

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY  
WILDLIFE RESOURCES  
CHAPTER 1660-01-35  
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAKE HALFORD  
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**1660-01-35-.01.01 Purpose.**

- (1) 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.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 64-1-810, 69-9-201 et. seq., 70-1-206, 70-1-302, 70-2-203

**1660-01-35-.01.02 General Rules.**

General Rules for Use of Lake Halford are as follows:

- (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. Boat operation 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise shall be at no wake 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 these areas. Alcoholic beverages shall be limited to the designated camping location.
- (f) The discharging of firearms or fireworks are prohibited.
- (g) Hunting is prohibited on TWRA property.
- (h) Launching or retrieving of boats from TWRA property other than the main ramp is prohibited.
- (i) Swimming is prohibited from fishing piers and platforms, marinas, courtesy docks, or around boat ramps.

- (j) Vessels are prohibited in the swimming area.
- (k) No person shall deface state property, block access areas, cut trees, bushes, and shrubs or litter the area.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 64-1-810, 69-9-201 et. seq., 70-1-206, 70-1-302, and 70-2-203

**1660-01-35-.03 Fishing.**

- (a) An appropriate state license shall be required as provided by the rules and regulations of Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). All fishing must be in compliance with and governed by TWRA rules and regulations and laws of the State of Tennessee.
- (b) Fishing is not permitted in the swimming areas.
- (c) No cleaning of fish shall take place on TWRA property except at designated areas. Fishing from the dam is prohibited.
- (d) Fishing from the 50-foot buffer is prohibited except by permission of the adjacent property owner.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 64-1-810, 69-9-201 et. seq., 70-1-206, 70-1-302, 70-2-203

**1660-01-35-.04 Beaches and Swimming.**

- (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) No animals are permitted on beaches or in the Administrative Headquarters area.
- (f) Glass and glass containers are not allowed on beaches.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 64-1-810, 69-9-201 et. seq., 70-1-206, 70-1-302, 70-2-203

**1660-01-35-.05 Parks, Playgrounds, and Outdoor Recreation.**

- (a) The parks, playgrounds and other recreational areas are available for use from sunrise to sunset.
- (b) Visitors will be held responsible for damage to TWRA property.
- (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 to use these areas prior to the day of use.
- (d) No animals are allowed in the recreational areas or in the Administrative Headquarters area.
- (e) Persons using TWRA water and ground areas shall obey the directions of TWRA personnel and posted rules.

**1660-01-35-.06 Docks.**

- (a) All persons desiring docks must submit an application to TWRA and receive written permission prior to any construction of the dock.
- (b) All plans for docks shall be submitted in writing. Submitted 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) General dock rules are as follows:
  - (1) Only one dock shall be permitted per waterfront lot, and no dock shall have more than two slips and two personal watercraft platforms.
  - (2) Private boat ramps are prohibited.
  - (3) Boat houses are prohibited.
  - (4) Docks shall not extend more than 25 feet into the water at normal lake level and in coves shall not extend more than one-third the distance to the opposite shore. All requests for more than 25 feet shall be considered individually by the TWRA.
  - (5) 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 be at least 100 feet at the lake if a dock is desired.)
  - (6) Boat lifts and hoists shall be considered a dock if they stand alone.
  - (7) Boat lifts and hoists not placed adjacent to or enclosed within a dock shall be considered to be a dock.
  - (8) Boat lifts and hoists may be placed adjacent to or enclosed within a dock with a limit of two per dock.
- (f) Dock Construction shall be consistent with the following:
  - (1) Wooden or metal-framed floating docks are preferred. Recycled plastic wood products are permitted. Only one dock per waterfront lot is permitted.
  - (2) Styrofoam encased in plastic (encapsulated foam) is required. Barrels are strictly prohibited.
  - (3) Permanent piers or pilings are discouraged. If pilings are necessary; they must be at least four (4) inches in diameter. Anchoring devices may only be used directly beneath the dock and must not present a hazard to boaters or swimmers

- (4) Covered docks are permitted with written permission.
- (5) Dock bumpers can be a fire hose or commercial bumper material. No cut or uncut tires are allowed.
- (6) Carpeting is permitted only on the top of the dock.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 64-1-810, 69-9-201 et. seq., 70-1-206, 70-1-302, 70-2-203

**1660-01-35-.07 Camping.**

Camping is allowed subject to the following:

- (a) Camping is only allowed in designated areas.
- (b) Quiet Hours are 11 PM - 6 AM.
- (c) Speed Limit in Park Area will be 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. You are required to clean up after your pet 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) Alcoholic beverages in an open container or consuming any alcoholic beverages on TWRA property shall be limited to the designated camping location.

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