

**VALLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
RULES FOR USE OF INDIAN VALLEY LAKE**

LAKE OWNERSHIP:

Indian Valley Lake is a private lake under the operation and control of the Valley Lake Association, Inc. and it may not be used by anyone who is not a Member, guest of a Member, or Associate Member of this Association.

Owners of lakefront property are Members of the Association by virtue of that fact. Residents of Southlake, Valdawood or Indian Valley who do not own lakefront property may become Associate Members and receive membership cards and/or decals for their boats by paying annual dues to the Association Secretary-Treasurer. Associate Memberships must be renewed annually.

USES:

Indian Valley Lake may be used for boating, fishing and swimming as restricted by the rules contained in this document.

No boat will be powered by motors run by any means but electricity. No vessel may be powered by more than a total of six horsepower at any one time.

Decals - All Members' and Associate Members' boats operating on the lake are required to display on port and starboard sides near the bow a current Valley Lake Association membership decal. Decals are available to Members and Associate Members from the Association Treasurer, Rob Angus (987-7976, raangus@charter.net). **Any boat on the lake that does not display VLA decals is considered to be trespassing and may be subject to a fine.**

Fishing Permits – Members or Associate Members fishing from the bank on any property not owned by an individual VLA member (e.g. the dam, the curve at Lakeside Drive, or Mahaska landing) must carry a current VLA fishing permit (available on request from the Treasurer, Rob Angus). One membership card is sufficient for all persons in a Member's or Associate Member's immediate family. **Anyone fishing from the bank without a VLA fishing permit will be considered to be trespassing and may be subject to a fine.**

GUESTS:

Guests may use the lake only with the permission of a Member or Associate Member of the Association. Unless in a boat, guests must remain on the property of the host. The host has responsibility for the guests and the duty to inform them of the rules and regulations that pertain to the lake.

If the guests use a boat, it must belong to the Member or Associate member issuing the invitation and must display VLA decals. **Guests may not bring boats to the lake.**

Mahaska boat landing - Persons who lived in Indian Valley prior to formation of Valley Lake Association, Inc. were historically allowed to keep their boats at the landing. They have nontransferable Charter Associate memberships. As long as they remain dues-paying members in the association, they, and only they, may continue to keep their boats at the Mahaska landing.

VLA Rules

FISHING:

Fishing is by rod and reel only. Trotlines, limb lines, jug fishing and fish traps are not allowed.

Fish Management Recommendations

Unlike many lakes in Alabama, ours does not tend to become bass crowded. In fact, before we began stocking, the bass population was sparse. Since we started stocking, the catch per hour has increased dramatically. Since we have paid for the bass, please do not kill them. We are managing the bass as sport fish and consider them to be too valuable to catch only once. **Please carefully release all bass back into the lake.** Bluegills, crappie and catfish may be kept for consumption.

FISH AND WATERFOWL:

There will be no stocking of the lake by anyone other than the Association. This applies to reptiles, amphibians, fish and waterfowl.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ASTHETICS:

Garbage, trash, leaves, clippings, etc. may not be put into the lake. However, we encourage placement of wood and brush piles along the shoreline (firmly attached so that they cannot float away in high water). These structures make good fish habitat.

Polluted water may not be allowed to flow from property into the lake including human waste, herbicides, insecticides, oil, etc. Boats with restroom facilities on board must have a contained system.

All docks should be kept in good repair.

Obnoxious, offensive or illegal activities may not be carried on upon the lake. Nothing may be done on the lake which is an annoyance or a nuisance to the neighborhood.