

Isle of Man Water Authority

Guidance Notes for Activities in Water Catchment Areas

BEHAVIOUR

Our reservoirs and catchment areas are places of natural beauty. Please respect them and those who enjoy them.

Please don't:

- intentionally disturb or interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper enjoyment of the facilities
- listen to or play any loud sounds that are likely to lead to the annoyance of other persons
- light or construct any fires

ENTRY

- Access to all catchments' areas should be by access roads or other points of entry provided for that purpose.
- Please remember to close all gates where appropriate.

VEHICLES ETC.

Motor Vehicles

- **Are prohibited**, unless with the consent of the Isle of Man Water Authority, in the catchment areas but are permitted in the designated parking spaces and the access roads to these parking areas

Racing etc

No person shall, without the consent of The Isle of Man Water Authority use any part of the catchment area in connection with:

- any race, hill climb, rally, regatta, or other similar function or practice involving the use of any conveyance.
- any cycle, foot or horse race or any other competitive sport.

BOATS AND BOATING

Use and Sailing of Boats etc.

- No person shall, **without the consent** of The Isle of Man Water Authority launch, use or sail any boat on any water in a reservoir. Boating is only permitted at West Baldwin.
- No person shall use or sail on any water in a reservoir any boat otherwise than in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be specified in any such consent.

NON BOATING SPORTS

Swimming etc

- No person shall bathe, swim, wade, dive, paddle, jet-ski, water-ski, ice-skate, go onto any ice or carry on any other activity involving or potentially involving contact with water in any reservoir except with the consent of the Isle of Man Water Authority.

FISHING

Consent

- No person shall fish in a reservoir without the consent of DAFF, and otherwise than in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by any such consent.

Disposal of Lines & Hooks

- No person shall deposit or leave anywhere any fishing line or fishing hook likely to cause injury to any person, animal or bird.

MODEL AIRCRAFT ETC

- Please do not launch or use any mechanically powered model aircraft, model vehicle or model boat in a reservoir.

ANIMALS

Dogs

- Please keep your dog on a lead and do not allow it to swim in the reservoir.
- Please dispose of any dog mess in the containers provided

Animals not to Graze

- Except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with The Isle of Man Water Authority or otherwise in exercise of any lawful rights or privileges, no person shall turn out or permit to remain in a catchment area any cattle, sheep, or other animal.

Horse Riding

- No person shall ride on horseback in any part of a catchment area which is not designated as a path or place for horse riding and the way marked as such.

STRUCTURES

Posts and Fences Tents Booths & Camping

- No person shall, without the consent of the The Isle of Man Water Authority, pitch, erect or permit to remain in a catchment area any caravan, tent, booth, windbreak, pole, clothes line, building, shed, post, fence, railing or other erection or construction whatsoever.

ENVIRONMENT

Pollution and Litter

- Please do not cause or permit any poisonous, noxious or polluting matter to enter in or upon our catchment areas
- please do not leave any litter or waste other than in leaving rubbish in receptacles specifically provided for it

Flora & Fauna

- Please do not take, wilfully disturb, injure or destroy any living creature or the eggs of any living creature, or use any net, snare, instrument, lamp, lure or other means for the taking or destruction of any such living creature or its eggs.
- Please do not wilfully remove any tree, shrub, plant, or other vegetation, whether living or dead.

ORGANISING EVENTS

- If you are planning to organize an event at our reservoirs please note the Authority requires a minimum of one months notice. Any event which will require a member of the Water Authority to be present throughout will be liable to an appropriate charge.