

# Sleeter Lake Park Rules & Regulations

The following rules and regulations are hereby established with respect to the use of Sleeter Lake Park and its facilities located at 17749 Lakefield Road, Round Hill, VA

Attendants will visit the park at varied times.

For Non-Emergencies, please call the Western Loudoun Sheriff Station: 703-777-1021

For Emergencies, please call 911

For Park Comments & Questions, please call the Town Office at 540-338-7878

1. **Hours:** No unauthorized person shall, for any reason, enter the park prior to 7:00 a. m. or remain within the park after the time posted at entrance. The park shall be open for the public from March 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> unless otherwise posted.
2. **Preservation of Property:** No person shall injure, deface, disturb or befoul any part of the park, any of the building, signs, equipment or other property found therein, or remove, injure, peel, cut, or destroy any trees, flowers, shrubs, floral, rocks, or other minerals. No person shall staple or tack any items to tables, benches, or posts.
3. **Fires:** No person, unless authorized by the Town Council, shall light any fire for any purpose in any part of the park except in one of the provided grills; nor shall any lighted matches, cigarettes, cigars, or burning tobacco be deposited or left where a likelihood of fire may exist.
4. **Garbage and Refuse:** Park grounds and facilities must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. Littering of any kind is strictly prohibited. Garbage and refuse must be deposited in receptacles provided. No glass containers of any type are allowed in the park. Use of the adjacent Wastewater Treatment Plant dumpster is prohibited.
5. **Dogs:** No owner or person shall permit or allow their dog to run at large in the park, unless such dog be effectively restrained by a leash and accompanied by its owner or a responsible person able to control the animal. Dog owners must clean up after their dogs.
6. **Hunting and Trapping:** No person shall hunt or trap within park boundaries, unless authorized by the Town Council as part of annual maintenance of the park.
7. **Bathing, Wading and Swimming:** No person shall bathe, wade or swim in any stream or in the lake.
8. **Horseback Riding:** Horses and their riders are prohibited from using the park. Horse groups must obtain Town Council approval or special use permit to use the park.

9. **Behavior:** No person shall engage in any conduct, which is disorderly, unruly or offensive to such a degree that the same shall constitute an offense under the law of the State of Virginia or Loudoun County. The use of loudspeaker systems in the park is prohibited. Improper use of the park shall be strictly enforced. No person shall consume alcohol on park property in violation of any law of the State of Virginia or Loudoun County.
10. **Speed Limit and Parking:** No person shall drive or cause to be driven along or over any road within the park any motor vehicle or other apparatus at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour or in a manner, which endangers the life or limb of any person. No person shall park any vehicle in any place where a sign prohibiting parking has been erected or in any area other than that designated and posted as a parking area. Unlicensed motorcycles are strictly prohibited within the park boundaries. No ATV, dirt bikes or snowmobiles are allowed in the park.
11. **Commercial Enterprises:** No person, firm or corporation shall sell, solicit or offer for sale any item, property or privilege within the park, unless authorized by the Town Council or special use permit.
12. **Special Events:** No groups or events of more than sixteen (16) persons without a special use permit from the Town Council.
13. **Discharging Weapons:** Per Loudoun County Ordinance Section 1092.20, the discharging of any firearm, pneumatic gun, slingshot, dart device or bow and arrow in any public park or community center is prohibited, except as specifically authorized by the Department of Parks and Recreation in connection with a supervised recreational activity or except as may be required by a duly authorized law enforcement officer.
14. **Wastewater Treatment Plant:** No person shall trespass in the fenced compound adjacent to the park, that contains the Round Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant, unless authorized by the Town Administrator.
15. **Historic Structures:** No person shall trespass in the fenced compound on site for the Historic Structures, unless authorized by the Town Administrator.
16. **Parking:** No parking is permitted along the driveway, the shoreline, the boat launch area or the boat storage area. If you are planning on a boat launch, please move your vehicle back up to the parking lot before launching.

# Sleeter Lake Boating & Lake Access Rules

## Boats & Boating

1. All boats must be operated in accordance with all federal, state and local regulations, including but not limited to loading, life preservers and other life safety equipment. No boat of a length greater than 18 feet shall be used on the lake or launched into the lake.
2. Any person operating a boat must be at least 16 years or older, with a valid ID, unless accompanied by an adult with a valid ID.
3. All persons must wear a United States Coast Guard approved life preserver at all times while aboard a boat or vessel on Sleeter Lake.
4. No person shall operate any boat while under the influence of alcohol, drugs or barbiturates.
5. Gas-engine powered boats on Sleeter Lake are prohibited, with the exception of emergency response units and authorized agents of the RHOA and the Town of Round Hill. Boats with non-removable gas tanks are prohibited on Sleeter Lake.
6. Boats operated on Sleeter Lake may be operated by electric motors. However, no boat used or operated on Sleeter Lake may be powered by one or more electric motors having a total power of more than 195 pounds of thrust, or the equivalent of 3.5 horsepower.
7. Any unattended boat on Sleeter Lake or the shoreline without a Town or RHOA sticker is subject to impoundment by RHOA or the Town. Any impounded boat may be recovered by its owner after showing proof of ownership. RHOA or the Town will sell boats not claimed within 60 days of impoundment at auction.
8. Dumping, pouring, or throwing any material into the lake or onto the areas adjacent thereto, or any common area abutting the lake is forbidden.
9. Under no circumstances may a boat trailer or vehicle be left anywhere on the shoreline, or park in the boat slip area/launch area.
10. Boating capacity of the Sleeter Lake is 18 boats.
11. A boat is defined as a vessel propelled by oars, paddles, sail or electric power and having the following characteristics:
  - a) Over 6 feet in length but not exceeding 18 feet in length.

- b) Constructed with a hull, frame, body or casing made of durable and water repellent material or pontoons attached which provides the floatation necessary for buoyancy of the main platform
- c) Having the capacity to accommodate a passage with a life preserver on board unless designed for one person only.
- d) Routinely powered by standard oars, paddles, sails or small electric motors.

12. Boat launches are not permitted if there is ice on Sleeter Lake.

### **General Lake Rules**

1. No swimming or ice skating.
2. Do not trespass in any dam or spillway.
3. Use life rings only in an emergency.
4. No littering into the Lake or into the drains, gutters or storm drains of Sleeter Lake.
5. Fishing is permitted from docks and shores of Sleeter Lake Park property as appropriate, and where safe. All persons 16 years and older must possess a valid VA fishing license to fish in Sleeter Lake, ponds or streams. People that fish the lake are encouraged to:
  - a. Use “catch and release” method
  - b. Return to the Lake and ponds all bass between 11 and 14 inches
  - c. Refrain from eating fish from the lake, or consume at your own risk
6. Do not feed any wildlife or water fowl.

**Please Note:** This is not the complete list of Lake Access official rules and regulations. This list includes rules that impact visitors to the park or lake; not operational rules for the Town of Round Hill and overall Lake Management.