

Oklahoma State University Policy and Procedures

LAKE CARL BLACKWELL	3-0180 ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE January 2013
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GENERAL STATEMENT

1.01 Lake Carl Blackwell is a family oriented recreational area. Our mission is to provide the Oklahoma State University family and general public with a variety of safe, enjoyable, educational and recreational opportunities while operating in a fiscally responsible manner.

1.02 Lake Carl Blackwell Family Recreational Area is comprised of approximately 800 acres. The lake surface is approximately 3,350 acres in area. The area is maintained and operated by the revenues received from the sale of daily and annual use permits, fuel, merchandise, and rental of the facilities to the public. This policy does not apply to the grounds of Camp Redlands.

1.03 The line of administrative responsibility for Lake Carl Blackwell begins with the Park Manager, through the Director of Risk and Property Management, the Associate Vice President and Controller, to the Vice President for Administration and Finance.

POLICY

2.01 Permits must be purchased for daily recreational use, boating, skiing, fishing, camping, horse riding and dog training. Research or enforcement agencies of the University, city, county, state or federal government are exempt from this requirement when conducting official business or with written consent from the Park Manager.

2.02 All shoreline in the public recreational areas is open for public access. A camping or daily use permit does not grant exclusive privilege to the shoreline of that camp site or recreational area. Land areas designated for recreational use are lands that are contiguous and adjacent to the lake shoreline extending inland a maximum of 50 yards from the shoreline at spillway level.

2.03 Pets must be attended and kept under control. Dogs must be chained or leashed with restraints not to exceed 15 feet in length. All pets other than dogs or domestic cats must be approved in writing by the Park Manager before entering the park. Owners are responsible for disposal of animal waste and any damages caused by their pet. Aggressive or vicious animals will not be allowed.

2.04 Water skiing, swimming and other similar water activities are permitted only in designated areas as marked.

2.05 Carrying and/or use of firearms, BB guns, air guns, pellet guns or bow and arrows on the lake or adjacent lands is prohibited unless such use occurs in a designated hunting area during designated hunting seasons by an individual who has purchased hunting rights.

2.06 Fishing

- A. Individuals, unless exempted by the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, must possess a current State of Oklahoma Fishing License before fishing in Lake Carl Blackwell
- B. No type of net, trap, or gun shall be used to take fish from the lake.
- C. Hand fishing or “noodling” is prohibited.
- D. Trot-lines, jug-lines and throw-lines are permitted in areas designated by the Park Manager.
- E. No person shall offer for sale or market any fish taken from the waters of Lake Carl Blackwell.

2.07 All water craft placed on the lake reservoir must comply with all University, state and federal regulations.

2.08 No water craft shall be left unattended on or near the lake for more than a twenty-four hour period except in designated storage areas. Recreational groups or individuals holding a long term license with the University may leave such craft unattended provided that the water craft is on the licensed grounds or moored near the licensed grounds. All watercraft must display a current state registration and a current Lake Carl Blackwell permit. Any water craft left unattended may be impounded for safekeeping and eventual disposition. Expenses related to such action will be the sole responsibility of the owner.

2.09 Certain recreational areas normally specified for fishing, hunting, boating, swimming, hiking, horse riding or dog training may become temporarily unavailable during hunting season, when research is being conducted, or for other purposes as determined by the Park Manager for the safety of the public.

2.10 Perimeter land areas assigned for University research, teaching, or demonstration purposes are closed to public use.

2.11 Overnight, short-term, and long-term camping is permitted in designated camping areas only. Only one recreational vehicle per improved campsite is allowed. Recreational vehicles shall be no wider than 12 feet (excluding slide-outs), and no longer than 39 feet. Recreational Vehicles wider than 8’ 6” will be manufactured in accordance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard A-119.5 for Park Trailers. These Recreational Vehicles will be allowed with the following provisions:

- A. Wheels and towing tongue may not be removed and must remain visible;
- B. Vehicle must not be attached to ground in any manner;

- C. Vehicle must have a marine sanitary system installed and in use;
- D. Vehicle may not be skirted in any manner; and
- E. Vehicle must not have gross living area greater than 400 square feet.

No mobile homes or permanent housing shall be allowed on any campsite. A maximum of two tents are allowed per unimproved camp site.

2.12 Discharging fireworks in the Lake Carl Blackwell recreational area is prohibited.

2.13 Cutting or damaging trees or vegetation in the public camping areas is prohibited.

2.14 Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only.

2.15 Vehicular traffic must remain on designated roads. Driving on the grass is prohibited. "Off road" or "four wheel" driving is prohibited.

2.16 Discharge of sewage or kitchen waste onto the ground is prohibited. A sewage dump station is provided free of charge to lake patrons for kitchen waste and sewage.

2.17 No privately owned boathouses, storage sheds, cabins, docks, fences, or signs are permitted on the lake or area lands unless specifically authorized by the Park Manager in writing. Recreational groups holding long-term licenses with the University are exempt from this policy. Each recreational group must comply with the current license agreement as it pertains to such construction and/or renovation.

2.18 Alcohol kegs are prohibited in the public recreational areas.

2.19 Personal water craft (i.e. jet ski, wet bike, etc.) must be operated in a safe and responsible manner. Personal water craft must maintain a separation of 150 feet from boats under way, persons on water skis or inner tubes, and swimmers. Water craft inside of the 150 foot zone must enter, pass and exit the zone at a "no wake" speed. Personal water craft must maintain a separation of 300 feet from anchored or drifting fishing boats. Personal water craft inside the 300 foot zone must enter, pass and exit the zone at a "no wake" speed.

2.20 Operation of personal water craft is not permitted outside of the area defined as the "Ski Area" and delineated by buoys.

2.21 Water skiing and/or inner tubing is not permitted outside of the area as defined as the "Ski Area" and delineated by buoys.

2.22 Courtesy docks are provided for loading and unloading of boat passengers. Sun bathing, swimming and fishing from courtesy docks are prohibited.

2.23 The on-water fuel dock is provided for public, private, and institutional use. One slip is provided to the University Police Department for the Lake Patrol boats and water craft. Other areas of the dock are accessible to the public for fueling water craft and brief

excursions to the lake store. Sun bathing, swimming and fishing from the fuel dock are prohibited.

2.24 The Park Manager may promulgate rules and procedures for the safety, peace and welfare of lake area users. Such rules will be posted by sign or pamphlet and have the effect of law on the waters and recreational grounds.

PROCEDURES

3.01 Scheduling the use of lake facilities or recreational lands is the responsibility of the Park Manager.

A. The Park Manager shall maintain a record of land scheduling to prevent conflicting usage.

B. Acknowledgment of request for land use shall be made in writing.

3.02 Recreational use fees are charged for swimming, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, picnicking shelters, boating privileges, and other recreational activities, with payment to be made to the fee box, fee booth, convenience store, the Park Manager, or his authorized representative(s). Fees collected in the field will result in an additional charge.

3.03 Sale of raw water to outside concerns or individuals may be initiated by contacting the Park Ranger. Proceeds from the sale of raw water are to be deposited in accordance with state law and University policy.

3.04 Cabins are designated for annual or daily rental and are managed by an internal property manager. The property manager is required to locate qualified tenants and secure license agreements for annual rentals.. Daily rentals are administered by the Park Manager. There are conditions which may result in the termination of the lease agreement by the University. Such conditions include, but are not necessarily limited to, repeated visits by Police, repeated loud or unruly parties and/or conduction of illegal activities.

3.05 Migratory waterfowl and game hunting is permitted at Lake Carl Blackwell during the legal season at sites selected and marked by the Park Manager. Seasonal waterfowl hunting sites are determined at a public drawing prior to the opening of the waterfowl season. Game hunting leases are determined by an auction process. Application for seasonal site drawings and auctions may be made at the Lake Carl Blackwell Headquarters.

3.06 Lake Carl Blackwell recreational areas are patrolled by officers of the Oklahoma State University Police Department. During the summer months and when lake use is heavy, specially trained OSU Lake Patrol officers will be stationed at the lake to provide police services for lake patrons. Although their hours may vary, coverage will usually include all weekends and holidays. These police officers operate under the authority of the Director of Public Safety. The Lake Patrol fulfills their duties at Lake Carl Blackwell

as duly designated officers of Oklahoma State University as provided by state law and the Board of Regents and are fully-commissioned “Peace Officers” in the state of Oklahoma. The duties of the lake patrol are:

- A. Preventative patrol on water and land to maintain public peace and order and the protection of public and private property.
- B. Enforcement of state criminal and traffic laws, boating regulations, parking enforcement and enforcement of lake rules and regulations on the lake property.
- C. Assist lake personnel with the collection of use fees from unruly, intoxicated and/or belligerent visitors when efforts by lake staff have failed or are inappropriate.
- D. Respond to all emergencies and significant incidents at the lake and provide appropriate assistance and monitoring.
- E. Maintain state hunting and fishing regulations in the absence of the state game rangers or when state fishing and hunting regulation violations are observed.
- F. Maintain close working relationships with the lake staff, other state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies, as well as civil defense and fire agencies.
- G. Assist operators of boats or other water craft in difficulty; instruct boat operators in boating safety, operating laws, and regulations; and enforce University regulations applicable to boat and water craft operations on Lake Carl Blackwell.
- H. Submit daily activity reports as required by the Director of Public Safety. Special reports of unusual occurrences such as drownings or accidents shall also be made to the Director of Public Safety with a copy to the Park Manager and the Director of Risk and Property Management, who will in turn forward copies of such reports to the Associate Vice-President and Controller.

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