

# BUCKEYE LAKE DAM - FRONT DOCK POLICY

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

The primary purpose of ODNR's dock policy is to safeguard the public.

- **No penetrations of the dam will be allowed;** and no extension cords or hoses will be allowed across the dam.
- Docks will be spaced to allow for safe navigation, dam monitoring, and needed repairs.
- ODNR decisions regarding dock placement, height, size, weight, and the placement of equipment and supplies will prioritize the protection of the dam.

## ACCESS TO DOCKS

- The goal of ODNR's dock planning is to provide for fair and equitable access to privately owned docks for dam-front residents. Dock access is not an entitlement of dam-front property ownership and residential property lines do not extend across state property into the lake.
- One dock space is planned for each dam-front residential parcel.
- Docks may only be installed at locations designated by an ODNR installed concrete dock locator pad with identification number.
- Dock locator pads will be aligned as closely as feasible with corresponding owners' residential parcels, but not all pads will be precisely aligned.
- Most docks will be at least 30 feet apart with some (on the north shore where space is more limited) will be 24 feet apart.
- Dock owners must apply for a construction permit (\$25 fee) prior to building a dock.
- Owners of approved structures will be billed for mooring fees annually, renewal is not guaranteed, and permits do not transfer automatically with a change of parcel ownership. (*\$120 annual fee for first boat, \$95 for each additional boat*)
- Dock owners may apply for a dock construction permit starting in November 2018 and should allow for at least 30 days for a review of the permit application.
- ODNR reserves the right to remove docks if dock policy is not followed.
- Applications for cluster or stringer docks for commercially owned businesses will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- ODNR will implement a dock inspection schedule to ensure compliance of the dock policy.



## DOCK DESIGN

- ODNR encourages, but will not require, the use of removable docks.
- Docks will need to be offset from the dam, with support posts in the lakebed past the dam's upstream rip rap slope and accessed from a gangway (installed by the owner) resting on the dock locator pad provided by ODNR.
- The required gangway length will vary based on the extent of the dam-front rip rap slope to the lakebed.
- Moving or modifying the dock locator pad without permission from ODNR is prohibited.
- A standard dock may be up to 7 feet wide (edge to edge, including support posts) and 24 feet long, with boat parking allowed on both sides.
- Sizes outside these dimensions will be considered non-standard and require a non-transferable variance from ODNR.
- Variances will be decided on a case by case basis based on the priorities of dam safety, safe navigation, and operational feasibility; owners should allow for at least an additional 30-day review for such requests.
- Shore station type boatlifts, including canopy covers, will be allowed but must be detailed in the construction permit application and follow all related rules and stipulations. To maximize visibility for dam safety and monitoring, side curtains, roofs or second stories will be prohibited.

## CONSTRUCTION

- A dock construction permit from ODNR will be required to begin construction. (*\$25 fee*)
- Construction and installation will be allowed from the lake side only; storing of equipment or materials on the dam will be prohibited.
- Support posts, which may be made of steel, lumber, or other sturdy material, must be installed in the lakebed at least 1 foot lakeward from the rip rap slope.
- There are no restrictions on decking material beyond normal safety standards.

