

## CORPS OF ENGINEERS OFFICES

### Portland District Office

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### Bonneville Project

(Lake Bonneville)

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### The Dalles – John Day Project

(Lake Celilo and Lake Umatilla)

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### Willamette Basin Projects

(Big Cliff, Blue River\*, Cottage Grove, Cougar\*, Detroit\*, Dexter, Dorena, Fall Creek, Fern Ridge, Foster, Green Peter, Hills Creek\*, Lookout Point)

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### Rogue River Basin Projects

(Lost Creek and Applegate\* lakes)

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\* Lakes administered by U.S. Forest Service, local District Ranger's office should be contacted.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Seaplanes may be operated seven days a week between sunrise and sunset at all Portland District lakes with the exception of Big Cliff, Applegate and Willow Creek lakes.
2. Once on the water seaplanes shall be considered powerboats and must be operated in accordance with marine rules of the road. Seaplanes in the water may taxi to any area of the lake subject to the powerboating restrictions for those lakes described under Specific Provisions. Under both Coast Guard Rule 18 (d) and Federal Aviation Regulation 91.115 "A seaplane on the water shall, in general, keep well clear of all vessels and avoid impeding their navigation."
3. Commercial operation of seaplanes at Corps lakes is prohibited unless authorized by the District Engineer.
4. Seaplane operators planning to land on Corps lakes are strongly encouraged to notify the Operation Manager's office beforehand (see addresses in this brochure). Fluctuating lake levels or heavy recreational activity may necessitate use of alternative landing areas.
5. Seaplanes on project lands and waters in excess of 24 hours shall be securely moored at mooring facilities and at locations permitted by the District Engineer. Seaplanes may be temporarily moored on project waters and lands, except in areas prohibited by the District Engineer, for periods less than 24 hours provided that (1) the mooring is safe, secure, and accomplished so as not to damage nor endanger the rights of the Government or members of the public and (2) the operator remains in the vicinity of the seaplane and reasonably available to relocate the seaplane if necessary.
6. Seaplanes are prohibited within 500 feet of dam structures or as otherwise restricted under Specific Provisions.
7. Seaplanes are prohibited within 200 feet of any marked swimming area.
8. Seaplanes are prohibited within 200 feet of lake shorelines except when taxiing to and from the shoreline. Taxi speed shall not exceed 5 mph.
9. Prior to using any designated public boat ramp, the seaplane operator must have permission from either the Operations Manager or the specific boat ramp manager if ramps are within areas managed by other entities.
10. These provisions are based upon the Oregon State Marine Board's "Oregon Boating Regulations" and modified to meet individual lake needs and operational requirements. Provisions are enforceable by the Corps of Engineers under the code of Federal Regulations (Title 36, Chapter III part 327). For more information, visit the web sites listed below:  
Code of Federal Regulations (Title 36 Chapter III Part 327)  
<http://cfr.vlex.com/source/code-federal-regulations-parks-forests-public-property-1085/toc/03>  
Oregon Revised Statutes/Oregon Administrative Rules  
<http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatLaws/ORS.shtml>  
U.S. Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules (33 CFR Chapter 1)  
<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/>  
Washington State Boating Laws  
<http://www.boatwashington.org/>
11. Specific provisions or restrictions are enacted for a variety of management reasons which involve, but are not limited to conflicting recreational activities, floating debris, underwater hazards, fluctuating water levels. Specific lake restrictions also are based on: location within winding mountain valley, exposed areas during low lake levels, heavy boating and skiing use, existence of power lines and bridges. Pilots should remain aware of unmarked obstacles.



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# Seaplane Operations at Corps of Engineers Lakes



# SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

## Columbia River Basin

**CAUTION:** Tribal commercial fishing nets throughout the lake could be a hazard during landing and take-off. Be aware of river currents.

### Lake Bonneville (Bonneville Lock and Dam)

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited within 1,000 feet upstream of the powerhouses and the spillway dam. Signs indicating this restricted area are located on the Washington shore, Bradford Island, and the Oregon shore.
- ❖ Downstream of the dam, seaplanes are prohibited upstream of a line between the western tip of Robins Island and the boat ramp on the Washington shore. Large red signs indicate the "Boat Restricted Zone" which also applies to seaplanes.

### Lake Celilo (The Dalles Lock and Dam)

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited within the area downstream of the dam to the Hwy 197 Wasco County Bridge, including the waters between the powerhouse and the Oregon shoreline.
- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited within the area upstream of the dam to a line projected from the upstream end of the lock guide wall to the junction of the upstream end of the powerhouse with the earth fill section.
- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited on Horsethief and Spearfish impoundments..

### Lake Umatilla (John Day Lock and Dam)

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited within 3,000 feet upstream and downstream of the dam (the downstream restricted area is marked by orange and white monuments on the Washington and Oregon shorelines).
- ❖ Landings and take-offs are prohibited on the John Day River system.

### Willow Creek Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited on this lake.

## Rogue River Basin

### Lost Creek Lake

- ❖ No restrictions.

### Applegate Lake (USFS 541-899-1812)

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited on this lake.

## Willamette River Basin

### Big Cliff Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited on this lake.

### Blue River Lake (USFS 541-822-3381)

- ❖ No restrictions.

### Cottage Grove Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are limited to 5 mph south of a line marked by buoys across the lake from the east shoreline near Wilson Creek Park to the west shoreline near Cedar Creek.

### Cougar Lake (USFS 541-822-3381)

- ❖ No Restrictions.

### Detroit Lake (USFS 503-854-3366)

- ❖ Seaplanes are limited to 5 mph in the area northeast of an east west line through the northwest tip of Piety.
- ❖ **WARNING:** *Extremely heavy boat traffic might be encountered east of the Blowout Arm of the reservoir.*

### Dexter Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited within 50 feet of the causeway crossing the reservoir.

### Dorena Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited south of a line between Humphrey Point and the northeast shore as marked by buoys on the lake.

### Fall Creek Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are limited to 5 mph on the Big Fall Creek arm above a buoy line about 200 feet downstream of the Big Fall Creek Road Bridge.
- ❖ Seaplanes are limited to 5 mph 1,800 feet upstream from Winberry Creek Road Bridge on Winberry Creek arm.

### Fern Ridge Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited south of a line projecting from the mouth of Coyote Creek to the northern tip of Perkins Peninsula, including Coyote Creek Channel.
- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited on the small body of water north of the dam.

### Foster Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited upstream of highway bridges over Middle and South Santiam arms, and within posted areas around Gedney and Lewis Creek boat landings.

### Green Peter Lake

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited between the log boom and the dam.

### Hills Creek Dam (USFS 541-782-2283)

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited on the Larison Creek arm, west of the Rigdon Road Bridge.

### Lookout Point Lake (Corps and USFS)

- ❖ Seaplanes are prohibited in Bannister Cove as marked by buoys, adjacent to Ivan Oaks County park.

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