

# **TURTLE CREEK RESERVOIR**

## **Rules and Regulations**

1. In addition to state fish and wildlife laws, including the requirement of a valid fishing license, creel limits, etc., this property is governed by posted regulations designed to protect the sportsman and to maintain the property in a manner which can be enjoyed by all visitors.
2. No person shall injure, destroy, remove, mutilate or deface any building, structure, sign, rock, tree, shrub, vine or property whatsoever; not pick any flowers; nor take or molest or rifle the nest of any bird, or den or nest or abode of any wild animal; provided that flowers and leaves may be gathered in small quantities for scientific and educational purposes upon written permission from Hoosier Energy.
3. Trotlines, limblines, nets and jugs are prohibited on Turtle Creek Reservoir.
4. The carrying or possession of a gun or firearm is strictly prohibited, except when participating in legal hunting by permit.
5. No person shall sell, vend, peddle or distribute any merchandise or property whatsoever, except with the express permission of Hoosier Energy.
6. Swimming, camping, water skiing, open fires, ice fishing, pleasure boating, ice skating and wading are prohibited. Use of radio-controlled boats is prohibited.
7. A 20-inch minimum size limit is in effect for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit is one. This is a state regulation and is strictly enforced.
8. Traffic on public roads through the area is governed by state and county laws. No person shall drive or park any motor vehicle within the property boundaries, except in designated areas.
9. Shoreline fishing is permitted only in designated areas. Portions of these areas may be closed during waterfowl hunting season.
10. All or portions of the lake may be closed to fishing during waterfowl seasons and for periodic water testing. These dates will be posted at launch area as they become available.
11. Safety zones, refuges, waterfowl resting areas and other restricted areas are marked with appropriate signs. PLEASE READ AND OBEY ALL SIGNS.
12. Motor size on Turtle Creek Reservoir is limited to 10 horsepower or less. Larger motors may be used on boats, but must be run at idle speed at all times.

13. The boat ramps and parking lot will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Boat launching permitted only at ramp site.
14. Hoosier Energy reserves the right to designate the time and hours the reservoir will be open to the public.
15. Hoosier Energy reserves the right to check creel or stringer counts.
16. Persons who render themselves obnoxious by disorderly conduct or bad behavior or persons who violate any rule or regulation governing this property may be forfeiting their fishing or visiting privileges in this area.
17. Hoosier Energy will not be held responsible for any accidents or deaths occurring from the use of these facilities; nor held responsible for any damage caused by theft, storm or vandalism. A signed Waiver of All Claims is required prior to using the facility.
18. The possession, use or sale of drugs or liquor is prohibited on the property.
19. Do not cast across, tie to, or go across any buoy line.
20. The use of canoes, kayaks, wave runners (PWC), and boats less than 14 feet long is prohibited on Turtle Creek Reservoir.
21. Hoosier Energy has installed a high wind warning system which will activate anytime sustained winds exceed 20 mph. When alarm siren is deployed, boaters are to immediately seek shelter on the nearest shore or return to the ramp if safely possible.
22. All boaters are required to wear flotation devices any time the boat is motoring.
23. As of June 1, 2018, Turtle Creek Reservoir will only accept payment by credit or debit card (no cash).

Please contact lake personnel for any changes in regulations which may have been made governing Turtle Creek Reservoir that may or may not be listed on these rules and regulations.

### **Waterfowl Hunting Rules & Regulations**

1. Turtle Creek users must hold a valid hunting license and State and Federal waterfowl stamps. They must follow all posted regulations as well as State and Federal fish and wildlife laws.
2. Approximately 33 numbered blind sites are available and are assigned on specified days for hunting (times to be published prior to the beginning of the season). Parties of three and two have priority over parties of one. Locations are available on a first-come basis after the initial selection. Many locations are available only by boat.

3. Hunters must provide their own boat with motor size limited to 10 horsepower or less. Launching is permitted only at the main boat ramp area.
4. The possession or use of lead shot is prohibited. Maximum steel non-toxic shot size is T.
5. State regulations apply unless otherwise specified.