

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
GOLD FIELDS DISTRICT
FOLSOM SECTOR

ORDER NO. 690 – 011 -2023

January 1, 2023

THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ORDER NO. 690-011-2022

Water Safety

1. No person shall operate any motorized craft in excess of five (5) miles per hour on Folsom Lake, as follows:
 - a. Within 200 feet of any shore, boat launching facility, or designated mooring area.
 - b. In posted areas, or areas designated by marked buoys.
 - c. In areas not defined herein which are subject to regulation by the Harbors and Navigation Code.
 - d. Radio- or remote-controlled model boats shall not operate at over 5 MPH within 50 feet of any swimmer, bather, designated swim area, dock, or boat launch facility (model boats may be operated at greater than 5 MPH in other areas within 200 feet of shore).

2. Vessel operation on Lake Natoma is in accordance with the following:
 - a. Motorized craft shall not be operated in excess of five (5) MPH. (Includes radio- or remote-controlled model boats, and craft powered by electric trolling motors.)
 - b. No person shall water ski or operate personal watercraft. Personal watercraft is defined as a vessel thirteen (13) feet in length or less, propelled by machinery, that is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel [Harbors & Navigation Code section 651(s)].

3. All areas of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area are open to bathing, as defined in Harbors and Navigation Code section 651.1, except the following:
 - a. The docks, floats, breakwater, and mooring areas of Folsom Lake Marina at Brown's Ravine.
 - b. The buoyed areas at Folsom Dam, Nimbus Dams, and the Folsom South Canal.
 - c. Areas immediately adjacent to, in front of, and 500 feet out from all launch ramps.
 - d. Nimbus Shoals, between the Hazel Avenue Bridge and Nimbus Dam.
 - e. Other specifically identified areas may be posted.

4. Inflatable device may be towed behind motorized craft in the Folsom Lake “open zone” only under the following conditions:
 - a. The device must be designed and manufactured for towing.
 - b. The towrope shall be no longer than 75 feet.
5. Skim boarding is prohibited on all designated swim beaches, and within 50 feet of any swimmer, bather or pedestrian within Folsom Lake State Recreation Area.
6. Parasailing is prohibited on Folsom Lake
7. Boat launching is prohibited at all times in the area known as Nimbus Shoals on the America River between the Hazel Avenue Bridge and Nimbus Dam.
8. All areas of Folsom Lake State Recreation Area are open to fishing, except for the following:
 - a. The shoreline of Folsom Lake Marina basin, beginning 50 feet west of the boat sanitation station, and extending around the marina basin to 50 feet beyond the last stairway and dock at the southeast end, as posted.
 - b. Within 50 feet of any portion of the designated launch ramps, including the low water ramps.
 - c. All courtesy docks, fuels docks, marina docks and floating restrooms.
9. Parking is prohibited on all Folsom Lake State Recreation Area launch ramps. Ramps are for the immediate launching and de-launching of vessels.

Exception to this order may only be granted in writing by the Gold Fields District Superintendent at 7806 Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom, CA 95630.

Nothing herein shall be construed in derogation of other provisions of the law.

So Ordered:

Signature of Barry C. Smith on file
Barry C. Smith, District Superintendent

1/1/2023
Date

AUTHORITY: California Public Resources Code, Sections 5003 and 5008
 California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Section 4301(i), 4326 & 4358, 4650, 4675 and 4660.