

**I-20 Wildlife Preserve
Preserve Rules And Regulations
CITY OF MIDLAND, TX**

Sec. 1. INTENT

These rules and regulations are established for the use, protection, regulation and control of all of its services, facilities, recreation conservation, education and roadways.

Sec. 2. HOURS

The preserve will be open from 8am till 6pm from October to February and 8am till 8pm from March to September. The Director of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve shall be authorized to grant exceptions to the above hours on a temporary or permanent basis for management and safety purposes.

Sec. 3. NOISE

It is unlawful to use any loudspeakers, amplifiers or other noise making device for advertising or other purposes. However, amplifiers and loudspeakers may be used in connection with any event approved by the Director of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve upon securing the prior written permission of the Director of Wildlife Preserve.

Sec. 4. INTOXICATION

A. No intoxicated person shall enter, be or remain in the I-20 Wildlife Preserve, and any such person found shall be either arrested or ejected from the preserve.

B. ALCOHOL

No person shall bring into or consume alcoholic beverages in the preserve.

Sec. 5. FIREWORKS

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or use in the preserve any blank cartridge, toy pistol, toy cannon, toy cane or toy gun in which explosives are used; the type of unmanned balloon which requires fire underneath to propel the same; firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, Day-go bombs or other fireworks of like construction, or any fireworks containing any explosive or inflammable compound or any tablets or other device commonly used and sold as fireworks, containing nitrates, chlorates, oxalates, sulfides of lead, barium, antimony, arsenic, mercury, nitroglycerin, phosphorous or any compound containing any of the same or other modern explosives. Included within the foregoing prohibition are model rockets and model rocket engines designed and used for the purpose of propelling recoverable aero models.

Sec. 6. TRASH

There shall be no littering of ground. All paper, garbage and other debris shall be placed in waste containers. Where waste container is not provided, waste shall be carried away.

Sec. 7. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

No person shall:

A. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench marker, stake, post or blaze, marking or designating any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.

B. Cut, carve, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, fence, gate or other structure.

C. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon park property.

D. Appropriately, excavate, injure or destroy any historical or any object of antiquity.

E. Cut, carve, mar, remove, or destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or break or remove any branch, foliage, flower or any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass.

Sec. 8. FIRES

No person shall build light or cause to be lighted any fire in any area.

Sec. 9. PARKING AND TRAFFIC

A. There shall be no driving or parking of any motor vehicle in preserve except in designated drives, parking spaces, and other specified areas. The speed limit shall be 10 miles per hour.

B. BICYCLES, TRICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES, SNOWMOBILES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, SCOOTERS.

No person shall ride, drive or propel any bicycle, tricycle, motorcycle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, scooter or similar vehicle on any designated trail. Except for individuals who require said vehicle due to physical limitations.

C. ORV'S IN THE I-20 WILDLIFE PRESERVE.

Off-road vehicles are prohibited anywhere within the I-20 Wildlife Preserve. Off-road vehicles or ORV's include any motor driven off-road recreation vehicle, including snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles (ATV). ORV's also include a multi-track or multi-wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicle, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel or 3-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation with motive power from a source other than muscle or wind.

Sec. 10. CONDUCT

A. No person shall conduct himself in a disorderly manner or use profane or obscene language.

B. No person, group or organization shall do any soliciting, peddling, or selling within the preserve.

C. No person, group or organization shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, or service within the preserve.

Sec. 11. DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

Dogs are not allowed in the I-20 Wildlife Preserve. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow any dog or other animal, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large. This excludes service dogs which are used for disability reasons.

Sec. 12. WEDDINGS AND CELEBRATIONS

No person shall use the park facilities for a wedding ceremony or any other celebration.

Sec. 13. HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY REGULATIONS

Access guidelines for powered transport equipment for persons with limited mobility.

A. Definitions:

(1) Restricted mobility means: "Any person who has a state-issued handicapper parking permit or has a visible or severe disability."

(2) As used in this guideline, mobility assistance vehicle (MAV) means: "A single passenger electrically powered wheelchair or other mobility aid (such as an "Amigo") specifically designed by its manufacturer for the transportation of persons with disabilities."

(3) A multiple use MAV (MUMAV) is an electrically powered mobility assistance vehicle designed for use by persons who do not necessarily have restricted mobility, but which may be useful to them.

B. Operation. Persons with restricted mobility may use MAV'S. MAV'S may not operate at speeds in excess of 5 miles per hour, and shall yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians and non-motorized forms of transportation.

C. Exception. A person who does not have a restricted mobility as defined above, but is nevertheless physically restricted in his/her mobility, may, upon written request to the Wildlife Preserve, seek a permit to use a MUMAV at the preserve.

D. Interpretation. This guideline shall be used by the I20 Wildlife Preserve staff who shall have the final determination as to its meaning and applicability.

Sec 14. USE OF PROPERTY

A. By entering the property the user understands that they enter at their own risk. The I-20 Wildlife Preserve is not liable for any injuries caused by use or misuse of the facilities or interactions with wildlife.

B. It should be noted that caution should be used at all times on this property. This site contains elevated walkways and platforms. **Drop offs are prevalent.** It falls upon the person entering this property to exercise awareness at all times while enjoying the trails, bird blinds, bridges, boardwalks and hawk tower.

C. All water on this site is non-potable and not for human consumption.

D. Swimming and bathing are prohibited in the entirety of the preserve.

Sec. 15. FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

A. In park, natural, and historical areas the use of traps, seines, hand thrown spears, nets (except landing nets), firearms (including air and gas powered pistols and rifles), blow guns, bows and arrows or crossbows, and any other implements designed to discharge missiles in the air or under the water which are capable of destroying animal life is prohibited.

B. Authorized Federal, State, County and City law enforcement officers may carry firearms in the performance of their official duties.

C. Preserve staff and research interns may carry and use said devices for research and wildlife management purposes only.

Sec. 16. RESTROOMS

Visitors can only use designated restroom facilities.

Sec. 17. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

A. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Executive Director of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve, and the City of Midland Police Department.

Sec. 18. TETHERING OR PASTURING ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any person to tether or pasture any cow, horse, mule, fowl or domestic animal in or upon the I-20 Wildlife Preserve.

Sec. 19. EXCEPTIONS

I-20 Wildlife Preserve staff, volunteers and research students are exempt from Sec 8, 9, 15, & 18 to perform research, wildlife management, public safety, invasive species control, and other necessary maintenance reasons.

Sec. 20. ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. The City Council hereby delegates the duty and responsibility of establishing rules that are necessary for the health, safety and welfare and benefit of the residential areas in close proximity to the City parks to the Director of Parks and Recreation. Any rules established under this section shall be properly noticed, published, and signed and fully are enforceable as other rules found under section 17-9 of the City of Midland Code of Ordinances.