in the daily bag limit must be returned to the water immediately. Any fish placed on a stringer or container must be counted in the bag limit. Culling and high grading is not allowed.
- Minimum Length Limit- A fish must be equal to or longer than the defined length to be legally taken.
- Maximum Length Limit- A fish must be shorter than the defined length to be legally harvested.
- Protected Slot Limit- A range of lengths of a particular species that may not be harvested legally. Example- 18 to 24 inch slot limit on walleye means that only walleye less than 18 inches in length or greater than 24 inches in length may be harvested legally. All other walleye within this limit must be returned to the water.
- One Over Length Limit- The # of large fish that may be harvested may be limited on certain species. Example- A limit of 4 walleye over 15 inches can be a full legal limit however only 1 may be over 22 inches, each daily limit. Any limit with 2 or more fish over the set one over length limit is OVER LIMIT.
- Nebraska Master Angler Applications available at OutdoorNebraska.org or in any Nebraska Fishing Guidebook available at tackle/retail stores.
- Stop Poachers- call 1-800-742-7627, to report game violations, callers can remain anonymous, and might be eligible for cash reward.
- *Local Nebraska Game and Parks officer/Jon Reeves (Kennard) 402-889-8508

Lakeland Estates/Lake Arrowhead Rules

- No fishing from the boat dock or beaches. The boat dock is there for people to get their boats in and out of the water. If you want to fish from shore, fish from the dam. Lakeland Permit must be displayed at all lakeside parking (Beach, Dam,) permits available at the office. This helps reduce trespassing.



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- Boat ramp and beach access areas are open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. The boat ramp is to be locked at all times. This helps reduce trespassing and helps keep invasive species out of Lake Arrowhead. Boat ramp keys are available only to shareholders with boats registered at the office. New boat sticker ID's are issued every year and must be displayed on the watercraft at all times! Boat stickers also available at the office. Any boat on Lake Arrowhead without a valid boat sticker ID will be asked to leave immediately.
- No jumping or diving from the ramp-There are no lifeguards, the water isn't that deep for diving and you may damage the dock.
- All dogs must be on a leash and registered with the office.
- Only electric trolling motors are allowed on Lake Arrowhead. No gas motors are allowed.
- No fires are allowed on the beaches. BBQ grills are located at the shade pavilions at both the north and south beaches.
- Stay away from the drop inlet and the outflow/emergency spillway. These structures are very dangerous for children, please don't allow them to play near them.
- Do not throw rocks from the dam or boat launch area, they help prevent erosion and stabilize the bank. Refilling these areas are costly.
- Do not dump baitfish minnows, night crawlers-worms, or other bait into the lake. Place unused or unwanted bait in the garbage. You can accidentally introduce invasive or nuisance species to the lake.
- **No unpermitted unauthorized fish stocking.** You can introduce invasive or undesirable species to the lake. It is illegal! We stock the lake regularly, consult with Nebraska Game & Parks and manage the lake for certain species of fish, simply dumping any random species trying to establish a new population of fish only creates more problems for managing the lake for fishing. You may be doing more harm than good!