

LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR

The Little Creek Reservoir is a major storage reservoir for the Virginia Peninsula. The reservoir has a depth of 60 feet, a surface area of 947 acres and holds 7.4 billion gallons of water. Newport News Department of Public Utilities (Waterworks) completed construction of the reservoir in 1981. Although the City of Newport News owns the Reservoir, the recreation activities are regulated by James City County, Department of Parks and Recreation.

For the Reservoir to serve both water supply needs and recreational activities we must maintain and enhance the environment. Please consider the following recommendations to help maintain the lake for future recreational use.

1. **RESPECT WILDLIFE.** Please don't take more fish than you will use. If they are little put them back. Observe wildlife from a distance, where the animals or nests won't be disturbed.

2. **PROTECT MARINE ANIMALS FROM TRASH.** Trash such as plastic six-pack rings and old fishing line will injure and kill marine animals. Marine animals and sea birds mistake trash for food, the often ingest it or get tangled in it. The animals will die in both cases.

3. **MAINTAIN PLANT LIFE.** Please do not dig up plants to take with you. The plants reduce soil erosion and provide food for animals.

4. **BE A RESPONSIBLE BOATER.** Go slowly, boat wakes cause erosion, and stir up sediment. Cloudy water retards aquatic plant life. Make sure that children wear life jackets while in the boat. They are your most precious possessions don't risk losing them.

5. **PROTECT THE RESERVOIR.** Remember the Reservoir is a source of drinking water. Every effort should be made to protect the water from pollution. Don't dump anything in the water!

6. **KNOW THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.** Become familiar with the rules of the Reservoir, they are designed to benefit all of us. Obtain a copy from the James City County, Department of Parks and Recreation. Phone: 804-566-1702 & 804-220-4700

