



## **SHELL LAKE USE REGULATIONS**

Shell Lake, which lies approximately six miles west of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, in Osage County, was impounded in 1922 upon completion of Shell Lake dam. It is a water source for the City of Sand Springs. Shell Lake and the surrounding City-owned lands provide outdoor recreational opportunities, including fishing, boating, picnicking and sightseeing for residents of the City of Sand Springs.

### **Hours**

Hours of access to Shell Lake shall be from daylight to dusk. Any person or persons going onto Shell Lake or the surrounding City-owned property, whether on foot or in a boat, shall do so at his/her own risk, and any person or persons accessing Shell Lake or the surrounding City-owned property from dusk to daylight shall be in violation of these regulations.

### **Use Permit**

A permit is required for use of the lake, whether for fishing from a boat or the shore, or for boating. Either daily or annual permits may be purchased. Daily permits can be purchased on site at Shell Lake or at the Sand Springs City Hall Customer Service Window. A daily permit fee of \$2.00 per person, but not more than \$6.00 per boat, will be charged for fishing and/or use of the boat launching area. An annual use permit can be purchased at Sand Springs City Hall Customer Service and is available for \$25.00. The permit year is from January 1 through December 31, and fees will not be prorated for fractional parts of the year. All anglers between the ages of 16 and 65 must have a valid Oklahoma fishing license. Permit fees will not be charged for persons under the age of 16 or over the age of 65.

### **Lake Security**

The Sand Springs Municipal Authority maintains an agreement with a Security Attendant living on site. The Security Attendant monitors the lake, dam, surrounding lands, picnic area and visitor activities and ensures compliance with lake regulations through close coordination with Sand Springs Police. The Security Attendant may request verification of use permits and Oklahoma fishing licenses. If the Security Attendant determines that a visitor is in violation of lake regulations, the Attendant may request that the violator refrain from further violation. If the visitor refuses to comply, the Attendant may request police assistance and the visitor may be forced to leave the premises.

## **Camping**

Overnight camping shall be prohibited at Shell Lake.

## **Swimming and Wading**

Only wading or swimming necessary to launch a boat, right a capsized vessel or abandon a sinking craft shall be permitted. Recreational wading, swimming, water skiing or skin diving or scuba diving shall not be permitted at any time.

## **Picnicking**

Picnicking and related day-use activities shall be permitted provided all refuse is cleaned up and placed in refuse containers upon departure.

## **Vehicles**

Vehicles shall not be parked in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede traffic movement or parking of other vehicles; create a safety hazard; or endanger any person, Shell Lake property or environmental feature. Vehicles so parked shall be subject to removal and impoundment at the owner's expense.

The operation and/or parking of a vehicle on other than authorized roadways shall be prohibited except at locations and times designated by the City of Sand Springs. Driving any vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence or traffic control barrier shall be prohibited.

Vehicles shall be operated only in accordance with posted regulations and applicable Federal, State and local laws, which shall be enforced by City of Sand Springs Police.

No person shall operate any vehicle in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger any person, Shell Lake property or environmental feature.

## **Sanitation**

Garbage, trash, rubbish or any other waste material or waste liquid generated on the lake and incidental to authorized activities shall be either removed from Shell Lake property or disposed in receptacles provided for that purpose. The improper disposal of such wastes, including human and animal waste, in Shell Lake or surrounding City-owned property, shall be prohibited.

Bringing any household or commercial garbage, trash, rubbish, debris, dead animals or litter of any kind onto Shell Lake or surrounding City-owned property for disposal or dumping shall be prohibited.

The spilling, pumping or other discharge of contaminants, pollutants or other wastes, including, but not limited to, human or animal waste, petroleum, industrial and commercial products and by-products, on Shell Lake lands or into Shell Lake waters shall be prohibited.

The discharge or placing of sewage, galley waste, garbage, refuse, or pollutants into Shell Lake waters from any boat, watercraft or dock shall be prohibited.

## **Fires**

Fires shall be confined to grills, or other facilities designated for that purpose. Fires shall not be left unattended and shall be completely extinguished prior to departure. The burning of materials that produce toxic fumes, including, but not limited to, tires, plastic or treated wood products shall be prohibited.

## **Control or Animals**

No person shall bring or allow dogs, cats, or other pets into the boat ramp and recreation area unless penned, caged, on a leash under six (6) feet in length, or otherwise physically restrained. No person shall allow animals to impede or restrict otherwise full and free use of Shell Lake lands and waters by the public. Unclaimed or unattended animals shall be subject to immediate impoundment and removal in accordance with State and local laws.

## **Restrictions**

Any act or conduct by any person who interferes with, impedes or disrupts the use of Shell Lake or impairs the safety of another person shall be prohibited. Individuals who are boisterous, rowdy, disorderly or who otherwise disturb the peace on Shell Lake lands or waters may be requested to leave.

The operation or use of any audio device including, but not limited to, radios, televisions, or musical instruments and or other noise-producing motorized equipment, including vessels or vehicles, in such a manner as to unreasonably annoy or endanger persons at any time or exceed State or local laws governing noise levels shall be prohibited.

## **Public Property**

Destruction, injury, defacement removal or any alteration of public property including, but not limited to, developed facilities, natural formations, mineral deposits, historical and archaeological features, and vegetative growth, shall be prohibited.

Cutting or gathering of trees or parts of trees and/or the removal of wood from Shell Lake lands shall be prohibited.

## **Abandonment and Impoundment of Personal Property**

Personal property of any kind shall not be abandoned, stored or left unattended upon Shell Lake lands or waters. After a period of twenty-four (24) hours, or at any time after the closure of the boat ramp and recreation area, unattended personal property shall be presumed to be abandoned and may be impounded and stored at a storage point designated by the City Manager.

Personal property placed on Shell Lake lands or waters adjacent to a private residence and/or development for more than twenty-four (24) hours shall be presumed to have been abandoned and, unless proven otherwise, such presumption shall be sufficient to issue a citation.

### **State and Local Laws**

Except as otherwise provided herein, all Federal, State and local laws and ordinances shall apply on Shell Lake lands and waters.

*\*See specific documents for boating & fishing regulations.*