

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Site Specific Rules & Regulations

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Under the authority of, and in compliance with LB 861, as passed by session laws, the State of Nebraska, 1984, the following regulations are prescribed by the Little Blue Natural Resources District and are effective July 1, 1986, until revoked or amended. Therefore, all public use of the Recreation Areas of the Little Blue N.R.D. is regulated by the N.R.D. General Park Regulations (01) as well as the following Special Regulations.

04.0 Liberty Cove Recreation Area

Located: South Half (S½), Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Four (4) North, Township Nine (9) West of the Sixth (6th) P.M., Webster County, Nebraska; Two (2) miles west, two (2) miles south, one-half (½) mile west of Lawrence, Nebraska. (Appendix III)

04.01 Permitted Activities

- 04.01A Camping in tents, sleeping bags, and trailer or recreation vehicles is permitted in designated areas, except that only camping in sleeping bags or tents will be permitted in the area behind the dam. Vehicular campers will not be allowed behind the dam. Daily camping fees are required. (See current fee rates schedule)
- 04.01B Picnicking will be allowed throughout the area and is encouraged in areas provided for such activities.
- 04.01C Hiking is allowed throughout the area. Marked hiking trails will be provided.
- 04.01D The kindling of fires and use of grills is permitted only in the areas designated and in facilities provided or in camping stoves and lanterns tended by the camper.
- 04.01E Pets of all kinds must be crated, caged, or on a leash at all times, except that hunting dogs may be used in areas designated for hunting when under the supervision of their master. Horseback riding is allowed on roadways and designated areas.
- 04.01F Fishing is permitted in the entire lake area except that no fishing may occur within twenty (20) yards of the boat ramp or anywhere within the designated beach and swimming area.

- 04.01F1 *Special length limits will be enforced for: Largemouth Bass – 21" minimum length*
- 04.01G Hunting of the small upland game will be allowed. According to the Game and Parks Commission seasons and daylight restrictions, the taking will occur by shotgun only. During the appropriate season, the area will be open for archery for deer and turkeys. Hunting is prohibited within two hundred (200) yards of any public-use facility or activity area. The use of rifles in this area is prohibited.
- 04.01H Trapping of furbearers is authorized by a special permit issued by the Little Blue N.R.D. Manager and only when it is determined that sufficient depredation warrants trapping.
- 04.01I Horseback riding is allowed on roadways and designated areas. Riders should be aware that the area will be open for archery for deer and turkeys during the appropriate season.
- 04.01J Swimming and wading are permitted. These activities are "at your own risk." No lifeguards on duty. The District is not responsible for any accidents or loss of life.
- 04.01K Boating and Canoeing are permitted throughout the lake, except that no boats will be allowed in the marked swimming area. The use of motors is restricted to small trolling motors only. A speed limit of five (5) m.p.h. ("no wake") will be enforced for all boats supporting motors. Boating and canoeing will be in accordance with General Regulation 01.24.
- 04.01L Winter sports such as skiing, sledding, and skating will be permitted in areas except those open to vehicular traffic or otherwise posted.

04.02 Prohibited Activities

- 04.02A The use or operation of all forms of mini-bikes, mini-cycles, trail bikes, and similar two, three, or four-wheel miniature or regular vehicles or cycles outside the designated roadways and parking areas is prohibited.
- 04.02B Begging and soliciting are prohibited.
- 04.02C The use of rifles for hunting or target practice is prohibited.
- 04.02D Water skiing is prohibited.
- 04.02E Waterfowl hunting is prohibited.

