

## ATTACHMENT VI

# **RECREATIONAL AREA GUIDELINES**

[\_\_\_\_], 2025

This Attachment VI – Recreational Area Guidelines (these "<u>Guidelines</u>") shall be known and may be cited as the Tarrant Regional Water District Recreational Area Guidelines. These Guidelines shall regulate and apply to activities on District Land or District Water, including, without limitation, all activities on/in District Parks and the Floodway.

These Guidelines supplement the rules and regulations in the Tarrant Regional Water District General Ordinance, as adopted by the District's Board of Directors on [\_\_\_\_], 2025 (the "General Ordinance"). The terms, provisions, and guidelines contained in these Guidelines are to be construed in conjunction with the General Ordinance, which is incorporated herein by reference. Capitalized terms used but not defined in these Guidelines will have the meaning given to them in the General Ordinance. In the event of a conflict between these Guidelines and the General Ordinance, the more restrictive or specific provision shall control.

Always check the District's website or District Reservoirs' offices for the most recent version of these Guidelines.

#### **SECTION 1. RECREATIONAL AREA GUIDELINES**

- **Section 1.01** To safeguard public property and the safety of visitors, the General Manager is authorized to establish and revise rules and regulations for all District Parks, the Floodway, and other recreational areas, including the trails and trailheads appurtenant thereto.
- **Section 1.02** <u>General Guidelines for Recreational Areas</u>. In addition to the rules and regulations for District Land set out in this Ordinance, the following rules shall apply to District Parks, the Floodway, and other recreational areas:
- (a) Unless otherwise stated herein, District Parks, the Floodway, and other recreational areas and areas are open from thirty (30) minutes before sunrise until thirty (30) minutes after sunset. Outside of this time, District Parks will be closed, and no Persons may enter into or remain in District Parks, unless with written permission from the General Manager or the time has been extended or reduced by order of the General Manager. Persons found on District

Waters or District Land, including District Parks, the Floodway, and other recreational areas, during restricted times, without prior written consent from the General Manager or a lawful reason, will be charged with Trespassing;

- (b) No Person under the age of sixteen (16) is allowed in District Parks or the Floodway unless accompanied by a competent adult over the age of eighteen (18). Persons are responsible for their minor children at all times while in or on District Parks or the Floodway;
  - (c) Persons jogging or running shall yield to Persons walking;
  - (d) Camping in District Parks is prohibited except with a Special Permit;
- (e) No Person may sell, offer for sale, or otherwise solicit any good or service within a District Park;
- (f) Any trash, refuge, or other litter must be removed and/or placed in an approved receptacle;
- (g) Any Person who brings a pet or domesticated animal is responsible for the pet or domesticated animal's conduct and must remove and dispose of all animal waste into an approved receptacle;
  - (h) Person's may not permit a Nuisance;
  - (i) Glass containers of any kind are prohibited;
- (j) Bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, and similar self or motorized propulsion devises are prohibited;
  - (k) Private or commercial use of fireworks or other explosives is prohibited;
- (l) Nudity and/or the performance of lewd, lascivious, obscene, illicit, or indecent acts is prohibited;
- (m) The consumption of drugs or alcoholic beverages is prohibited within District Parks. Smoking, including tobacco or e-cigarettes, is prohibited;
- (n) No Person may gamble or otherwise solicit or procure participants for, engage in or promote, or otherwise participate in, any game or activity which is played for money or other things of value;
- (o) No Person shall display, erect, or attach any sign, placard, notice, advertisement, circular, banner, or statement of any kind;
- (p) No Person shall start or maintain a fire or open flame other than in designated charcoal or gas grills;
- (q) Motorized vehicles are expressly prohibited within or on any District Park, the Floodway, or other recreational areas; provided, however, that the following shall be permitted:

- (1) motorized wheelchairs, scooters, and similar mobility aids are permitted for Persons with disabilities; (2) "Class 1 & 2 Electric Bikes" as defined by the Bicycle Products Suppliers Association; and (3) emergency or maintenance vehicles used by authorized personnel. Any and all motorized vehicles must observe posted speed limits, and if no speed limit is posted, travel at a maximum speed of 15 MPH.
- **Section 1.03** <u>Guidelines for Habitat Preservation in Recreational Areas</u>. The District is committed to preserving the ecology and natural habitat of District Parks, the Floodway, and other recreational areas. Only low-impact recreational and educational uses of District Parks, the Floodway, and other recreational areas is permitted. To preserve and protect the natural ecosystem and environment of District Parks, the Floodway, and other recreational areas, the District has adopted the following rules:
- (a) Person's may not impound or cause to be impounded any water, or otherwise alter or affect the natural flow of waters, without the prior written consent of the General Manager, which may withheld in their sole and absolute discretion;
- (b) No Person shall injure, destroy, mark, damage, or remove any property, natural feature or part thereof, including, but not limited to, all buildings, equipment, signs, rocks, stones, mineral formations, earthen materials, wood, trees, shrubs, flowers, plants, nuts, and seeds;
  - (c) No Person may cut or gather firewood;
  - (d) The use of metal detectors is prohibited;
- (e) No Person shall deposit, discard, dump, or leave behind any garbage, solid waste, liquid waste, litter, refuge, or other material of any kind, except in approved receptacles;
- (f) No Person shall disturb the wildlife and their natural habitat, including nesting areas for wildlife;
- (g) No Person may disturb, remove, or damage any vegetation or wildlife, this includes cutting, picking, or uprooting plants and feeding or harassing wildlife;
- (h) Persons are prohibited from carving, painting, or otherwise marking any tree, fence, rock, building, or other structure or material; and
- (i) Persons may not alter the location of any barrier, fence, or similar control device.
- **Section 1.04** Exemptions. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the following Persons in pursuit of performing authorized duties, are exempt from compliance with these Guidelines: (i) the District, its employees, and agents; (ii) law enforcement agencies; and (iii) emergency personnel. Furthermore, the General Manager may, from time to time, conduct or permit activities which are otherwise prohibited by these Guidelines.
- **Section 1.05** <u>General Manager Authority</u>. The General Manager has the authority, in their sole and absolute discretion, to revoke, suspend, or modify any Person's privileges of use of

District Parks, the Floodway, or other recreational areas; District Officers may order any Person to leave. Failure to comply may result in the Person being charged with Trespass. Additionally, the General Manager reserves the sole, exclusive, and final right to answer questions related to the interpretation or application of these Guidelines.

#### **SECTION 2. VENUE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES**

### **Section 2.01** <u>District Floodway.</u>

(a) The Floodway and recreational areas appurtenant thereto are open to the public from 4:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. every day.

#### **Section 2.02** Twin Points Park.

(a) The swimming area within Twin Points Park is open seasonally, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and closing at 8:00 P.M. on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. When open, the swimming area may only be used between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. The General Manager reserves the right to alter hours of use in their sole and absolute discretion.

#### **Section 2.03** Marine Creek Lake.

- (a) Hours Open to the Public:
  - (1) Bike Trail and Trailhead 4:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. every day.
- (2) Boat Ramp Gate opens each day 4:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. every day, although vehicles are allowed to remain in approved parking areas beyond this time.
  - (3) Lake Open 24 hours each day.
- (b) The entirety of Marine Creek Lake is a NO WAKE zone; no Watercraft may travel at greater than Headway Speed.

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