

Lake Bessie Slalom Course

Resident's Concerns

Resident's Benefits

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Exclusive use by the Fry family – Not True

- The course has been permitted for use by the Fry family, their neighbors and friends.
- Anyone living on the lake or legally accessing the lake is welcome to use this ski course.
- There is no exclusivity.
- The course does not obstruct a boaters pathway.
- Owners will continue to have unrestricted access to the lake.

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- If you were to draw a rectangle around the area of the lake the slalom course will occupy it would cover 0.8486% of the surface area of the lake. Less than 1%.

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Too Much Traffic – Not True

- There is no ski-club, no ski-school or any other organization planning to use this course. It is not allowed by the permit.
- A slalom skier typically skis for 15 - 20 minutes at a time, then they need to rest. Most skiers go once or twice then they are finished. With three skiers that adds up to less than 2 hours a day a few days a week.
- Slalom skiers do not use the course when others are boating or jet skiing on the lake. It is not safe.

The course is permitted for use during daylight hours only for non-commercial use.

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Erosion of the Shore Line – Not true

- In Slalom skiing it is very important that the boat create as little wake as possible to prevent falling when on the edge of the ski. For safety reasons slalom skiers do not ski in rough water or behind boats with a considerable wake of any kind.
- Slalom boats are designed to create very small wave for the safety of the skier.
- At the end of a ski run the driver drops the skier in the water, slows the boat to idle speed before turning around. This creates no wake at all and is done to eliminate waves.

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Erosion of the Shore Line continued

- A Permitted Slalom Course located in the center of the lake it will create no erosion of the shore line because of the distance requirements that position it far from the shore.
- When there is no Slalom Course located on a lake, skiers will always ski as close as possible to the shoreline protected from the wind. They always seek out smooth water. When the Slalom Course is located in the middle of the lake the skiers will always ski in the middle far from the shore and always on a calm day.
- Slalom skiers do not ski behind Wake Board Boats or Surf Boats with weights and water bladders that are designed to create large wakes.

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The course will disrupt the view -

- A turn ball is about the size of a volley ball and only the top half is out of the water. Located 100 yards from shore it creates very little visual effect. Boat guides are over 50% submerged and are rather inconspicuous on the horizon.

Lake Bessie Ski Course

Why a ski course?

- Skiing like any recreational sport is a lot more enjoyable when results can be measured. Slalom skiing on a lake without a course is similar to playing golf without the greens and holes. Does anyone just hit golf balls on a driving range their entire life....and enjoy it?

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Benefit “Comments” from Residents

- Central Florida has been considered the ski capital of the world for years. People from around the world purchase homes here for the specific purpose of wanting to water ski. Property values are strong on permitted lakes. Example The Isles of Lake Hancock.
- There has been an increase in the number of alligator sightings on the lake this past year. That may be a result of very little boat activity the past few years. Having slalom skiers use the lake a few days a week might drive away the gators.

Slalom Course on Lake Bessie

- Respected the application process
- Property Owner
- A structure within the guidelines of the State and County
- All other residence on the lake are approving this course by the fact they are not objecting.