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HUNTING RUN RESERVOIR

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NI RIVER RESERVOIR

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS
for
2021 Operating Season**

Scheduled Operating Dates –

Hunting Run Reservoir

Open Saturdays and Sundays beginning March 6, 2021
through March 28, 2021

Open Each Week on Thursday, Friday,
Saturday and Sunday from
April 1, 2021 – October 10, 2021 & October 11, 2021
and the following Holidays:
Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2021
Labor Day – Monday, September 6, 2021
Columbus Day – Monday, October 11, 2021

Ni River Reservoir

Open Saturdays and Sundays beginning March 6, 2021
through March 28, 2021

Then beginning in April – Open Each Week on Saturday, Sunday,
Monday and Tuesday from
April 5, 2021 – October 11, 2021

Ni River Reservoir and Hunting Run Reservoir Parks will close for the season beginning
Tuesday, October 12, 2021
**Spotsylvania County reserves the right to change or alter schedule of operations at any time for
the 2021 Operating Season.**

HUNTING RUN AND NI RIVER RESERVOIR RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Prohibited Uses:

1. All water contact sports such as wading, swimming, scuba diving, and skiing which will endanger or cause to change the purity of the domestic water supply are prohibited.
2. Any recreational device that includes water contact; such as surf boards, inner tubes, paddle boards (exception – paddle boards are allowed at Hunting Run Reservoir only), floatation devices, etc.
3. Littering, organic and inorganic, is prohibited.
4. Camping is prohibited unless authorized by the Board of Supervisors.
5. Persons willfully marking, defacing, or damaging public equipment, supplies or utilities are punishable in accordance with the Violations Section of the Ni River Reservoir Ordinance.
6. Fishing or accessing reservoirs from any property or source other than at each reservoirs respective park/recreation area facility is prohibited at any time, regardless of whether reservoirs are open or closed.
7. Home made vessels with no Coast Guard approved placard designating capacities.

Hours of Operation:

The Reservoirs recreational facilities shall open at 6:00 a.m. and shall close at sunset or 8:00 p.m., whichever comes first. Days and dates of operation will be posted at each site for the seasons operations. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries sunrise/sunset table for Fredericksburg Virginia will be the official time used to determine sunset each day. It shall be a violation to access reservoirs from any property or source, other than the designated recreation areas, at any time of normal operations after hours or during the non-operating season and will be enforced and punishable to the full extent of the law. All access is to be controlled through the reservoir recreation access points unless official business is being conducted by proper agencies of Spotsylvania County or the State of Virginia. Spotsylvania County reserves the right to change, alter or close reservoirs at any time or for any reason. Patrons wishing to rent equipment may do so at any time during the operating hours. However, if closing time is sooner than the 3 hr. minimal rental period. Patron shall return equipment 15 minutes prior to designated closing time for the day but are required to pay the full minimal rental fees. All patrons not returning by their designated rental agreement or sunset/closing times shall be subject to trespassing laws punishable by law.

Fees and Charges:

1. Launching: (Fees apply to all rented equipment and all personal watercraft launches)
County Residents (Spotsylvania only) Daily Launch.....\$2.00
Non-County Residents Daily Launch.....\$4.00
County Residents (Spotsylvania only) Seasonal Launch Pass..... \$10.00
Non-County Residents Seasonal Launch Pass..... \$40.00

* Launch Fees apply to all persons launching boats (no exceptions for age, active military or handicap)

Boat and Equipment Rentals – Continued:

2. Boat and Equipment Rentals: (See next page for Senior Citizen Fees)

Boat and Motor

Per hour.....\$6.00
(Minimum charge - \$18.00, Maximum charge - \$48.00)

Boat and Oars

All day.....\$20.00 (more that 6 hours)
Half day.....\$12.00 (6 hours or less)

*Battery.....\$12.00 All Day \$7.00 Half Day
Life Preservers\$1.00
Motor\$15.00 All Day \$10.00 Half Day

*Note – It is strongly recommended that a second battery is rented when planning to be on the water for more than three (3) hours.

3. - Spotsylvania Resident Seasonal Access Pass for Ni River and Hunting Run\$15.00
- Fredericksburg/Stafford Resident Seasonal Access Pass for Ni River and Hunting Run\$18.00
- Non Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg or Stafford Seasonal Access Pass for Ni River and Hunting Run\$25.00
4. Access Fees: Daily - Spotsylvania Resident.....\$3.00
Daily - Fredericksburg/Stafford Resident.....\$5.00
Daily - Non-County/Non-City.....\$7.00
Seasonal – Spotsylvania Resident for Ni River/
Hunting Run.....\$15.00
Seasonal – Fredericksburg/Stafford Resident for Ni River/
Hunting Run.....\$18.00
Seasonal – County Resident for Ni River Only\$8.00
Seasonal – County Resident for Hunting Run Only\$8.00
Seasonal – Fredericksburg/Stafford Resident – Ni River Only...\$10.00
Seasonal – Fredericksburg/Stafford Resident –
Hunting Run Only...\$10.00
Seasonal – All others – Hunting Run/Ni River (Non Spotsylvania,
Fredericksburg or Stafford)\$25.00
The following are not charged for permits:
NO CHARGE – For Access Permits
Youth under 16, Senior Citizens age 62 or older, Active Military and
Handicapped

***NOTE – ALL FEES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

5. Senior Citizen Fees: (Apply to 62 and older)

Boat and Motor

Per hour.....\$5.00

(Minimum charge - \$15.00, Maximum charge - \$40.00)

Boat and Oars

All day.....\$18.00 (more than 6 hours)

Half day.....\$10.00 (6 hours or less)

(*Note – All Fees are Final. No Refunds. No Exceptions.)

Size/Creel County:

Size/Creel count shall apply as posted. Each person shall submit their catch for creel count and inspection.

Rules and Regulations for Boating and Fishing

1. Each boat shall be equipped with a Coast Guard approved life preserver for each passenger. All children age thirteen (13) and under shall wear a life preserver at all times while a passenger in a boat on the lake. Life preservers must be available on board boat for each passenger – Throw cushions cannot be substituted for life jackets. Therefore, all boats shall be subject to inspection and only allowed to launch/access reservoirs from either of the respective reservoir recreation facilities at Ni River and Hunting Run Reservoirs.
2. The authorized weight carrying capacity noted on each boat shall not be exceeded. This shall include both the equipment and persons.
3. Any boat that is Coast Guard approved will be permitted on the reservoir. Boat must have stamp or seal showing that it is Coast Guard approved.
4. All canoes, rafts, or boats used on reservoir are subject to inspection for zebra mussel or nuisance species contamination and shall be certified safe to carry passengers by the Parks and Recreation Department or the department's authorized personnel of the water filtration plant and/or the state, local and federal law enforcement agencies.
5. Each person shall submit his/her catch to authorized personnel at the check-in station for inspection and a creel count.
6. No seines, traps, or other special fishing devices will be permitted in the lake to take fish.
7. No gasoline motors or boats with gasoline engines mounted to them will be permitted on Ni River Reservoir. Motors will be allowed on Hunting Run Reservoir but must be disconnected from the fuel tank and remain out of the water while on reservoir at all times.
8. Reckless boating will not be tolerated and is punishable in accordance with all local and/or state laws.

9. Persons under the age of 18 may not rent a boat unless accompanied by an adult. The use of a 12 volt electric motor is permitted.
10. State fishing regulations shall apply. Creel and limits shall be posted at each site and shall not be exceeded.
11. State issued fishing licenses and access permits are required while on the reservoirs. Persons will temporarily surrender their Driver's License for the taking of information upon payment of daily access fees and/or the rental of equipment. The driver's license will be returned upon the satisfactory return of rental equipment.
12. All boats and rental equipment must be returned to the check-in station thirty (30) minutes prior to the rental or closing period, whichever applies to the individual renter. These times will be determined prior to renter accessing reservoirs.
13. Persons renting equipment are liable for loss or damage of boats, oars, life preservers, motors and are responsible for reimbursement to the county at a cost to be determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation.
14. Bank fishing is permitted only in designated areas. All persons bank fishing must be registered at the check-in station. Youths under 16 years of age, adults 62 years of age or older, active military, and handicap persons may fish without charge in areas designated for bank fishing.
15. All personal property while on County property is subject to search by County staff and all law enforcement agencies.
16. Pets must remain on leash at all times while on park property. Note – Horseback riding is not allowed at either Ni River or Hunting Run Reservoirs respective park facilities.
17. Common Courtesy shall be expected to allow as many patrons as possible fishing access to any or all piers during hours of operation.
18. All fees charged for rental of equipment and or access permits shall be non-refundable. No Exceptions.
19. It shall be the responsibility of each person fishing on reservoirs to complete a catch and creel report at the conclusion of every visit to either Ni River or Hunting Run Reservoir.
20. Spotsylvania County reserves the right to physically inspect each vessel for Catch and Creel Regulations enforcement and counts.
21. Persons renting boats and equipment are responsible for knowing and not exceeding the limits of each boat as per the plaque attached to each vessel.

Chapter 22

ARTICLE III. NI RIVER AND HUNTING RUN RESERVOIRS*

Ordinance

***Editor's note:** Ord. No. 22-26, adopted Sept. 25, 2007, amended the title of art. III to read as herein set out. Formerly said article was entitled Ni River Reservoir.

State law references: Authority of county to operate recreation areas, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-526.

Sec. 22-226. Definition.

As used in this article, the word “*reservoir*” shall mean the county's Hunting Run Reservoir and the Ni River Reservoir.

(Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Sec. 22-227. Applicability of article.

The provisions of this article are applicable to only the reservoirs and the reservoirs property.

(Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Sec. 22-228. Policing of recreational area.

The park attendant, county sheriff's department and state game wardens for the county may lawfully police the reservoir recreational area for the purpose of protecting the property from harm, keeping order thereon or otherwise enforcing the provisions of this article and other ordinances of the county and the laws of the state with respect to such property.

(Code 1980, § 17-67)

Sec. 22-229. Temporary closing of recreational area.

Whenever climatic or other conditions cause the recreational area or any part thereof to become hazardous in the opinion of the county administrator or the director of parks and recreation, he shall, with the approval of the board of supervisors and/or the parks and recreation commission, forthwith close the recreational area or that part deemed to be hazardous for a period determined by the board of supervisors.

(Code 1980, § 17-64)

Sec. 22-230. Construction activities.

(a) No construction of any kind and no disturbing of the soil or ground cover on any ground around the reservoir owned in fee simple or controlled by the county with a flood easement shall be undertaken until plans for the same have been approved by the planning commission and board of supervisors.

(b) No docks, piers or ramps shall be constructed at the reservoir except at areas that are designated as recreation by the parks and recreation department, the planning commission and the board of supervisors, and then only after plans and specifications have been approved by the parks and recreation department, the planning commission and the board of supervisors.

(c) The building of duck blinds or floating wooden or metal rafts or piers on or in the water of the reservoir is prohibited.

(Code 1980, §§ 17-61(a), (c), 17-62(i))

Sec. 22-231. Erosion and sedimentation control.

(a) Any person proposing to disturb the soil or ground cover within one thousand (1,000) feet of the reservoirs shall place baled straw or another suitable barrier that has been approved by the administrator between the area to be disturbed and the waters of the reservoirs (in question), and such straw or other barrier shall remain in place until such time as the disturbed area shall have a new cover equal to or exceeding the original cover.

(b) In addition to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, any person stockpiling soil during construction of roads, buildings, etc., within one thousand (1,000) feet of the reservoirs shall within thirty (30) days after the completion of construction, level all stockpiled soil and seed or place sod on all of the affected area.

(c) Any person plowing and cultivating more than one (1) acre of land for agricultural purposes shall be exempt from this section providing such person follows good farming practices as recommended by the soil conservation service.

(Code 1980, § 17-63; Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Cross references: Erosion and sediment control generally, Ch. 8.

Sec. 22-232. Reserved.

Editor's note: Renumbered as § 23-7.5.5.5

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Sec. 22-233. Hours for use of reservoir restricted.

No person, except governmental officials on official duty, shall be permitted to go upon or remain on said reservoirs from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one (1) hour before sunrise.

(Code 1980, § 17-62(l); Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Sec. 22-234. Fishing.

(a) *Permitted generally.* Fishing with live or artificial bait from boats or from the shore is permitted within the permitted area.

(b) *Limitations.* Species, size limit or catch and captive fish count shall follow state game commission recommendation for each season. Each person shall submit their catch for creel count inspection at the park attendant's office. Additional requirements on species, size and catch limit may be set by the board of supervisors. Limitations will be posted at respective reservoirs as per the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries recommendations.

(c) *Prohibited activities.* The following activities are prohibited:

(1) Frogging and the catching of turtles;

(2) Trapping or the seining of fish, except by personnel of the commission of game and inland fisheries while on official duty;

(3) Fishing from any inner tube type conveyance that permits the human body to be partially submerged in the waters of the lake;

(4) Fishing within two hundred (200) feet of the dam or any buildings, sludge tanks or lagoons connected with the water filtration plant;

(5) Fishing within two hundred (200) feet of the risers and water intakes.

(d) *Fishing license.* Persons age sixteen (16) to seventy (70) years must possess a valid state fishing license.

(e) *Fees.* Fees for access permits, and related activities shall be established by resolution of the board of supervisors.

(Code 1980, §§ 17-60(b)--(d), 17-62(f), (g), (j), (k), 17-65(c), (d); Ord. of 4-22-86(2); Ord. No. 22-1, 3-27-90; Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07; Ord. No. 22-28, 2-12-08)

Sec. 22-235. Boating.

(a) *Types of boats permitted.* Only canoes, rubber rafts and boats propelled by sail, oars, paddle or electric motor are permitted on or in the waters of the reservoirs. Gasoline motors may be used by personnel of the state commission of game and inland fisheries and of the county while on official duty only.

(b) *Life jackets or cushions required.* Each canoe, raft or boat shall have a Coast Guard approved life jacket or cushion for each person on board.

(c) *Inspections.* All canoes, rafts or boats used on the reservoirs are subject to inspection and shall be certified as safe to carry passengers by the parks and recreation department or the county's authorized personnel and/or law enforcement officers of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

(d) *Right-of-way.* When two (2) boats are approaching each other under sail or motor power and on the same course the operator of each boat shall keep to the starboard side passing the other boat on the port side. Sailboats and rowboats shall at all times have the right-of-way over power boats.

(e) *Inner tubes.* Boating from any inner tube type conveyance that permits the human body to be partially submerged in the waters of the reservoirs is prohibited.

(f) *Prohibited area.* Boating within two hundred (200) feet of the dam or any buildings, sludge tanks or lagoons connected with the water filtration plant is prohibited.

(g) *Fees.* Fees for launching boats and for boat and equipment rentals shall be established by resolution of the board of supervisors.

(Code 1980, §§ 17-60(a), (e), (f), (g), 17-62(a), (j), (k), 17-65(a), (b); Ord. of 4-22-86(2); Ord. No. 22-1, 3-27-90; Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07; Ord. No. 22-27, 11-13-07)

Sec. 22-236. Picnics, fires, barbecue grills.

Picnics and passive recreation activities are permitted in designated areas.

(Code 1980, § 17-61(d); Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Sec. 22-237. Domestic animals running at large.

No pets, dogs or other domestic animals shall be permitted to run at large. Such animals must be leashed and under the supervision and observation of the owner at all times.

(Code 1980, § 17-62(n))

Sec. 22-238. Reserved.

Editor's note: Renumbered as § 23-7.5.6.

Sec. 22-239. Commercial activities.

There shall be no commercial activities within the flood easement area.
(Code 1980, §§ 17-61(h), 17-62(d))

Sec. 22-240. Alcoholic beverages.

No use of alcoholic beverages is permitted in the recreation area. No person under the influence of alcohol shall operate or be a passenger in a boat on the reservoirs at any time. No person under the influence shall be permitted in the park at any time.
(Code 1980, § 17-62(p); Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Sec. 22-241. Hunting.

Hunting is prohibited on the premises.
(Code 1980, § 17-62(o))

Sec. 22-242. Firearms, bows and arrows, fireworks.

(a) Discharging of firearms and the shooting of arrows is prohibited.

(b) Fireworks, and bows and arrows are prohibited.

(Code 1980, § 17-62(e); Ord. No. 22-25, 9-12-06; Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Cross references: Fireworks generally, § 9-26 et seq.

Sec. 22-243. Swimming, wading, skiing.

Water contact sports, i.e., skiing, swimming, wading, etc., are prohibited.
(Code 1980, § 17-62(b))

Sec. 22-244. Taking of water.

Taking of water by any person for irrigation or for a private water supply from the reservoir is prohibited.
(Code 1980, § 17-62(h))

Sec. 22-245. Littering.

(a) There shall be no littering of the flood easement area.

(b) There shall be no littering on the waters.

(Code 1980, §§ 17-61(b), 17-62(c))

Cross references: Litter control, § 19-121 et seq.

Sec. 22-246. Prohibited activity.

It shall be unlawful for any person to pollute, or to introduce, by any means, into any named reservoirs any hazardous material, hazardous substance or hazardous waste as those terms are defined by the laws or regulations of the United States and/or the Commonwealth of Virginia; or, to introduce, or in any way cause the introduction of any object or substance, or noxious or otherwise, which may reasonably be expected to endanger the life, health or safety of people. For the purposes of this article, "*person*" shall mean an individual, corporation, partnership, association, or any other legal entity.

(Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Sec. 22-247. Non-indigenous nuisances and invasive species contamination.

All canoes, rafts or boats used on the reservoirs are subject to inspection for non-indigenous nuisance species as currently defined under section 29.1-571 of the Code of Virginia. Any vessel found to have any such contamination will not be permitted onto the reservoirs.

(Ord. No. 22-26, 9-25-07)

Secs. 22-248--22-265. Reserved.