

**RULES
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**CHAPTER 1660-01-35
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAKE HALFORD**

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1660-01-35-.01 PURPOSE.

- (1) The purpose of the rule is to establish guidelines and processes for the administration of Lake Halford (formerly Carroll County 1000 Acre Lake) as a TWRA Lake.
- (2) These rules supplement all other law and rules applicable to the activities on Lake Halford and supersede all rules of the Carroll County Watershed Authority.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 64-1-810, 69-9-201, et seq., 70-1-206, 70-1-302, 70-2-203, and 70-2-225.
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1660-01-35-.02 GENERAL RULES.

- (1) General rules for the use of Lake Halford
 - (a) The portion of the lake south of Tennessee Valley Authority power lines is designated as fishing only. Any vessel in this area must travel at no wake area speed.
 - (b) The boat ramp will open 30 minutes prior to sunrise and will close 30 minutes after sunset. The TWRA may change these times in certain circumstances for public safety. Boat operation 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise shall be at no wake area speed.
 - (c) Skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, or similar activities are prohibited inside of marker buoys for fishing, swimming, and no wake areas.
 - (d) The TWRA has the authority to close all or portions of the lake at its discretion.
 - (e) No person shall be under the influence or in the possession of any intoxicating beverages or drugs while on Lake Halford or adjacent TWRA property. Alcoholic beverages shall be limited to the designated camping location.
 - (f) The discharge of firearms or fireworks are prohibited.
 - (g) Hunting is prohibited on Lake Halford and adjacent TWRA property.
 - (h) Launching or retrieving of boats from any embankment or shore other than the main ramp is prohibited.
 - (i) Swimming is prohibited from fishing piers and platforms, marinas, courtesy docks, or around boat ramps.

(Rule 1660-01-35-.02, continued)

- (j) Vessels, as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. § 69-9-204, are prohibited in the swimming area.
- (k) No person shall deface TWRA property, block access areas, cut trees, bushes, and shrubs or litter the area.

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1660-01-35-.03 FISHING.

- (1) Fishing of Lake Halford
 - (a) An appropriate state license shall be required as provided by the rules and regulations of the TWRA. All fishing must be in compliance with and governed by TWRA rules and regulations and laws of the State of Tennessee.
 - (b) Fishing from the swimming area is prohibited.
 - (c) No cleaning of fish shall take place on TWRA property except at designated areas.
 - (d) Fishing from the dam is prohibited.
 - (e) Fishing from the 50-foot buffer is prohibited except by permission of the adjacent property owner.

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1660-01-35-.04 BEACHES AND SWIMMING.

- (1) Beaches and Swimming at Lake Halford
 - (a) No lifeguard is on duty, swim at your own risk.
 - (b) Persons using the beaches shall obey the direction of TWRA personnel and posted rules.
 - (c) Swimming from the beaches is permitted only between sunrise and sunset.
 - (d) All swimmers shall observe all rules for the safety and enjoyment of all visitors.
 - (e) With the exception of service animals accompanying persons with disabilities, no animals are permitted on beaches.
 - (f) Glass and glass containers are not allowed on beaches.

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1660-01-35-.05 PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION.

- (1) Use of Parks, Playgrounds, and Outdoor Recreation
 - (a) The parks and playgrounds are available for use from sunrise to sunset.
 - (b) Visitors will be held responsible for damage to TWRA property.

(Rule 1660-01-35-.05, continued)

- (c) TWRA staff reserves the right to control, restrict, or limit the use of these amenities for group activities. Groups over twelve (12) people must have written permission from the TWRA Lake Manager to use these areas prior to the day of use.
- (d) With the exception of service animals accompanying persons with disabilities, no animals are allowed in the parks, playgrounds, or in the Lake Headquarters area.

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1660-01-35-.06 DOCKS.

- (1) Docks on Lake Halford
 - (a) All persons desiring docks must submit a written application to the TWRA Lake Manager and must receive written permission prior to any construction of the dock.
 - (b) Submitted dock plans shall include a drawing.
 - (c) Docks are allowed and will only be approved if they do not impede or present a hazard to boat traffic and meet all other guidelines and requirements as described herein.
 - (d) Fees for docks are as follows:
 - 1. Landowner fee - One-time fee - \$5,000.00
 - 2. Community dock - One-time fee - (\$5,000.00 x number of slips)
 - (e) A denial of a dock permit by the TWRA Lake Manager may be appealed, in writing, to the Executive Director as provided in relevant provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-301 et seq.
- (2) General dock rules are as follows:
 - (a) Only one dock shall be permitted per waterfront lot, and no dock shall have more than two slips and two personal watercraft platforms.
 - (b) Private boat ramps are prohibited.
 - (c) Boat houses are prohibited.
 - (d) Docks shall not extend more than 25 feet into the water at normal lake level. Docks constructed in coves shall not extend more than one-third the distance to the opposite shore or 25 feet into the water, whichever is shorter. Any requests for more than 25 feet shall be considered individually by the TWRA.
 - (e) No docks shall be located within 15 feet from any neighbor's property line. Where this density requirement cannot be met, only community docks will be allowed. This would require waterfront lots to contain a minimum of 100 feet of shoreline if a dock is desired.
 - (f) Boat lifts and hoists shall be placed adjacent to or enclosed within a dock with a maximum of two boat lifts and hoists per dock.
 - (g) Boat lifts and hoists not placed adjacent to or enclosed within a dock shall be considered a dock and an additional dock will not be permitted.

(Rule 1660-01-35-.06, continued)

- (h) All docks shall be maintained and kept in good repair at the expense of the permittee. A new permit is not required for maintenance of docks provided that docks shall be returned to the originally permitted condition.
- (3) Dock construction shall be consistent with the following:
 - (a) Wooden or metal-framed floating docks are preferred. Recycled plastic wood products are permitted. Only one dock per waterfront lot is permitted.
 - (b) Styrofoam encased in plastic (encapsulated foam) is required. Barrels are strictly prohibited.
 - (c) Permanent piers or pilings are discouraged. If pilings are necessary; they must be at least four inches (4") in diameter. Anchoring devices may only be used directly beneath the dock and must not present a hazard to boaters or swimmers
 - (d) The conversion of an uncovered dock to a covered dock is allowed with written permission from the TWRA Lake Manager.
 - (e) Dock bumpers can be a fire hose or commercial bumper material. No cut or uncut tires are allowed.
 - (f) Carpeting is permitted only on the top of the dock.

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1660-01-35-.07 CAMPING.

- (1) Camping is allowed subject to the following:
 - (a) Camping is allowed with permission of the TWRA Lake Manager and is only allowed in designated areas.
 - (b) Quiet hours are 11 p.m. - 6 a.m.
 - (c) Speed limit in the park area is 15 mph.
 - (d) Pets must be on a leash of 6 feet or less and under physical control at all times while in the campground. Visitors are required to clean up after their pets for health and sanitation purposes. Pets must not be left unattended, and pets are not permitted on the beach, in designated swimming areas, bathrooms, and shower buildings.
 - (e) Campsite capacity shall be limited to a maximum of eight people per site and two vehicles.
 - (f) Maximum term of stay shall be 14 days.
 - (g) Possession of alcoholic beverages in open containers or consumption of any alcoholic beverages on TWRA property shall be limited to the designated camping locations.

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