

ABBREVIATED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE HICKORY POINT RECREATIONAL FACILITY

These rules have been formulated to protect the Hickory Point Recreational Facility and its visitors while allowing for an enjoyable visit by all. Contact the Lake County Water Authority at 107 North Lake Avenue, Tavares, Florida 32778, telephone (352) 343-3777, for permit information, or a copy of the complete rules. Persons and groups utilizing the facility will do so under the following minimum conditions. Violators will be subject to immediate expulsion from the park and, depending upon the severity of the infraction, the AUTHORITY may pursue legal action.

PARK HOURS AND FEES

Admission and use fees must be paid in accordance with the established fee schedule. The park is not open to the public except during operating hours and no one shall remain in any part of the park after operating hours.

TRAFFIC LAWS

No person driving, operating any vehicle, shall use any other than the regularly designated paved or improved park roads or parking areas.

All persons shall comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction by a law enforcement officer or park employee. All persons shall obey carefully all traffic signs indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping, or parking, and all other signs posted for proper control and to safeguard life and property.

VEHICLES RESTRICTED TO ROADS

Any motorcycle, scooter, moped, bicycle, or similar vehicle is prohibited on boardwalks, docks, nature trails and sidewalks, as are skateboards and rollerblades.

PARKING

No driver or operator of any vehicle shall obstruct traffic, or park or stop on any road or parking area except at places so designated or in case of an emergency beyond his control. If so caused to stop or park for more than fifteen (15) minutes, the operator shall report such fact to a law enforcement officer or park employee. At places so designated, a vehicle may be stopped for a period of no more than fifteen (15) minutes in order for the occupants to load or unload their belongings.

Any unauthorized vehicle left in the parking lot over 48 hours will be towed away at the owner's expense. Authorization for extended parking may be arranged in advance for a finite number of days by contacting the Park Manager.

PRESERVATION OF PARK PROPERTY

No person shall willfully mark, deface, or injure in any way, or displace, remove, or tamper with, any park building, facilities or park property.

SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

While using the park, it is the responsibility of all visitors to conduct their activities in such a manner so as to prevent injury or loss of life to any person, and to prevent damage to the real and personal property of the Authority and park visitors.

DOCKS AND LAUNCHING RAMPS, BOATS FOR PRIVATE USE

The docks and ramps must be kept clear of all equipment or gear.

Two hours after the time of park closing all vessels should have been removed from the dock, boat ramp and mooring spaces.

Use of the boat ramps and mooring space shall not unreasonably exclude others who want to use the facility. Boat passengers must remain in the park area while their vessel is moored at the temporary docking facility.

BATHING AND SWIMMING

No person shall carry, transport or cause to be transported any glassware, bottles, or any other potentially dangerous or sharp objects onto any beach, pier, dock or into any bathing, wading, or swimming area.

No person shall erect, maintain, use or occupy on or in any beach or bathing area any enclosed tent, shelter or structure of any kind.

Boats, personal water craft, sailboards, any similar vehicles or craft are prohibited from the swimming area, and from any area which contains vegetation extending above the surface of any waterbody within or adjacent to the park.

FISHING

Fishing is allowed within the park from the fishing piers and marina slips only. It is the responsibility of anyone using fishing tackle to ensure that the safety of other park visitors is not jeopardized.

Anglers must obey all signs regulating fishing and all regulations promulgated by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS

No person, except uniformed law enforcement officers, shall carry, use, or possess firearms of any description, air rifles, pistols, spring guns, bows and arrows, slingshots, boomerangs, or any other form of weapon potentially dangerous to wildlife or human safety on or in the park area.

PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF WILDLIFE

No person shall molest, harm, frighten, kill, etc., any wildlife creature, be it mammal, aquatic life, bird, reptile, or amphibian roaming free about the park or in captivity.

PICNIC AREAS AND USE

No person shall picnic or cook in any area not specifically designed and designated for such use. Any cooker or barbecue grill brought into the park must be placed in a location designated by the Park Staff.

PAVILION USE

The pavilion is available by reservation only. Those users holding a valid permit have priority over all other users of the facility.

The permittee utilizing the facility shall be responsible for cleaning up all trash and placing it in the appropriate containers. All tables and floors will be wiped clean. Any additional cleaning necessary to bring the facility to its pre-use condition will be charged at the appropriate rate on an hourly basis to the permittee.

Decorations shall not be put up inside or outside the pavilion without the prior approval of the Park Manager, and must be completely removed (including fastening devices) upon completion of the reservation.

Under no circumstances is anyone to remove chairs, tables or any other equipment from the pavilion.

Control of lights, fans or other equipment, and the locking and unlocking of doors are the responsibility of the Park Manager or park staff, who will be informed prior to the event of the special or particular needs of the group holding the permit.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the park except in reserved portions of the pavilion. Beer and wine are allowed only after by obtaining a written permit from the AUTHORITY subject to the conditions in this section, and are to remain within the limits of the reserved portion of the pavilion. A Licensed Security Guard(s) (LSG) must be present during consumption, and shall be retained by the AUTHORITY at the expense of the permittee. A minimum of one LSG will be required for each one hundred and fifty (150) guests attending the gathering; or (2) LSG if sections of both the first and second floor are reserved.

All use of alcoholic beverages shall be in accordance with local ordinances and the State Beverage laws.

CAMPING

No person shall set up tents, shacks or any other temporary shelters, or any special vehicle to be used, or that could be used for such purpose; such as a house-trailer, camper-trailer, or the like, for the purpose of overnight camping.

GAMES

No person shall engage in games or practice for same except in the areas specifically designated and set aside for such recreational use, nor shall any person engage in games or practice for same where they interfere with others' use of the park.

ANIMALS

No domestic animals are allowed in the park except seeing eye and guide dogs. Any other domestic animal found in the park is subject to impoundment.

TOY FIREARMS, FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES

No person shall at any time bring into, or have in his possession, or discharge anywhere in the park, any air rifle, air gun, toy cannon, slingshot, bow and arrow, or any toy or instrument that discharges projectiles either by air, elastic, or explosive substance, or any other force other than water (example: water-pistols will be allowed in the park so long as they do not interfere with others' use of the park).

REFUSE AND TRASH

No person will deposit or drop or place any refuse including bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, waste, garbage, tobacco products, or any other debris, liquids, wastewater, or trash upon the ground, or in or on park property, except in the receptacles provided for the appropriate disposal.

GAMBLING

No person, group or organization shall bet or wager money on any outcome of a game, contest or event of any kind that would constitute a risk in hopes to gain a chance at money or other stakes that would constitute illegal gambling as specifically addressed in Chapter 849, F.S.

DRUNKENNESS

No intoxicated person or individual under the influence of alcohol will be permitted entry into the park areas and if discovered therein will be subject to immediate expulsion. Any person or persons associated with any group or special event shall be held responsible for those individuals who are disorderly.

NOISE

No person entering or being upon the park shall make excessive noise of any kind within the limits of any park area. The Park Manager shall determine if noise within the park is excessive.

MERCHANDISING, VENDING, ALMS, PEDDLING, CONTRIBUTIONS, FORTUNE TELLING AND PETITIONS

No person, organization, or firm other than the AUTHORITY or regularly licensed concessionaires acting by and under the control of the AUTHORITY, will expose or offer for sale, rent, or trade, any article or item, or station or place any stand, cart or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any article or merchandise (i.e. ice cream trucks, snack food vendors, equipment rentals, etc.) within the limits of the park area except by written permit from the AUTHORITY.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, GATHERINGS, PERFORMANCES AND SPEECHES

No person or persons or representatives of any political party, religious sect, musical group, office aspirant, theatrical or circus group or other public exhibition, shall hold or attempt to hold any meeting, any parade or drill in the park if it interferes with other peoples' use of the park. No public address or electrical amplification will be permitted unless prior written authorization is obtained from the Executive Director.

PROPER USE OF FACILITIES

The Lake County Water Authority, its officials, agents, and employees, are not responsible and will not be held liable for loss or damage to personal property or accidents, personal injury, or death that occurs by the negligence of others during the use of the facility. Any accident or injury must be reported to the Park Manager or the offices of the Authority in writing within twenty-four (24) hours.

No person will loiter in or around any restroom, dressing room or bathroom.

No person shall engage in any activity other than those prescribed in certain areas set aside for such purposes, for example: in areas set aside for fishing, activities such as boating and swimming will be prohibited.

No person shall dress or undress except in such bathhouses or structures as may be provided for that purpose. Dressing or undressing in any vehicle, toilet, restroom, on the beach, or in any park area except as provided above is strictly prohibited. Properly enclosed recreation vehicles are exempt from this provision.

No person shall behave or dress in an immoral manner, or violate accepted community standards, or use profane language. Such conduct shall subject the violator to immediate expulsion from the park.

PENALTIES

Any person who commits the offense of violating any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations shall be immediately expelled from the park. The AUTHORITY may pursue legal action to recover compensation for damages. Should any individual hinder the enjoyment of the park by others or require an inordinate amount of supervision by park attendants, the Authority's Board of Trustees retains the right to exclude that individual from the park either permanently or for a specified period of time.

ENFORCEMENT OF REGULATIONS AND PERMITS

All rules and regulations and permits contained in this document are enforceable by all law enforcement officers. Parking regulations may be enforced by park employees designated as "Parking Enforcement Specialists".

EXCEPTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The Executive Director shall have the authority to amend or waive these rules and regulations if it is determined to be in the best interest of the AUTHORITY and/or HICKORY POINT RECREATIONAL FACILITY, and to implement operational procedures to carry out the Park's Rules and Fee system.