

Greenway Technical Committee User Rules and Regulations

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PURPOSE:

There are four governmental agencies involved in the management of the Greenway project. Each agency has specific commandments and needs regarding the regulation of recreational use of land within their jurisdiction. In order to provide a uniform and seamless governing body, a standard Greenway Rules and Regulations will be developed and adopted by the managing agencies of the project.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop a body of rules and regulations that meets the unique needs of the Greenway project and it's managing agencies;
2. Adoption of the rules and regulations of the Greenway project by all managing agencies;

DEFINITIONS

Managing Agency: The agency responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of a specific area in the Greenway system.

Motor vehicle. Any self-propelled vehicle including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, dune buggies, minibikes, motorcycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles (ATV's), but not including snowmobiles.

SPECIFIC ITEMS:

Rules Enforcement Policy

Laws will be enforced by the applicable agency. Individuals violating these rules will receive a verbal or written warning, an administrative complaint, a civil summons, or loss of park privileges.

All persons violating these rules may be penalized in accordance with the ordinances and statutes of the Managing Agency. Persons violating other applicable laws within the Greenway may also be punished in accordance with the provisions of those laws. In addition, persons violating these rules may be required to immediately leave the Greenway, and the Managing Agency may revoke the privilege of any person who violates these rules to enter the Greenway for a specific period.

Special Events

Special events and commercial uses or operations within the Greenway may only be conducted with a written permit from the Managing Agency obtained prior to the event, or under contract, lease, or other written agreement from the Managing Agency. The Managing Agency shall establish and may charge fees for special events and commercial uses of Greenway and state parks land.

No person, firm, or corporation may operate any concessions, business, enterprise, or sell personal property within the Greenway without prior written permission from the Managing Agency of the area of proposed activity.

Some areas, specifically the Red River State Recreational Facility, require user fees. The Managing Agency may from time to time establish fees for the use of other park areas by the public.

No person shall engage in or solicit business of any nature whatsoever from visitors, or to post signs, handbills, or advertisements, except for authorized concessions, without the prior written consent of the Managing Agency.

Hours of Operation

Regular day use hours within the Greenway are 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Red River State Recreational Facility hours are 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

During periods of forest fire danger or other emergency conditions, the Managing Agency may close the Greenway or any portion thereof. No person may enter or remain in closed areas except as authorized by the Managing Agency.

Please consult the Managing Agency identified on the Greenway map for more information regarding a specific area.

Personal Conduct and Prohibitions

Alcoholic beverages are allowed in designated areas only. Glass bottles are not permitted.

PERSONAL CONDUCT:

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: No person shall engage in brawling or fighting, use offensive, obscene, or abusive language, or engage in boisterous, noisy, or threatening conduct reasonably tending to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

DRUGS: A person's possession and use of drugs shall be in accordance with state laws.

NOISE: No person may create a disturbance that impairs the enjoyment of the Greenway by others.

Public Safety; Hunting; Firearms; Weapons

Hunting and trapping are prohibited within the Greenway, unless otherwise authorized by the Managing Agency. Use or possession of any firearm, bow and arrow, sling shot air rifle, paint ball gun or pistol is prohibited. Firearms may be transported through the Greenway if kept in car trunk, or otherwise inaccessible to use. Bows may be transported through the Greenway if unstrung or enclosed in a case.

Environmental Protection

The use of metal detectors is strictly prohibited, except as authorized by the Managing Agency.

It is unlawful to damage, deface or remove any park facilities, including picnic tables, vegetation and park signs.

No person may remove any natural or cultural object from the Greenway. Possession of paint or marking materials, or tampering with, altering, or removing any sign, marker, or structure is prohibited. Driving nails or permanently installing any object is prohibited. No person shall paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription whatsoever in areas other than areas designated for such purpose.

Research studies conducted on dry land within the Greenway require a special use permit issued by the Managing Agency. Request for use of the Greenway for research studies must

be submitted to the Managing Agency in writing nine months in advance of the proposed research except, as expressly authorized by the Managing Agency.

Chainsaws, generators, and other power equipment may not be operated within the Greenway, except as authorized by the Managing Agency.

Fires and Refuse

Fires or other cooking or heating devices are permitted only in designated areas. No person may leave a fire without totally extinguishing it, nor discard any burning cigarettes, cigars, matches, or any other burning material within the Greenway.

The collection of firewood within the Greenway is strictly prohibited.

Personal fireworks are not permitted within the Greenway. Public displays of fireworks require a permit from the appropriate Managing Agency of the proposed display location.

No person shall bring in or shall dump, deposit, or leave any bottles, broken glass, fish or fish parts, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, or refuse; or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds. All trash must be placed in the proper receptacles where these are provided; where receptacles are not so provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park by persons responsible for its presence, and properly disposed of elsewhere.

Recycling is encouraged in all parks.

Pets

Pets are allowed in most areas, but must be under physical control at all times on a leash. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Horses are allowed by permit only, in designated areas.

Feeding of wildlife is prohibited, unless authorized by the Managing Agency.

Picnicking

No person or group of persons shall unreasonably exclude others from a picnic area or shelter, except when the shelter has been reserved with consent of the Managing Agency.

Boating

The use of motorboats or outboard motors in the Greenway is permitted. Please familiarize yourself with the boating regulations of both states. Information is available at most area Chambers of Commerce, visitor centers and various retail merchants.

Fishing

General North Dakota and Minnesota fishing laws and the rules of the North Dakota and Minnesota Game and Fish Agencies apply within the Greenway. Appropriate fishing licenses are required.

Swimming

Swimming is strictly prohibited within the Greenway.

Storage and Abandonment of Personal Property

All properties left in the Greenway and not registered with the Managing Agency will be disposed of as abandoned property.

Motor Vehicles and Snowmobiles

No person, except authorized agents of the Greenway, shall drive or may operate any vehicle, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, minibikes, mopeds, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and all-terrain within the Greenway, except on roads or designated parking areas. Unless specifically designated, all-terrain vehicles are not permitted within the Greenway. No person shall operate any vehicle within the Greenway so as to endanger any person or property, nor in excess of the posted speed limit. Motorized trail bikes and all terrain vehicles are prohibited within the Greenway. Bicycles are allowed on maintained roads and trails only.

No person, except authorized agents of the Greenway shall drive or operate a motor vehicle in any park except on roads or designated parking areas. Motor vehicles may be parked only in designated parking areas or parking spurs. Motor vehicles may not be driven on roads that are posted, chained, or gated, unless authorized by the Managing Authority. Parking in an area not designated as a parking area is prohibited and subjects the vehicle to being towed at the owner's expense. Overnight parking is permitted in approved areas only. Motor vehicles must heed all posted speed limits.

All vehicles must park in designated areas.

A motor vehicle shall not be operated in excess of posted speeds or in a reckless, careless, or exhibitiv manner. No person shall operate a vehicle in such a manner as to create unnecessary engine noise, tire squeals, skidding, or sliding.

Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles are allowed on designated routes only. Posted speed limits must be obeyed at all times.

All trails are for specified use only; violators will be ticketed.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The Managing Agency shall have authority to promulgate rules and establish regulations to protect and regulate use of public parks and facilities within their jurisdiction, which rule and regulations shall be effective upon approval of the appropriate governing bodies. Said regulations may relate to hours, operation or recreational programs and other items reasonably designed to protect the public interest. Any member of the public aggrieved by the rules so promulgated or the regulations established by the Managing Agency, may appeal said rules to that agency and that agency shall rule on said appeal.

Suspension of Rules

In situations of emergency or in the case of authorized special events, the Managing Agency may provide temporary exceptions to these regulations by posting notice of the exception at the site.

The facilities, programs and employment procedures are open to all regardless of age, sex, race, color, disability, religion, national origin, or political affiliation. Contact us prior to your visit if you need an accommodation for a disability.