

2023 Guidelines to Recreationally Kayak or Canoe at Lower Douglas Lake

1. All persons 16 and over that wish to recreationally kayak or canoe at Lower Douglas Lake must create an account on the Fort Knox iSportsman portal at <https://ftknox.isportsman.net>. This is accomplished by navigating to the site, clicking on the Menu button, then My Account, then New User registration. Fill in all the information required. Once this is complete, the **account must be validated by the Hunt Control Office (Validation good for 3 years)** prior to being allowed to acquire permit. This is accomplished by submitting an email to the Hunt Control Office (usarmy.knox.id-training.mbx.dpw-hunt-control@army.mil) requesting validation (include username in email), calling the Hunt Control Office at 502-624-7311, or coming to the Hunt Control Office located at Bldg. 9297 during business hours. Business Hours are seasonal and current hours of operation are posted at the bottom of the Fort Knox iSportsman home page.
2. The annual Permit is free and is valid ONLY at Lower Douglas Lake. Permit is valid thru the last day of February each year. Fishing requires the purchase of a Fort Knox Fishing Permit as well as a KY fishing license for persons 16 and older. Persons found fishing without the required fishing permit and license will be cited and removed from the lake.
3. All permitted persons must display their permit in the driver's side of windshield and be easily readable from the outside while travelling to or recreating at Lower Douglas Lake. These same persons are authorized to travel to and from Lower Douglas Lake via the most direct route to the lake ONLY on 7th Armored Division Road from Wilson Road. Authorized persons may not deviate from this route to "cruise" or explore the training complex. **Failure to comply with this requirement will result in suspension of privileges for one year.** An interactive map is located under the hunting areas tab on the Fort Knox iSportsman home page.
4. Persons are permitted on the water from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset only (daylight hours).
5. ALL persons in/on the kayak or canoe must properly **wear** a serviceable Coast Guard approved, correctly sized, Type 1 or 2 wearable personal flotation device at all times while on the water. **Failure to comply with this requirement will result in suspension of privileges for one year.**
6. All participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older while at Lower Douglas Lake.
7. Kayaks and canoes will be human powered, **no motor propulsion permitted.**
8. Kayaks and canoes are the only types of vessels permitted. Paddle boards are not allowed.
9. Possession of alcohol is not permitted while travelling to or while recreating at Lower Douglas Lake.
10. Recreators should be courteous of others while on or at the lake. Do not block the boat ramp while preparing your gear. The boat ramp is for actively launching and retrieving watercraft only. Do not park where it impedes the movement of a vehicle/trailer combination to access the boat ramp.

New to Paddling or want to increase your knowledge of how to paddle safely?

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