



ANTRIM LOUGH SHORE PARK SLIPWAY RULES & REGULATIONS

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY PHONE 999 FOR COASTGUARD

Daily launch from the slipway:

- The slipway is available for the launching of craft between the hours of 8.00am – 8.00pm March – October, 9.00am – 5.00pm at weekends only November & February. The slipways are closed December and January except for emergency access.
- Craft must not be launched from the slipway without prior registration with the parks administration team – please allow up to 5 working days for process of registration.
- Craft must be launched from the slipway in a manner as not to cause nuisance or injury to other users and with regards to health and safety legislation.
- Slipways must be kept clear at all times - vehicles launching crafts should be removed from the slipway as soon as craft is launched.
- Any boat or trailer parked within the park without registration or permission of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is liable to be removed immediately.
- Priority for the use of slipways should be given to Emergency Services, Including Lough Neagh Rescue.
- Each owner is responsible for people using his/ her craft
- Users shall be responsible for any loss or damage caused by them and their property e.g. car, trailer or craft or the Council's property.
- Users must observe all instructions from Council Staff.
- All power users give way to sail.
- All juniors (under 16) must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
- Always be aware of other water users around you.
- No towing of objects that may be a nuisance or danger to other water users.
- Keep wash and wake to within 100m of any craft, shoreline or structure.

Casual Users

- Proof of £10 million public liability insurance must be provided at registration.

Commercial Users

- Proof of £10 million public liability insurance must be provided at registration.
- A completed Risk Assessment must be submitted with your registration form.

Maximum Speed Limits – Observe at all times

- 3 Knots speed limit (no wash) in river.
- 10 mph jet ski speed limit 150ft offshore.

Safety Equipment

- All users must wear a life jacket.
- All jet skiers must wear full safety equipment, including helmet.
- All craft must be in a seaworthy condition.

- All craft must be officially registered.

Restricted Areas

- Boats and Canoes are only permitted to launch from Slipway 1 (the larger slipway nearest to The Gateway Centre) onto the Sixmilewater River.
- Jet skis are only permitted to launch from Slipway 2 (at entrance to Rea's Wood) directly onto the Lough.
- No craft permitted near nature reserves or within 200 metres of old torpedo platform.
- Respect wildlife - maintain a good distance from the shore, particularly Rea's Wood nature reserve and the torpedo platform (300m March - July and 100m Aug – Feb).
- No jet skis or water skis allowed in Sixmilewater River (including river mouth), Antrim Boat Club shore or Shane's Castle shore.
- No boats permitted in Watersports bay (no propeller) zone.

Behaviour

- Dangerous or reckless manoeuvres will not be tolerated.
- Show respect to fellow water users at all times.

Respect for the Park

- Waste must be placed in litter bins.
- Users must not repair or dismantle any craft or vehicle at Antrim Lough Shore Park
- Users must comply with all bye laws relating to the Lough Shore Park, as displayed.
- Vehicles must adhere to a speed limit of 5 mph and be driven carefully.

Stop the spread of invasive aquatic species

- Check your equipment and clothing for living organisms.
- Pay particular attention to areas that are damp or hard to inspect.
- Clean and wash all equipment, footwear and clothes thoroughly.
- If you do come across any organisms, leave them at the water body where you found them.
- Dry all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions.
- Make sure you do not transfer water elsewhere.

The Council reserves the right to make reasonable changes to the Rules & Regulations without prior notice and reserves the right to refuse entry to the Slipways.

All Users, for whatever reason, of the slipway and water do so at their own risk. All Users undertake to be responsible for and to indemnify the Council against any injury, loss, claims, demands, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, death or damage of any kind sustained by any persons or property while using the slipway and water for whatever reason. It is the responsibility of Users to ensure that they have the proper insurance cover and all relevant certificates, qualifications, and all such relevant documentation in place to cover the use of the slipway and water.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council will not accept any liability for any injury, loss, or damage of any kind sustained by any persons or property while using the slipway and water for whatever reason.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION