

WHITE MOUNTAIN LAKES

COUNTY RECREATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

“White Mountain Lakes County Recreation Improvement District” is a Navajo County Improvement District established by the Navajo County Board of Supervisors in February 1993 to manage and improve the recreational use of White Mountain Lake and Mexican Lake through a current agreement with the Silver Creek Irrigation District.

A private, members only, recreation area

2015 Silver Creek Drive

Phone: (928) 532-8099

Website: WML-RecreationDistrict.org

Email: whitemtnlake@frontier.com

RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Approved & Adopted by
WMLCRID Board of Directors**

**Revised
March 13, 2018**

Emergencies....call 9-1-1

The District takes or implies NO responsibility for personal injury of any kind, damage to or theft of personal property. The lake and facilities are used as is and at your own risk.

1.0 Access and Operating Hours

1.1 Access to the Lakes and areas owned, leased or controlled by the White Mountain Lakes County Recreation Improvement District is granted under the condition that the laws of the State of Arizona and these Rules and Regulations are observed. Access is granted only to District Members and Associate Members. Any violation of either State Law or District Rules and Regulations can result in permanent or temporary revocation of access of the individual member.

1.2 The Lakes will be open to Authorized Users at all times with certain restrictions to prevent conflict between fishing and water skiing. **Restrictions:** Excessive noise and excessive wake are not allowed on any day before 10:00 AM and after sunset.

1.3 Use of District Facilities is at the users' own risk.

1.4 The District is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of property.

1.5 All persons using District facilities must display proof of access. Proof of access can be obtained at the lake office during business hours.

A. **District Member:** To receive your placard, you must go to the Lake Office and fill out a form with the following information:

Member's Name

Member's Phone Number(s)

Email address

Parcel # or address

Current Mailing address

Once your information is verified via the Navajo County Assessor's website you will be issued your placard. Your placard may be shared with your family, guests, and renters. You take responsibility for those using your placard. **Guests:** If you have other guests joining you at the lake, you need to notify the District Personnel; identify yourself as a District Member (provide placard number, Email address, or phone number) and provide them with your guest's information. Your guest(s) will need to stop at the office with identification and they will be given a day pass to place on their dashboard. If your placard is lost or stolen, you will need to report it to the District Personnel as soon as possible and pay a \$25.00 fee to get another one. If anyone shows up at the District Property displaying the lost or stolen placard, they will NOT be allowed access.

"District Member" Is a parcel owner on which taxes are levied by White Mountain Lakes County Recreation District.

B. **Associate Member:** To receive your placard, you must go to the Lake Office, provide a bill from the Silver Creek Irrigation District, and fill out a form with the following information:

Member's Name

Member's Phone Number(s)

Email address

Property address

Current Mailing address

Once your information is verified and you pay the yearly membership fee, you will be issued your placard. Your placard is only good for that calendar year. Your placard may be shared with your family and guests. You take responsibility for those using your placard. **Guests:** If you have other guests joining you at the lake you need to notify the District Personnel; identify yourself as an Associate Member and provide them with your guest's information. Your guest(s) will need to stop

at the office with identification and they will be given a day pass to place on their dashboard. If your placard is lost or stolen, you will need to report it to the District Personnel as soon as possible and pay a

\$25.00 fee to get another one. If anyone shows up at the District property displaying the lost or stolen placard, they will NOT be allowed access.

“**Associate Member**” is a member of the Silver Creek Irrigation District who provides proof of membership. A yearly fee is required and determined by the District.

- 1.6 Loud, abusive, threatening, or indecent conduct is not allowed. Excessive noise is not allowed.
- 1.7 Use of the District facilities shall be on a first-come, first-serve basis.
 - A. For large gatherings please contact the lake office a minimum of one week in advance for further information on Day Use Passes.
 - B. Beach Ramadas may be reserved a minimum of one week in advance.
- 1.8 The Silver Creek Irrigation District owns the lake property and has the right to store and use the water in the lake for irrigation. The Silver Creek Irrigation District controls the water level in the lake based on irrigation requirements and the current agreement between the Irrigation District and the Recreation District. Lake level and lake surface area will vary. **Not all potential hazards are, or can be known. Caution and attention to obscured hazards is the responsibility of the user.** Silver Creek Irrigation District Agreement refers to the written agreement between the White Mountain Lakes County Recreation Improvement District and the Silver Creek Irrigation District. The current agreement provides the Recreation District with a minimum lake level for White Mountain Lake offering a usable lake surface for recreation and provides the exclusive control of the recreation use and improvements on and around White Mountain Lake and Mexican Lake.

2.0 Aircraft and or Drones

- 2.1 Operation of aircraft and or drones on District property is not allowed unless preapproved by District Personnel.

3.0 Beach and Shoreline Areas

- 3.1 Open fires on District property are not allowed. Propane grills only.
- 3.2 Excessive horseplay and aggressive behavior are not allowed.
- 3.3 Fishing at the swim cove and beach are not allowed.
- 3.4 Boats and other watercraft are not allowed in the swim area, as marked by buoys.
- 3.5 Motorized vehicles are not allowed from entering the beach area, except as necessary by District or Law Enforcement personnel in the performance of their duties.
- 3.6 All pedestrian and vehicular travel on ice is not allowed.
- 3.7 No glass or ceramic containers of any type in “District Areas, Properties, or Facilities”.

4.0 Boat Ramps and Docks

- 4.1 Private Boat Ramps or Docks may not be placed on District property without the written approval of the Board of Directors.
- 4.2 All watercraft must be removed entirely from the lake when refueling.

5.0 Boating/Water skiing

- 5.1 The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Navajo County Sheriff’s Office has jurisdiction to enforce ARS Title 5 - “Amusements and Sports” upon the Lakes. **Refer to Boater’s Guide of Arizona available at the office.**
- 5.2 All unmanned watercraft must be removed from the District by sundown.
- 5.3 All watercraft shall be launched from an approved boat launch or ramp, except that shoreline property owners may cross District property to launch watercraft from their private property, provided:

- A. District property is not damaged by such private launch.
 - B. Motor vehicles and/or trailers are not used in the launch.
 - C. The launch does not endanger the safety of others.
- 5.4** Watercraft slip rental is offered by the District.
- 5.5** No watercraft shall be operated in a careless, reckless or negligent manner, or at any speed that is unreasonable for existing conditions.
- 5.6** Before 10:00 AM, special consideration shall be given to preserve the peace and quiet of neighborhoods near the lake, and to accommodate fishermen. No speed over 25 miles per hour.
- 5.7** Water skiing is allowed from 10:00 AM to sunset only.
- 5.8** Boats pulling skiers must operate in a safe manner and in a counterclockwise direction.
- 5.9** Lake level and lake surface area will vary. Not all potential hazards are, or can be known. Caution and attention to obscured hazards is the responsibility of the user.
- 5.10** Boats and other watercraft are not allowed from entering the swim area, as marked by buoys.
- 6.0** **Camping**
- 6.1** Any overnight stay on District property which does not involve active use of District recreation, such as fishing, is not allowed.
- 7.0** **Children**
- 7.1** Children 12 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) at all times.
- 8.0** **Concessions**
- 8.1** All concessions operated within the District areas must be approved, in writing, by the Board of Directors.
- A. **“Concessions”** shall mean any business operated within the areas owned, leased, or controlled by the Recreation District for the purpose of profit and/or solicitation of charitable donations.
- 9.0** **Firearms and Explosives**
- 9.1** Discharge of firearms in the District property is not allowed.
- 9.2** Fireworks or other explosives are not allowed unless approved by the Board of Directors.
- 10.0** **Fishing**
- 10.1** The Lakes and Silver Creek are private. According to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, private lakes do not require a fishing license, however, private streams such as Silver Creek do require a fishing license except for the section of Silver Creek in the District area.
- 10.2** All techniques for “harvesting” fish in quantity are not allowed.
- 10.3** A maximum of two (2) fishing poles are allowed per person in the water at any one time. A maximum of two (2) hooks shall be allowed per line.
- 10.4** Fishing limits are six (6) Catfish, six (6) Bass, and six (6) Trout per day, per person. There is no limit for Carp.
- 10.5** Cleaning fish on District property is not allowed except in designated areas.
- 10.6** A fishing dock is available for fishing.
- 10.7** No fishing in swim area.
- A. **“Swim Area”** shall mean the area located north of the boat ramp that has been improved for swimming activities, to include shore and water within the area marked by buoys.
- 11.0** **Littering**
- 11.1** Deposit of trash, garbage, human or animal waste collected from a private residence or a commercial business into receptacles provided by the District is not allowed.
- 11.2** Dumping any foreign liquid or materials on District property is not allowed.

12.0 Motor Vehicles

12.1 Unauthorized motor vehicles shall not be driven on the shore of the lakes within the high-water mark, except as necessary by District or Law Enforcement personnel in the performance of their duties.

13.0 Pets

13.1 Dogs, cats, and other pets shall be kept under physical restraint at all times. Leashes must not exceed six (6) feet.

13.2 All animal waste must be collected promptly and removed by the person responsible for the animal.

13.3 No horses or horse trailers are allowed in the parking area or on the beach.

14.0 Swimming

14.1 Swimming is not allowed within one hundred (100) feet of docks, fishing docks or boat ramp.

14.2 There is no Life Guard. All swimming is at the users' own risk.

14.3 Boats and other watercraft are not allowed in the swim area.

15.0 Vandalism

15.1 Vandalism of any kind is not allowed and may result in suspension of the use privileges for the individual(s) involved.

15.2 Destroying trees or plants and/or removing limbs for any purpose is not allowed.

DEFINITIONS

A-1 “**Board of Directors**” shall mean the White Mountain Lakes County Recreation Improvement District Board of Directors which is the Navajo County Board of Supervisors.

A-2 “**District**” shall mean the White Mountain Lakes County Recreation Improvement District.

A-3 “**District Areas, Property or Facilities**” shall mean areas or property owned, leased, or controlled by the District.

A-4 “**District Personnel**” In an effort to enhance public safety awareness and the application of these Rules and Regulations, District Personnel are employed as representatives of, and to act on behalf of, the District. These staff members look forward to working with you for a safe and enjoyable day at the lake.

A-5 “**Silver Creek Irrigation District**” shall mean an organization of farmers or ranchers who own and/or control certain lands and/or water rights.

A-6 “**Watercraft**” means any boat designed to be propelled by machinery, oars, paddles or wind action upon a sail for navigation on the water.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE AND COOPERATION
NOTES