



**Department of Public Works
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CITY OF BARRE ORANGE RESERVOIR RECREATIONAL USE POLICY FISHING

The City of Barre believes it is important to make the fullest responsible use of the natural environment and to promote the proper management and stewardship of its properties. This policy hereby allows for the recreational use of Dix Reservoir for fishing by the citizens of Barre and by others according to the policies outlined below. These policies are meant to be strict in nature given the importance of the Reservoir as the water source for the City of Barre and the customers of its water system.

1. The City of Barre will allow limited fishing in the Dix Reservoir on a continuing basis subject to biennial review. The periodic inspections shall be conducted by City staff around the Reservoir and contributory watershed. Specific examination for the abandonment of trash, litter, spills, or discharges related to use of the designated fishing access will be recorded. The inspection reports will be provided in October of the even-numbered years. At that time, this policy will be reviewed and further recommendations regarding the future use of the property will be brought before the Barre City Council.
2. No fishing or any type of road access is permitted on the Little Orange or Big Orange reservoirs which lie on the east side of Reservoir Road.
3. All regulations of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department must be adhered to. Officials from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will be provided with copies of this policy and will be asked to patrol the area, as they do any other authorized fishing locations in the state. Regulations are available at: <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com>
4. The following conditions shall apply to anyone accessing the Dix Reservoir:
 - a. Absolutely NO watercraft or boats of any kind will be allowed on the reservoir;
 - b. Fishing will be allowed from the shoreline and in designated locations only. Signs clearly marking the locations where fishing is allowed will be in place. In the event anglers do not see signs designating these locations, no fishing should take place. The locations are generally defined as: the Dix reservoir outside a 50-foot safety zone on each side of the spillway and a section of shoreline associated with the "peninsula" on Bisson Road near the junction of Bisson and Reservoir Roads;
 - c. No ice fishing will be allowed;
 - d. At no time will baitfish be allowed to be used;
 - e. Any parking associated with fishing access shall occur in a manner to not interfere with the full use of the travelled way on Orange, VT Roadways.

This policy is meant to allow fishing only at Dix Reservoir. NO additional recreational or other use (hiking, biking, etc.) shall be allowed at the site or surrounding city-owned properties at this time unless reviewed and

approved by the Barre City Council. The City of Barre maintains all rights and permissions in regards to the use of this property.

Use of the property will be self-monitored at all times subject to periodic or random inspection by City employees and law enforcement officials; any and all items brought onto the property must be removed from the property. All posted instructions (fishing locations, waste disposal, parking, etc.) must be followed at all times. Failure to follow posted instructions may result in forfeiture of privileges. Failure to comply with these rules places the individual(s) on City property in the position of trespassing against the City. Trespassing is subject to immediate expulsion and any or all other legal consequences.

If, at the sole discretion of the Barre City Manager, any problems arise, such as the accumulation of refuse, abuse of the property, etc., **permission to use the reservoir for fishing may be revoked**. The City Manager shall notify law enforcement of such revocations.

Any additional questions regarding the use of this facility should be addressed to the Barre City Manager's office, 802-476-0240. Map attached.

Approved by Council : _____
Date

Attest: _____
Lucas J. Herring
Mayor, City of Barre