

**The following is an excerpt from the Douglas County Code providing for Rules and Regulations for Lone Star Lake Park.**

8-201 The Rules and Regulations governing Lone Star Lake Park (hereinafter the “Park”) are as follows:

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

8-201.1 GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS. The following use rules and regulations for the Park are hereby adopted:

a. Except as provided herein, the Park is open to the public. Visitors are welcome to use it for the various activities permitted during the times permitted. Fees are charged for certain activities as described herein.

b. All Park rules and regulations shall be enforced 24 hours a day by the Douglas County Sheriff. The Concessionaire, the Camp Host, and County employees shall report observed violations to the Douglas County Sheriff.

c. The Park shall be open only during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with the exception of those in the Park area for the express and demonstrated purpose of fishing or camping. Quiet hours shall be observed from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. in all areas of the Park.

d. The destruction of any sign, guidepost, or property of any kind is unlawful. This includes the peeling of bark, carving and chopping trees, cutting branches, driving nails, digging ground from roots, and the removal of trees, shrubs and plants, picking wild flowers, and other destruction of public property.

e. To carry or possess firearms in the Park is unlawful.

f. Throwing of cans, bottles, paper, junk or refuse of any kind on the ground or in the Lake is prohibited. The alteration, destruction or removal of seats, tables, park buildings, and other park equipment is prohibited.

g. Washing or throwing of waste of any kind around water faucets or fountains or the use of woods as toilets, or the use of toilets as bathhouses is prohibited.

h. Building or starting fires in the open or in any place except in county provided fire rings and grills, or personal grills used for cooking purposes only is prohibited.

i. No cats, dogs or other pets shall be allowed (a) in the swimming area, (b) on the swimming beach, or (c) on any dock. Dogs shall not be allowed in other areas of the Park unless restrained by a chain or controlled by a leash of no longer than 6 feet. This paragraph shall not apply to dogs present to assist the blind, the visually impaired and persons who are otherwise disabled, pursuant to the legislative declaration of public policy set forth at K.S.A. 39-1101 *et seq.* and amendments thereto.

j. The speed limit on Park roads is 20 miles per hour except where otherwise posted.

k. Horseback riding in the Park is prohibited. Driving automobiles, or other motorized vehicles anywhere other than on developed roads and in developed parking lots is prohibited.

- l. Camping in the Park is prohibited except by permit in the designated camping area. Persons using the campground must comply with the Park Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Camping (see Section 8-201.5).
- m. It is prohibited to engage in disorderly conduct at the Park. Disorderly conduct shall include:
  - (a) Those acts prohibited by K.S.A. 21-4101, and amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated herein by this reference; or
  - (b) Intoxication due to the consumption of alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances or a combination thereof.
- n. There is no lifeguard is on duty. All persons swim at their own risk. Bathing, swimming, and wading is prohibited, except in the designated swimming area from dawn (30 minutes before sunrise) to dusk (30 minutes after sunset). Bathing, swimming and wading in the cabin arm of Lone Star Lake (hereinafter the "Lake") by lake front property owners or their guests is permitted only within 50 feet of each lake front property owner's shoreline.
- o. The use of rubber rafts, air mattresses, tubes and other flotation devices which are not U.S. Coast Guard approved is prohibited (i) outside of public swimming areas and (ii) more than 50 feet from the shoreline in public swimming areas.
- p. Ice skating, ice boating, ice sledding, and ice fishing on the Lake are prohibited.
- q. The Park is a game sanctuary. Hunting, shooting, killing, trapping, injuring, pursuing, or molesting in any way any bird or animal on or within the Park is prohibited.
- r. The use of water craft on the Lake is subject to State of Kansas laws and regulations, and amendments thereto, which are incorporated herein by this reference, and rules and regulations set forth in Section 8-201.3 and Section 8-201.4.
- s. The possession, use or consumption on Park property of any controlled substance in violation of K.S.A. 65-4101 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, is prohibited. The possession, use or consumption of alcohol, alcoholic liquor or beer, as such terms are defined in K.S.A. 41-102, and amendments thereto, or cereal malt beverage, as such term is defined in K.S.A. 41-2701, and amendments thereto, is prohibited in or on the designated beach area(s), any floating dock, the established swimming area, and where otherwise prohibited by State of Kansas law. No alcohol, alcoholic liquor, or cereal malt beverage may be possessed, used or consumed in or from containers with a capacity in excess of one U.S. gallon.
- t. The Official County Concessionaire has the exclusive right to provide concessions in the Park.
- u. The Board may adopt special rules to govern special events.
- v. Parking is prohibited on Park roads at such locations as the Board or the Director of Public Works determines necessary or advisable to facilitate traffic flow or enhance the safety or enjoyment of the patrons of the Park; provided that the Director of Public Works shall post appropriate "No Parking" signage prior to enforcement. Without limiting No Parking areas on other Park roads, each of the following locations are designated and shall be appropriately signed to prohibit parking:
  - i. The road across the Lake Dam and the Spillway, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the east end of the Lake Dam Flood Wall, which is 230 feet east of the intersection of Douglas County Route No. 1-W, also known as E. 582 Road, and Douglas County Route No. 1-E, also known as E. 715 Road, thence westerly across the Lone Star Lake Dam a distance of approximately 1,880 feet,

thence southerly on a curve to the left across the Lone Star Lake Spillway a distance of 380 feet to the intersection with a side road leading toward the lake and terminating at said intersection.

- ii. The road past the Marina and Swimming Beach area, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point approximately 277.47 feet North and 218.60 feet East of the Southeast corner of the North half of the Northeast Quarter (N. ½, N.E. ¼) of Section 14, Township 14 South, Range 18 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, said point being on the centerline of Route 1-E, thence Westerly on the centerline of said Route 1-E to a point approximately 460.82 feet North and 724.28 feet West of the Southeast corner of the North half of said Northeast Quarter (N. ½, N.E. ¼) and terminating at said point. Also, from a point on said centerline of Route 1-E, approximately 650 feet westerly from said point of beginning, thence southerly along the centerline of a side road 400 feet and terminating at that point.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO FISHING**

8-201.2 **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO FISHING.** The following rules and regulations pertaining to fishing are hereby adopted:

- a. Fishing in the Lake is subject to State of Kansas laws and regulations. All laws of the State of Kansas, as amended, pertaining to fishing in state lakes are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

- b. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish in the Lake with more than two poles with two hooks each, or to fish in the swimming area from May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>, or to fish in any part of the Lake where “No Fishing” signs have been posted. Fishing with a seine, throwline, trotline, spear, hand fishing or any other method than with a pole and line is illegal.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BOATS, MOTORS AND BOATING**

8-201.3 **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BOATS, MOTORS AND BOATING.** The following rules and regulations pertaining to boats, boating and motors are hereby adopted:

- a. The boating and watercraft regulations of the State of Kansas as set forth in K.S.A. 32-1101 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto, are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference.

- b. All persons keeping, maintaining, operating or riding in boats on the Lake do so entirely at their own risk.

- c. The use of inboard motor boats, jet skis, wave runners, and similar personal watercraft is prohibited on the Lake. Inboard-outboard and outboard motor boats shall be permitted.

- d. From May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup> all boats are prohibited in the designated swimming area except, the Director of Public Works or his designee may authorize nonprofit groups to operate canoes in the established swimming area between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., on any weekday provided that any minors involved

in such activity are supervised by persons 21 years of age or older and there is no interference with swimming activities of the Lake patrons. All approved groups shall first notify the Operations Division Manager at 785-331-1330 prior to using the swimming area for canoeing purposes as provided herein.

e. All boats left unattended on the Lake overnight shall be docked at the boat docks provided at the marina. Cabin owners may use their own private docks. All boats shall be launched at boat ramps.

f. Except when fishing or going to or from the shore, no motor boats shall be operated within 100 feet of shoreline. Operators of motor boats shall be extremely careful and prudent at all times so as not to endanger life or safety, unnecessarily discomfort others, or interfere with any person who may be fishing from the shore.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO WATER SKIING AND BOAT SPEED**

8-201.4 **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO WATER SKIING AND BOAT SPEED.** The following ski and speed regulations are hereby adopted:

a. The minimum crew of any skiing boat shall be not less than one pilot and one observer.

b. No owner or person in possession of a ski boat shall permit a person under 14 years of age to operate the ski boat. Persons 14 through 17 years of age shall not operate a ski boat unless accompanied and under the direct and audible supervision of a parent or other person 21 years of age or older.

c. All skiers shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers while skiing, and all other State of Kansas safety regulations shall apply to both skier and boat. Those waiting to ski shall not wade or swim.

d. All areas of the Lake are “No Wake” areas, except for the designated ski area. The speed limit in the designated ski area on non-ski days is 8 mph. Skiing outside of the ski buoy markers is prohibited.

e. Skiing is allowed on Lone Star Lake only on and between June 1 and Labor Day each year on Wednesday through Sunday of each week, and on such other days as the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas approve. Skiing is only allowed on such days between 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., and at such other times as the Board approves. Skiing is prohibited on all other days and at all other times.

f. Speed limits in “Fishing Only” water shall be trolling speed which shall not create a wake.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CAMPING**

8-201.5 **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO CAMPING.** The following rules and regulations pertaining to camping are hereby adopted:

a. The Park camping season shall be from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Park shall be closed for camping from October 16<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. A Park Permit for camping is required. No reservations are accepted.

b. Quiet hours shall be observed from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. No noise or activity shall be discernible outside each campsite during such quiet hours.

- c. No camping term at the Park shall exceed fourteen continuous calendar days. Any camping term in excess of fourteen continuous calendar days shall be followed by an absence of at least five continuous calendar days.
- d. Camping shall be allowed only at developed sites designated for camping.
- e. A maximum of two tents shall be allowed per camping site. A maximum of four adults (over 18 years of age) shall be allowed to camp overnight in each camping site.
- f. An approved camping shelter is required.
- g. Violation of any camping regulation shall result in immediate revocation of the camping permit and expulsion from the Park. In addition, penalties as described in Section 8-201.8 may be enforced.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO  
THE SPILLWAY**

8-201.6 **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE SPILLWAY.** Douglas County Home Rule Resolution No. HR-01-8-2, codified at Section 8-202 of the Douglas County Code, relating to the Lake Spillway located at the west end of the earthen dam forming the north shore of the Lake, stipulates that unauthorized access to the spillway is restricted in the following areas:

All areas within 25 feet on either side of the concrete portion of the spillway from the northern edge of County Route No. 1-West where it crosses the spillway to the northern edge of the spillway stilling basin where the spillway becomes Washington Creek.

As set forth in Section 8-202 (c) of the Douglas County Code, any person who violates those restrictions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine in the amount of \$250.00. See Section 8-202 of the Douglas County Code for further information concerning regulating access to and use of the spillway.

**FEES FOR PERMITS  
ISSUED FOR THE LONE STAR LAKE PARK.**

8-201.7 **FEES FOR PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE LONE STAR LAKE PARK.** The following permit fees for camping are hereby adopted:

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| a. | Camp Site | No Electricity | \$7.00 (per day)  |
| b. | Camp Site | w/Electricity  | \$12.00 (per day) |

**PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY**

8-201.8 **PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.** The following are hereby adopted:

- a. Any violation of any of the rules and regulations set forth in Section 8-201.1 through this Section 8-201.8, inclusive, shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or a term of confinement not exceeding thirty days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment.

b. In addition to any other method of initiating a criminal proceeding under applicable law, criminal proceeding may be initiated for violation of any provision of Section 8-201.1 through this Section 8-201.8 by making an offense report and serving a uniform complaint and notice to appear upon the accused. The offense report shall be forwarded to the district attorney for prosecution.

c. Each day that any violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as a separate violation. Provided, however, that if any person is found guilty of a violation hereunder and it shall appear to the court that the violation complained of is continuing, then in addition to the penalty set forth, the court shall enter such order as it deems appropriate to cause the violation to be abated.

d. Compliance with the rules and regulations set forth in Section 8-201.1 through 8-201.7, inclusive, is mandatory and is a prerequisite to the use and enjoyment of the Park. Therefore, in addition to the penalties set forth in Section 8-201.8.a, the privilege of any person to use and enjoy the Park may be temporarily suspended or revoked by the Douglas County Sheriff, the Director of Public Works, or their designees for violation of any of the rules and regulations contained herein. Such suspension or revocation may apply to the use or enjoyment of all Park facilities or may be limited to specific items, such as operation of a boat on the Lake. Any such suspension or revocation shall, but only at the request of the alleged violator, be reviewed within two (2) working days by the County Administrator or his/her designee who shall either affirm or reverse the action. A decision to affirm may be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners but such appeal shall be filed within three working days. Revocation of the privilege of a person to operate a boat on the Lake may only be restored by making application to the Board of County Commissioners. The Douglas County Sheriff shall enforce any temporary suspension or revocation. Violation of a temporary suspension or revocation shall be unlawful and shall give rise to a separate offense hereunder.

## **DESIGNATION OF AREAS AND MAPS**

8-201.9 **DESIGNATION OF AREAS AND MAPS.** Whenever these regulations reference designated areas, such as designated swimming area, designated skiing area, or designated camping areas, the reference shall mean those areas designated by the Director of Public Works for such use. The Director of Public Works shall appropriately mark all designated areas and may cause maps of the Park to be prepared and distributed providing information as to the location of each designated area.

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