

# FISHING AT WESTLAKE LAKE

**YOU MUST HAVE A WESTLAKE LAKE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ("WLMA") FISHING PERMIT BADGE TO FISH IN THE LAKE. TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMIT YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Be a Westlake Village Community resident or property owner and show proof by presenting a valid California driver's license or other acceptable proof of residency status.

2. Fill out, sign and submit the Fishing Permit Application (with indemnification) form.

3. Pay the annual fee as follows:

- Adult (age 12-64).....\$45.00
- Child (under age 12).....Free
- Guest Permit (annual).....\$45.00
- Guest Permit (7 days).....\$19.00
- Senior (age 65+).....\$23.00

Fishing permit badges are available on January 1st and are valid for the balance of the calendar year. All fishing permit badges expire on December 31st.

4. Agree to follow and abide by WLMA's Rules & Regulations which Rules include provisions in this fishing pamphlet. The WLMA Rules document is separately provided.

## PLEASE NOTE

Fishing is open to the Westlake Community, to residents and property owners of the community, their families and guests. The limitations on access are a balance to allow recreational fishing and not overburden the lake as a resource. The lake patrol and other official persons are instructed to enforce this access policy. Please be patient and cooperative if you are questioned and are asked to show your identification on routine checks make by the lake patrol and other official persons.

# Fishing Pamphlet

1. **Keep off private property.** Unless you have specific owner consent, do not walk the banks or shoreline of private property. Fishing is permitted from the bank at each side of the WLMA office, but not near it's office boat docks, nor under it's office building. Fishing is also permitted on the boardwalk beginning at the yacht club and extending north to where the boardwalk ends. When fishing in these areas you must leave them clean and free of any trash or debris. Please use extra caution when people are walking in this area.

2. **Fishing is not permitted** in the areas of WLMA's Public Marina, its rental docks, in the maintenance shed area, from homeowner association docks, its lake office docks, from the bridge, or from the banks under the bridge. Fishing from a boat within 100 ft. of the floating dam safety barrier chain is not permitted.

3. **Westlake Lake is a catch and release lake.** No fish may be removed from the lake. All hooks must be barbless or have barbs pinched down. Also, to prevent injury to the fish, no live bait of any kind is allowed - no cut live bait or other organic material. This includes, among others, goldfish, crawfish, baby bass, bluegill, shiners, waterdogs, earthworms, night crawlers, grubs, or dead "live bait." No food products may be used. Soft, catfish bait may not be used. Use only artificial lures, plastic baits, spinners, or artificial flies. When fishing, promptly release fish caught back into the lake. Avoid maneuvering your boat near other boats.

4. **All fishing persons must wear/display their current WLMA fishing permit badge and lanyard so as to be visible at all times while fishing.** Each person fishing with a permit badge must carry their valid California Driver's License or other acceptable ID to verify that they are the proper owner of the permit badge. The Lake Patrol or other lake Officials may request to see your ID any time when you are fishing.

5. **Anyone with a guest badge must be accompanied** at all times if fishing by a resident or property owner with a valid fishing permit badge.

6. **Do not entice or attempt to hook any pets, animals or birds.**

7. **Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, 365 days a year.**

8. **Keep noise to a minimum** so as to not disturb residents, particularly in the early morning hours. Remember, noise carries and is amplified over water. Avoid yelling, loud talking or playing your radio too loudly.

9. **Care must be taken** when fishing around or near public or private docks to avoid damage to any property. Be particularly careful not to hook boat canvas or upholstery.

10. **No trash, debris or pollutants may be dumped** into the lake. Do not throw fishing line into the lake.

11. **Loaning or selling or transferring your fishing permit badge is prohibited** and any such action is void.

12. **No commercial fishing operation such as a guide for hire, lessons or instruction for a fee, or boat rental is permitted.** Boat and equipment sales and (long term) leasing is only permitted with a valid written vendor services license agreement with WLMA.

13. **State fishing regulations are enforced by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.** Westlake Lake is also patrolled by California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife officials who may issue citations for violations including, among others, failure to display a valid California State Fishing License.



# COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FISHING IN WESTLAKE LAKE

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***Do I need a permit to fish from my own dock?***

Yes. All fishing requires a WLMA permit badge and lanyard, prominently displayed.

***Do I need a permit badge for guests who visit?***

Yes. You may purchase a 7 consecutive day guest badge or an annual guest badge. An owner must be with the guest at all times while fishing.

***Do I have to buy all new barbless lures?***

No. You may pinch the barbs down on your lures and flies with a pair of needle nosed pliers.

***Why do I need a California state fishing license if this is a private lake?***

By law, the California State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife regulates fishing on all bodies of water in the state public and private - except private property pond with no pond water inflows entering or outlets leaving the property. So, persons fishing must follow all state regulations which require a state license for those age 16 and older or be subject to state imposed fines.

***Do my kids need a WLMA fishing permit badge?***

Yes. Kids under 12 years of age are free but must still display a permit badge with lanyard while fishing.

***Can I use bait such as cut up frozen mackerel?***

No. Even dead bait is prohibited. Only artificial lures plastic baits, spinners, or artificial flies may be used.

***What should I do if I damage a docked boat or catch my hook in the canvas cover of another boat?***

Notify the boat owner immediately. If this is not possible, jot down the boat number and leave your name with the Lake Patrol or WLMA office.

***What should I do if I see a dead fish?***

Report sightings of dead or dying fish to the WLMA office (818) 889-5377. If you have a dead fish in your possession you can leave it on the WLMA office dock and notify the office.

***Do seniors get a price break on fishing?***

Yes, there is a reduced fee for seniors aged 65 and older.

***Do I need to display my fishing permit badge each time I fish?***

Yes. The Lake Patrol will be looking for your permit badge and may inspect your lures to make sure you are in compliance with the barbless hook rule. The Lake Patrol may also ask to see your I.D. to make certain you are the valid owner of the fishing permit badge. Your fishing permit badge should be clearly displayed when fishing. You are requested to cooperate with the Lake Patrol at all times.

***What happens if I forget to carry my permit badge?***

First, you will be asked to provide your ID to verify you have been issued a permit badge. Repeated failure to display a valid permit badge can lead to violation procedures with potential monetary fines and loss of use of the lake under WLMA rules. Where a person has not sought a permit badge or is not a person eligible to fish the lake, the person's presence while conducting fishing activity shall be considered a trespass, and such presence and fishing activity conducted repeatedly by a person without right to seek a permit badge ( or conducted repeatedly by one who could seek a permit badge but willfully refuses to do so) shall be considered intentional malicious trespass.

***Can I fish any time I want if I have a fishing permit badge?***

Fishing on our lake is permitted 365 days a year from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

***How long is my WLMA fishing permit badge good for?***

Permit badges are valid for the calendar year. Your permit badges expires on December 31st, regardless of when it was purchased.

**RULE 32 catch & release-except carp**  
Common Carp are invasive species; **catch** (no live bait/barbless hooks apply) and **[remove]** dispose following WLMA guidelines.