



# Boating Guide Wellington Dam Marine Safety



## Ski signals

	<p><b>Waiting to take-off with a skier</b> <i>Driver's signal</i></p> <p>When waiting for a safe opportunity to take-off with a skier, the skipper should signal to vessels in the area that they do not intend to move until it's clear. This is indicated by holding both hands in the air showing that they are not on the boat's controls.</p>
	<p><b>Skier down</b> <i>Observer's signal</i></p> <p>The observer only should hold one arm straight up in the air to indicate to other vessels that the skier has fallen off and is in the water.</p> <p>Vessels seeing this signal should keep a good lookout for the skier in the water.</p>
	<p><b>Skier down and is OK</b> <i>Skier's signal</i></p> <p>A fallen skier who has sustained no injuries should indicate that they are OK by raising both arms into the air.</p> <p>If the observer does not see this signal, they should inform the skipper to return to the skier as quickly and safely as possible.</p>

## Wellington National Park

	<p><b>No pets allowed.</b></p> <p>The Wellington Dam is within the Wellington National Park and pets are not permitted</p>
	<p><b>Off-road vehicle area.</b></p> <p>Only the following is permitted: Vehicles licensed for the road. Driven by licensed drivers Driven or ridden on formed roads (not tracks)</p>
	<p><b>Be clean.</b></p> <p>Put your litter in bins where provided or, better still, take it with you when you leave</p>

## Required safety equipment for Wellington Dam

	<p><b>Recreational Skipper's Ticket</b></p> <p>The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 hp (4.5kw) must hold an RST.</p>	✓
	<p><b>Bilge Pump/Bailer</b></p> <p>All vessels must carry a bilge pump. Vessels under 7 metres may carry a bailer in lieu of a bilge pump.</p>	✓
	<p><b>Fire Extinguisher</b></p> <p>Vessels with an inboard engine or carrying hydrocarbon heating or cooling appliances must carry an approved fire extinguisher.</p>	✓
	<p><b>Lifejacket</b></p> <p>A lifejacket bearing the label Level 100 (or higher) with the Australian Standard AS 1512, AS 4758 or ISO 12402 must be carried for every person onboard.</p>	PWC Only

## Contact details

### Department of Transport

Email: [marine.safety@transport.wa.gov.au](mailto:marine.safety@transport.wa.gov.au)  
Website: [www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imarine)  
**Marine Safety Hotline: 13 11 56**

### Police

District Police Station - Collie: 9734 6333  
Water Police: 9442 8600

### Department of Parks and Wildlife

Collie Office: 9735 1988  
Website: [www.dpaw.wa.gov.au](http://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au)

### Hospital

Collie Hospital: 9735 1333

### Boating Weather Forecast

Boating weather: 1900 955 350  
Website: [www.bom.gov.au/marine](http://www.bom.gov.au/marine)

For further information go to:  
[www.transport.wa.gov.au/boatingguides](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/boatingguides) or scan the QR code.



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## Water skiing

On Wellington Dam water skiing is permitted within the approved area shown when the official water level is equal to, or higher than, 158 metres Australian Height Datum (AHD). The water ski area is closed when the official water level falls below this level.

Water skiing is permitted between SUNRISE and SUNSET only.

A 5 knot speed restriction applies at all other times.

Water skiing is to be carried out in an anti-clockwise direction.

**The water ski area is for deep water take off only. The take off and landing of skiers from shore is prohibited.**

 Yellow marker buoys show the boundary of the area.

Water skiing is when a person(s) is being towed behind a vessel at a speed of 8 knots or more.

At least three people are required to go water skiing:

1. A driver of at least 17 years of age who hold a RST;
2. An observer of at least 14 years of age;
3. A skier who is being towed by the vessel.

### Distance behind a skier

You must not drive any closer than 50 metres directly behind a skier or any other boat.

### Observer

There must be an observer on board, at least 14 years old, who constantly watches the skier.

### Closed waters to all vessels

All waters of Wellington Dam extending to 200m east of the dam wall are closed to all vessels at all times.

### Closed waters to motorised vessels

\*All waters of Wellington Dam east of the 5 knot speed restriction area are closed to navigation of motorised vessels at all times, except for Western Australian Government Vessels or vessels solely propelled by an electric motor.

All waters of Wellington Dam east of Potters Gorge camp ground extending to 100m are closed to navigation of motorised vessels at all times.

### Personal water craft (PWC)

PWCs are not allowed to freestyle, wave jump and surf on any waters of Wellington Dam at any time.

All waters of Wellington Dam are closed to PWC when the official water level falls below 158 metres (AHD).

PWC can only be used to conduct water ski activities within the designated water ski area.

The closed water areas and 5 knot speed limit apply to PWC.

