

Lake Use Survey: Top Comments about Wake Surfing

Top Comments in Favor of Wake Surfing

1. Those that participate in this activity enjoy it and want to see it continue.
2. Slow speeds and the user not being attached to the boat by a cord make it safer than some other lake activities.
3. Some lake users bought wake boats just for use in Lake Lure and it would be unfair to ban them.
4. Banning or heavily restricting could cause youth to lose interest in the lake.
5. Wake surfing does not cause any more harm than other activities.
6. People enjoy watching this activity.
7. Some residents bought lakeside property in Lake Lure with the understanding they would be able to wake surf.
8. The wakes created from this activity dissipate before hitting the shore.
9. The wake from tour boats is just as large as wake boats and they are allowed.
10. There are too many regulations already.

Top Comments against Wake Surfing

1. Lake Lure is too small to support this activity.
2. The large wakes cause shoreline erosion.
3. The large wakes cause damage to seawalls.
4. The lake is not wide enough for waves to dissipate before hitting the shore.
5. The large wakes are dangerous to other people on the lake.
6. The large wakes disrupt other lake activities like swimming, kayaking/canoeing, and fishing.
7. The large wakes can cause moored boats to hit against docks and cause damage to both.
8. Participants do not respect other lake users.
9. The lake is too crowded to allow an activity with such a large wake.
10. Large wakes take away from the serene atmosphere of the lake and reduce enjoyment.