

# **PARK RULES & REGULATIONS**

Governing Public Use of  
Parks Operated by:  
Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County



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Welcome to the parks built and operated by Chelan County PUD. Please review the rules and regulations to ensure an enjoyable and safe visit.

Chelan County PUD has developed and maintains an extensive system of public parks, campgrounds and boat docks and launches. Seventeen facilities have been constructed along our Rock Island, Rocky Reach, and Lake Chelan Hydro Project reservoirs. They have been provided for the use and enjoyment of the public. Several million people visit every year, evidence of the positive impact these parks have on the social, cultural, educational and economic environment of the communities we serve.

For more information, contact the Chelan County PUD Parks Department at 661-4551 or toll free (888) 663-8121, Ext. 4551.

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These rules and regulations are intended to assure the public that Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County (hereinafter called Chelan PUD) park and recreation facilities are operated and maintained in a clean, attractive and safe condition for the use and enjoyment of all park visitors and are open to all members of the public without discrimination.

These rules and regulations shall apply to parks owned, operated, and maintained by Chelan PUD. These rules and regulations apply to Kirby Billingsley Hydro Park, Walla Walla Point Park, Wenatchee Riverfront Park, Rocky Reach Dam, Chelan Falls Park, Chelan Falls Powerhouse Park, Beebe Bridge Park and Chelan Riverwalk Park.

Additional recreational information is available at Chelan PUD's main office in Wenatchee, Washington.

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**Section 1. Definitions**

1. **“Boat Launch”** shall mean any facility located in a Chelan PUD park designated for the purpose of placing or retrieving any vehicle-borne or trailer-borne watercraft into or out of the water.
2. **“Registered”** shall mean an individual or group of people that have reserved a campsite online through the PUD website and paid in full. A listing of ALL vehicles that will be at the campsite must be included.
3. **“Registered Camper”** is the individual whose name appears on the reservation. To qualify, the individual must be 18 years or older and must occupy campsite every night.
4. **“Camping”** shall mean anyone staying overnight in a Chelan PUD park.
5. **“Camper(s)”** shall mean an individual or a group of people registered and staying overnight in a designated campsite.
6. **“Camping Party”** shall mean an individual or a group of people (two or more persons not to exceed eight) that is organized, equipped and capable of sustaining its own camping activity in a single campsite.
7. **“Camping Season”** shall mean April 15 thru October 15; weather permitting.
8. **“Overnight”** shall mean 10 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. also known as Quiet Hours (see Section 3.1).
9. **“No Show”** is an individual who has made a reservation but neither keeps nor cancels it.
10. **“Director”** shall mean the Director of Parks or his/her designee.
11. **“Motor Vehicle”** means any self-propelled device via internal combustion engine capable of being moved upon a road, and in, upon, or by which any persons or property may be transported or drawn, and includes, but is not limited to, automobiles, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, motor scooters, (jeeps or similar type) four-wheel drive vehicles, and snowmobiles, whether or not they can legally be operated upon the public highways.
12. **“Park”** means and includes all Chelan PUD parks and bodies of water contained therein, park drives, parkways, trails, swim beaches, boat launches, athletic fields, play structures, play and recreation grounds or other properties within park boundaries, owned or operated by Chelan PUD and under the management and control of Chelan PUD.
13. **“Permit”** means written authorization issued by the Director, or his/her designee, for any group or organization desiring to use Chelan PUD park facilities for a specific purpose, which will exclude the general public.
14. **“Person”** shall mean all individuals, firms, partnerships, corporations, clubs, and all associations or combinations of persons whenever acting for themselves or by an agent, or employee.
15. **“Recreation Vehicle (RV)”** shall mean a vehicle/trailer unit, van, pickup truck with camper, motor home, converted bus, or any similar type vehicle which contains sleeping and/or housekeeping accommodations.
16. **“Special Recreation Event”** shall mean a group recreation activity in a Chelan PUD park, sponsored or organized by an individual or organization that requires reserving park areas,

planning, facilities, staffing, or other services beyond the level normally provided at a Chelan PUD park to ensure public welfare and safety, and facility or environmental protection.

17. **“Trail”** means any path or track designed for use by pedestrians or bicycles and which is not of sufficient width, nor designed to permit its use by standard passenger automobiles, or other right-of-way specifically designated and posted for non-vehicular use.

## **Section 2. Operating Hours**

Chelan PUD shall establish for each park, according to existing conditions, times and periods when it will be opened or closed to the public. Such times and periods shall be posted at the entrance to the park and at the park office. No person shall enter or be present in a park after closing time (without written permission from the Director), except when camping in a designated campsite or camping area.

1. Any person, except an authorized Chelan PUD employee, or other person authorized by law, shall be prohibited from entering or going upon any area which has been designated and posted by Chelan PUD as a “no admittance” or “closed to use” or “no trespassing” or “employees only” area.
2. No overnight parking is permitted in Chelan PUD parks, except in designated overnight campgrounds. Permission to camp outside designated campsites will be limited to situations when the camping is directly related to an event that has public or community benefit.
3. Athletic events requiring lighting shall be concluded by 10:30 p.m., except for unusual and unforeseen emergencies as determined by the Director.

## **Section 3. Peace and Quiet**

This section is to ensure the public can use the parks without undue disturbance and to ensure neighbors are not unnecessarily disturbed.

1. No person shall conduct themselves so that park users or park employees are disturbed in their sleeping quarters or in campgrounds between the quiet hours of 10 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.
2. No person shall use profane or abusive language or conduct oneself in a disorderly manner on Chelan PUD park property.
3. No person shall engage in any activity that has been deemed potentially hazardous to public safety or park property, or incompatible with park property use as designated and posted by Chelan PUD.
4. No person shall use a powered public address system, amplified music speaker system, sound-emitting electronic equipment including electrical speakers, radio, phonographs, television, or other such equipment, at a volume which emits sound beyond the immediate individual camp or picnic site that may disturb other park users without written permission of the Director. Portable radios and music players are permitted, provided they shall not be operated at a volume or in any manner that unreasonably disturbs the peace of others.
5. People who desire to use loudspeakers, amplified music or public address systems in Chelan PUD parks shall make written application to the Director in advance of the proposed use. The application form may be obtained from the Director.

6. Engine-driven electric generators may be operated only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

#### **Section 4. Camping**

Chelan PUD's park and recreation system is designed and administered specifically to provide safe and enjoyable recreation for park visitors. To ensure this occurs, the following park rules apply to campers:

1. Chelan PUD campsites are not for residential use.
2. Campers and registered vehicles will be limited to ten (10) consecutive nights after which the campers must vacate the park for three (3) consecutive nights. Campers and registered vehicles will be limited to no more than twenty-one (21) days per year.
3. To ensure fair and equal opportunity for camping at Beebe Bridge Park, a camper must register through the online reservation system. Campsites are available by reservation only.
4. If arriving without a reservation, you must complete the reservation process prior to occupying a site.
5. The party registering (see Registered Camper, Section 1) for a campsite must occupy it each night. You must be 18 years old to register for a campsite. All members of a camping party regardless of arrival day will vacate on the same day as the original registered camper or sooner.
6. All campsites must be reserved through the Chelan PUD reservation system.
7. Payment in full is required at the time of booking.
8. Cancellations must occur fourteen (14) days prior to the reservation arrival date to be eligible for a refund. Cancellations less than fourteen (14) days before the arrival date will not be eligible for a refund.
9. Refunds are not issued for inclement weather, acts of nature or health related issues including Covid-19.
10. All campers must be courteous to other campers, park hosts, security, or park personnel.
11. All camping must be in areas specifically designated and/or marked for that purpose or as directed by Chelan PUD.
12. Check in time is no earlier than 1p.m.
13. Checkout time is no later than 11 a.m. Remaining in a campsite beyond the established checkout time may subject the occupant to the payment of a late fee equal to two additional days camping fee and/or suspension of camping privileges for the rest of the year.
14. Campers are limited to three (3) campsite reservations during the same time period.
15. The number of tents allowed at each campsite shall be limited to the number that will fit on the designated or developed tent pad as determined by Chelan PUD. Tents are not allowed on the grass.

16. All campsites must be reserved through the Chelan PUD reservation system. No secondary market purchases allowed.
17. Camping reservation will be cancelled if the camping party fails to arrive within twenty-four (24) hours of the original check-in time of 1p.m. (See No Show, definitions)
18. Failure to occupy the parties registered site overnight will result in the cancellation of the camping reservation and no refund will be issued. The registered camper must occupy the campsite.
19. No person shall take or attempt to take possession of a campsite when it is being occupied by another camping party, or when informed by Chelan PUD that such site is occupied or has been taken out of service by Chelan PUD.
20. A maximum of eight (8) people shall be permitted at one campsite, unless otherwise authorized by Chelan PUD.
21. Campsites are not guaranteed. We reserve the right to change the site number on the reservation prior to arrival if necessary.
22. The number of vehicles occupying a campsite shall be limited to the vehicles that will fit within the designated campsite. No vehicles will be permitted to overhang on grass, tent pad or campground loop road.
23. Only one vehicle per campsite shall be permitted to utilize the power outlet. Power splitting is not permitted.
24. Registered Campers with a current reservation may park boat trailers in the day use boat launch parking lot during the time of their reservation.
25. Violators of Park rules may be asked to leave the park. Once asked to leave the park, the violator(s) will not be allowed to return to the park for the rest of the camping season.
26. Battery operated toy vehicles are prohibited in the parking lots, on roads and in the campground.
27. All personal items must be removed from the grass and all common areas nightly by 10 p.m.
28. For mowing and maintenance purposes, all personal items must be removed from the grass areas on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
29. All fires must be in the designated fire pits. Propane fire pits are not allowed on the grass. No discarding cooking oil, garbage or food.
30. Campsite must be left in the same or better condition than found.

**Section 5. Animals**

1. All dogs or other household pets must be kept on a leash no greater than eight (8) feet in length, remain in the presence of the owner or handler and under physical restraint at all times while in a Chelan PUD park.
2. In any Chelan PUD park, dogs and household pets, except for guide dogs, are not permitted on any designated swimming beach, athletic playing field, children's playground area, or in any public building unless so posted.
3. Exotic pets and barnyard animals, including horses, are prohibited in all park areas.
4. No person shall allow his dog or other pet or domestic animal to bite, molest, destroy or otherwise annoy or disturb the peace and tranquility of the park or other park visitors.
5. Pet owners or handlers are responsible for cleaning up their animal's waste deposits and disposing of the waste in trash receptacles.
6. Owners and handlers are required to have in their possession the equipment necessary to remove their animal's waste matter when accompanied by said animal on Chelan PUD park property.
7. Pets must not be left unattended in the Parks at any time.
8. No person shall intentionally feed, attract, or artificially sustain wildlife in PUD park areas. The feeding of wildlife is prohibited in all PUD park areas unless otherwise posted.

#### **Section 6. No Soliciting or Interference with Park Use**

1. No person shall engage in commercial solicitation nor sell, rent or peddle any goods, services, wares, merchandise, liquids, or edibles for human consumption in any Chelan PUD Park, except by concession or written permission granted by the Director. Permission will be limited to situations that provide public or community benefit.
2. Posting signs, posters, advertising, decoration, notices or anything similar in nature needs to follow the Districts guidelines for postings of printed material contained in the following link [Posting of Printed Material](#)
3. No person or group shall disturb or contact other park users in an attempt to have them join any event. No action or amplified message may be used to attract other park users or the general public to the event without prior written permission from the Chelan County PUD.

#### **Section 7. Vandalism**

1. No person or pet shall remove, destroy, injure, mutilate or deface any park properties, planting, equipment or facilities or enter or break into any locked restroom or any other park building or structures. This prohibition applies to all aspects of the natural or landscaped environment, including animals on park property.



2. No person shall climb any tree or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railing, fences, or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.

### **Section 8. Fires**

No person shall build any fire in any park except designated campground firepits. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the use of barbecues or other portable stoves in such place and manner as not to create a hazard.

### **Section 9. Firearms and/or Weapons**

1. All park users shall comply with state statutes with regard to the use, possession, transportation and discharge of any firearm or other weapon.
2. No person shall display or discharge a bow and arrow, spear, spear gun, harpoon, or air or gas weapon, or any device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal or damaging or destroying any PUD park property.

### **Section 10. Fireworks**

No person shall possess, discharge, set off, or cause to be discharged, in or into any park area, firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives, or substance harmful to the life or safety of persons or property. This shall also include those devices denominated as “safe and sane” fireworks.

### **Section 11. Rubbish and Sanitation**

No person shall, in any park:

1. Leave, deposit, drop, or scatter bottles, broken glass, ashes, waste paper, cans, or other rubbish, in a park (or throw the same into Lake Chelan, the Columbia River or other bodies of water from any Chelan PUD park), except into a garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purposes.
2. Deposit any household or commercial garbage, refuse, waste, or rubbish, which is brought as such from any private property, in any park garbage can or other receptacle designed for such purpose.
3. Drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer, camper, automobile, or other vehicle, except in designated disposal areas or receptacles.
4. Clean fish or other food, or wash any clothing or other articles for personal or household use, or any dog or other animal, except at designated areas.
5. The disposal of carcasses is not allowed. Do not hang carcasses, dump carcasses or gut piles in the campground or any trash receptacles. Please field dress your animal.
6. Clean or wash any automobile or other vehicle.

7. Pollute, or in any way contaminate by dumping or otherwise depositing any waste or refuse of any nature, kind, or description, including human or animal waste, so it may enter into any stream, river, lake or other body of water running in, through or adjacent to any park.

**Section 12. Games**

1. It is prohibited to practice or play certain games including golf, baseball, cricket, polo, lacrosse, archery, hockey or other games of like character except in designated areas. It is prohibited to hurl or propel any airborne object or other missile except at park areas set apart and/or designated for such purposes by the Director and that will not conflict in any way with normal park use. This prohibition shall also include, but not be limited to, remote controlled or model aircraft, cars, drones and boats
2. Playing games in a manner and/or location that subject people or personal property, park resources or facilities to risk, injury, or damage is prohibited.
3. No inflatables (bouncy houses) are allowed in any PUD operated Park.

**Section 13. Moorage and Use of Marine Facilities**

1. No person shall have, keep or operate a vessel, boat, float, raft, or other watercraft in or upon any bay, lake, slough, river or creek, within the limits of any park, except at places set apart for such purposes and so designated or in an emergency involving rescue or lifesaving.
2. Use of designated marine facilities by commercial vessels is prohibited except for the loading and unloading of passengers transported for recreation purposes and must be permitted by the Director.
3. Use of Chelan PUD park marine facilities shall be on a first-come, first-serve basis only. Reserving or retaining space to moor or berth a vessel at a Chelan PUD facility, by any means other than occupying the space by the vessel to be moored, shall not be permitted.
4. Moorage in excess of three consecutive hours at any day use moorage facility, unless in designated marina facilities, is prohibited.

**Section 14. Swimming**

1. Swimming areas are marked with buoys, log booms, or other markers, clearly designating the boundaries of such areas.
2. Any person swimming outside the boundaries of a designated swimming area, or in any area not designated for swimming, or in any area, whether designated for swimming or not, shall do so at his or her own risk.
3. All persons using any designated swimming area shall obey all posted beach rules and/or the instructions of Chelan PUD employees, Chelan PUD does not provide lifeguard services at any of its swim beaches.
4. No person shall swim in any designated boat launching area.

- 5. No person shall jump or dive into Lake Chelan, the Columbia River, or any other body of water from any bridge, walkway, seawall, tree, or other structure in Chelan PUD parks.

**Section 15. Food and Beverage Containers on Swimming Beach**

The use or possession of any food or beverage container consisting wholly or in part of glass is prohibited on any beach within any park, where such beach is designated as a swimming area, or where such beach is customarily and generally used as a swimming area by park patrons though not designated as such.

**Section 16. Use of Motor-Driven Vehicles**

Motor vehicles are prohibited in all park areas with the following exceptions:

- 1. Motor vehicles may be operated on paved roadways or other such areas as may on occasion be specifically designated by the Director. "Paved Roadways" as used in this sub-section does not include paved ways designated by Chelan PUD for the exclusive use of pedestrians, bicycles, or wheelchairs.
- 2. The operator of any motor-driven vehicle, shall not park such vehicle in any park area, except where the operator is using the area for a designated recreation purpose and the vehicle is parked either in a designated parking area, or in another area with the permission of Chelan PUD.
- 3. No person shall park, leave standing, or abandon a vehicle in any park after closing time, except when camping in a designated area, or with written permission from the Director.
- 4. Any vehicle found parked in violation of Subsections (2) or (3) of this section may be towed away at the owner's or operator's expense.
- 5. Motor-driven vehicles shall include all types of electric vehicles such as motorcycles, UTVs, ATVs, side by sides, snowmobiles and automobiles

**Section 17. Use of Non-Motorized Vehicles, Cycles or Similar Devices**

- 1. Non-motorized vehicles, cycles or similar devices shall be defined as any wheeled, operator-propelled equipment which transports the operator on land, except all wheelchairs, to include but not limited to unicycles, bicycles, tricycles, quadcycles, scooters, rollerblades, and skateboards.
- 2. Operation of non-motorized cycles or similar devices shall be permitted upon roads and trails in Chelan PUD parks, except:
  - A. Where posted with prohibitory signage.
  - B. Upon designated special-use trails such as interpretive trails.
  - C. Upon docks, piers, floats, and connecting ramps.
  - D. A bicyclist shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area or wooded trail or on any paved area reserved for pedestrian use.
- 3. Persons operating non-motorized vehicles in Chelan PUD parks shall:

- A. Obey regulatory signs.
  - 1. Ride, walk, run and skate on the RIGHT, except when passing.
  - 2. Walkers and runners must walk or run in a manner to keep half the trail available for oncoming traffic and other trail users.
  - 3. WARN others when passing from behind. Slow down, make presence known well in advance, and use courtesy and caution when approaching or overtaking other persons.
  - 4. CONTROL SPEED! Stay alert. Maximum trail speed is 10 mph. Restrict speed and manner of operation to reasonable and prudent practices relative to terrain, prevailing conditions, equipment, personal capabilities, personal safety and the safety of all park visitors.
  - 5. Always YIELD as follows:
    - a. Bicycles yield to rollerbladers.
    - a. Bicycles and rollerbladers yield to skateboarders.
    - b. Bicycles, rollerbladers, skateboarders yield to runners.
    - c. All yield to pedestrians.
  - 6. Unlit portions of the trail are for daylight use only.
- B. Dismount from non-motorized vehicles and walk in congested areas and posted walk zones.
- C. Use caution when approaching turns or areas of limited sight distance.
- D. Do not disturb or harass wildlife.
- E. Comply with any additional requirements of Chelan PUD park rules.

**Section 18. Speed Limits**

No person shall drive a vehicle within any Chelan PUD park at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the traffic, the surface and width of the road, and in no event at a speed that endangers the safety of person, property, or wildlife.

**Section 19. Intoxicants**

No person shall bring into or consume in any park any controlled substances or legend drug. No person shall bring into or consume in any park any intoxicating liquor or alcohol, including, but not limited to hard liquor, wine, and beer, except by express written permission from the Director. Permitted events will provide a secure area and will include conditions appropriate to protect the PUD from any liability associated with any of the activities or events.

**Section 20. Park Scheduling, Permits and Fees**

- 1. Chelan PUD parks and recreation facilities are owned, operated and maintained by Chelan PUD for public use. Chelan PUD parks and recreation facilities are available to individual persons or groups for nonprofit events and activities consistent with Chelan PUD park rules and

regulations.

Reservations or scheduling for use of facilities are required for any community special or private event, or athletic or sporting type activity involving more than routine use of a Chelan PUD park.

All reserved group day-use activities shall occur only at those parks having identified group day-use areas. A group is defined as 20 or more people engaged together in outdoor recreation at one park location.

2. [The Application for Use of Parks](#) for a Special Recreation Event must be completed and returned to the Chelan PUD Parks Department 30 days prior to the date of the event(s), to allow, where applicable, for necessary internal review and analysis, consultation with local governments, public notice, establishment of permit conditions, and required Chelan PUD preparations and coordination. The Director shall approve or disapprove a permit application and establish the conditions for an approved application.

The Director shall determine the need for any reimbursement or payment necessary to cover costs incurred by Chelan PUD for additional staffing, equipment, facilities, or special services not normally provided by Chelan PUD, as well as the need for any bond, damage deposit, or liability insurance arising from any potential hazards associated with the conduct of the event. Any such fees, bond, damage deposit, or liability insurance shall be provided by the applicant prior to the issuance of the permit.

If additional unanticipated costs are incurred by Chelan PUD resulting from the event, the applicant shall reimburse Chelan PUD for such costs in a timely manner.

### **Section 21. Rules and Regulations Promulgation**

The Director shall have the power to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for operation, management and use of the parks. Such rules shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the park.

### **Section 22. Failure To Comply**

1. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations or with any other federal, state or local law, rule or regulation applicable under the circumstances shall subject the person so failing to submit to ejection from any park, and possible prosecution by the civil authority having jurisdiction.
2. Chelan PUD staff, security, and law enforcement has the authority to interpret and enforce all rules.

### **Section 23. Laws and Regulations**

Chelan PUD's park rules and regulations are designed to be consistent with federal, state or local law, rule or regulation. Any park rule or regulation that is inconsistent with federal, state or local law or found to be otherwise void shall not affect the application of all other valid park rules and regulations. Park patrons are ultimately responsible to ensure that their conduct is within the law of whichever civil authority has jurisdiction, regardless of compliance with Chelan PUD park rules and regulations.