

Williamson County Parks Department

Rules and Regulations

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The Williamson County Parks Department Rules and Regulations (“Rules and Regulations”) govern the health, safety, and general welfare of Persons using Williamson County Parks, venues, Preserves, and trails. The Rules and Regulations also establish guidelines to protect the property, and the natural and cultural resources associated with the Williamson County Park system. Adherence to these Rules and Regulations will ensure the use, enjoyment, and protection of the Parks, venues, trails, and Preserves managed by the Williamson County Parks Department (“Department”) for current and future generations.

These Rules and Regulations apply to all properties and facilities within the Department. Existing and any future site-specific Rules and Regulations apply as amended.

Please call the Department at (512) 943-1920 for more information.

SECTION 1 AUTHORITY

The Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, acting in its capacity as the governing body of Williamson County, Texas, adopted these rules and regulations. These rules and regulations are authorized by Chapter 320 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, for public Parks, venues, trails, and Preserves owned, operated, or maintained by a County in the State of Texas.

SECTION 2 ADMINISTRATION

The Commissioners Court hereby designates Department personnel to advise and inform Persons regarding these rules and regulations.

Upon finding a need for public safety or welfare, or preservation of Park resources, the Parks Director (“Director”) may impose restrictions on public activity and conduct and may limit the use of any area or facility in Department Parks, venues, trails, Preserves, or facilities, or a portion thereof. Failure to comply with these Rules and Regulations will result in action taken by Department staff, which may include eviction from the Park, venue, trail, or Preserve.

An employee of the Department, Peace Officers, and emergency personnel are exempt from these Rules and Regulations when they conflict with the discharge of his or her official duties to the extent of that conflict.

The Director by written order may waive any provision of these rules and regulations in response to a natural disaster or other similar emergency.

SECTION 3 AREAS COVERED

Except as specifically noted, these Rules and Regulations apply to all County Parks, venues, trails, and Preserves located within Williamson County, Texas.

SECTION 4 DEFINITIONS

As used in these rules and regulations:

- (a) “Alcoholic Beverage” means any beverage containing more than one-half of one percent (.5%) of alcohol by volume, which is suitable for use as a beverage, either alone or diluted;

- (b) "Assembly" or "Assemblies" means a group of Individuals gathered in one place for a common purpose;
- (c) "Camping" means occupying a designated camping facility; erecting a tent or arranging bedding, or both for the purpose of, or in such a manner as to facilitate overnight lodging; and/or use of a trailer, camper, or other vehicle for the purpose of sleeping overnight;
- (d) "Commissioners Court" means the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas;
- (e) "County" means Williamson County, Texas;
- (f) "Department" means Williamson County Parks Department;
- (g) "Director" means the Individual named or designated as the Director of all County owned Parks, trails, Preserves, and facilities by the County Commissioners Court;
- (h) "Individual" or "Individuals" means a human being or human beings;
- (i) "Motor Vehicle" means any gasoline, diesel, electric, propane, and/or battery powered vehicles, and every device in, upon, or by which any Individual or property may be transported or drawn upon a Road, trail, or lands under control of Williamson County, except a device moved solely by human power;
- (j) "Music" means sound provided by band(s), D.J.(s), radio, etc.;
- (k) "Noise" means any loud, unusual, or raucous sound(s), equal to or greater than 85 decibels;
- (l) "Overnight Hours" means the time between a County Park's closing time and opening time;
- (m) "Park" means a park owned, operated, or maintained by Williamson County for recreation and enjoyment by the public;
- (n) "Peace Officer" means a peace officer as defined in Tex. Code of Crim. Proc. art. 2A.001, as amended;
- (o) "Person" or "Persons" means any Individual, group of Individuals, organization, corporation, or other legal entity, but does not include a Williamson County employee acting in his/her official capacity;
- (p) "Pet" means a domesticated animal kept for pleasure rather than utility;
- (q) "Preserve" means a protected area of importance for flora, fauna, or features of geological or other special interest that is reserved and managed for conservation, and to provide special opportunities for study and research;
- (r) "Public Access Preserve" means a Preserve that Individuals who have successfully completed the Leave No Trace program provided by the Department may enter;
- (s) "Road" means any road maintained or controlled by the County for public passage of vehicles within a Park;
- (t) "Special Event" means a special organized activity intended for more than fifty (50) Individuals with a shared, common purpose as a group;
- (u) "Take" means to collect, hook, net, snare, harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect, by any means or device, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct, and includes any attempt to take or to pursue in order to take (16 U.S.C.A. §1532(19) and Texas Parks & Wildlife Code §1.101(5));
- (v) "WCCF Director" means the Director of the Williamson County Conservation Foundation Environmental Program;
- (w) "Weapon" means a rifle, bow and arrow, club, handgun, firearm, illegal knife, shotgun, short-barrel firearm, gas gun or gas pistol, BB gun or BB pistol, pellet gun or pellet pistol, zip gun, sling or sling shot, and includes

those objects defined as weapons or prohibited weapons in Chapter 46 of the Texas Penal Code, as amended;

- (x) "Wildlife" means living things that are neither human nor domesticated.

SECTION 5 RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.01 ADHERENCE TO PARK SIGNS

All Persons shall comply with the signs and markers installed by the Department and other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction in the County.

Persons shall not place signs, markers, flyers, posters, advertisements, etc. in a Park, Preserve, trail, venue, or other facility or on County property, including but not limited to fencing, picnic pavilions, benches, light poles, existing signage, posts, buildings, or kiosks, unless authorized by the Director or the Director's designee.

1.02 USE OF PARK FACILITIES

A. Park Hours

- a. The Director may establish closing and opening hours for a Park, venue, trail, Preserve, or other facility or portions thereof by written order.
- b. Day Use Park facilities are generally available for public use from 7:30 am to 10:00 pm.
- c. Closing and opening hours shall be posted on signage inside each Park and on each Park's website.
- d. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person not authorized by the Department to use a Camping facility, trailer space, or other facilities, or for Persons who have not paid the overnight use fee, to enter or remain within a Park during the Overnight Hours.

B. Overnight Hours

- a. To ensure quality visitor experiences, Persons remaining in approved overnight facilities must refrain from participating in loud or disruptive conversation and must not play loud Music or cause other amplified sounds or Noise during Overnight Hours, which is between 10:00 pm to 7:30 am.
- b. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to disturb the peace and quiet of the Park setting during quiet hours.

C. Park Facilities

- a. Park facilities are generally available on a first-come, first-served basis, except for areas that require facility use fees, and/or areas/facilities previously reserved by another Person.
- b. Reservations shall be made in accordance with the Department's reservation policies.
- c. Confirmation of the reservation shall be displayed upon request to County employees or designee (e.g. volunteer, Park host, etc.) charged with the supervision, management, or patrolling of Parks, and commissioned Peace Officers.
- d. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to occupy or use Park facilities that require fees without first paying said fees.

D. Day Use Fees and Permits

- a. Persons shall not access any Park, Preserve, or facility for which a Day Use Fee has been established, unless each Person has first paid the fee or is otherwise authorized.

- b. Day use permits, receipts, or passes shall be displayed upon request to County employees or designee (e.g. volunteer, Park host, etc.) charged with the supervision, management, or patrolling of Parks, and commissioned Peace Officers.
 - c. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations to access any Park, Preserve, or facility for which a Day Use Fee has been established without paying established day use fees.
- E. Leave No Trace Program
- a. The Leave No Trace program focuses on educating people—instead of costly restoration programs or access restrictions—as the most effective and least resource-intensive solution to land protection by providing research, education, and initiatives so every Person who ventures outside can protect and enjoy our world responsibly. The principles of the Leave No Trace program assist the Department in the management of federally protected endangered species while allowing public use.
 - b. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations to enter a Public Access Preserve without successfully completing the Leave No Trace program provided by the Department and offering proof of completion of the program upon request.
 - i. Exceptions may be granted by written authorization from the Director, the Director’s designee, or the WCCF Director.
 - c. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations to enter a Preserve not accessible to the public without written authorization from the Director or WCCF Director.
- F. Minors
- a. A Person younger than 15 years old who enters a County Park must be supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult over the age of 18 at all times.
 - b. A Person 15 years or older, but younger than 18 years may not enter or remain in a County Park during Overnight Hours unless:
 - i. The Person is supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible Person over the age of 18;
 - ii. The Person furnishes written consent of a parent or legal guardian to Park personnel at the Park headquarters. For purposes of this subsection, written consent consists of a statement from a parent or legal guardian authorizing the Person to enter the Park and stating the full name, residential address, email and telephone number of the parent or legal guardian.
 - c. For purposes of this subsection, a Person who is required to be supervised and is part of a group will be considered supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible Person if there is at least one supervising adult over the age of 18 for every seven (7) Persons for whom supervision is required.
 - d. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult charged with supervision of a minor under 18 years of age to intentionally or knowingly permit the minor to violate any of the Rules and Regulations.

1.03 CLOSED AREA(S)

- A. The Director or the Director’s designee may close Parks, Preserves, trails, or facilities to public entry, or may otherwise restrict use until such time the area or facility can be safely made available for public use.
- B. Except in emergency circumstances, notice of closures shall be posted, and patrons shall not enter closed or restricted areas.
- C. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to enter a posted/designated closed area.

1.04 CAMPING AND OVERNIGHT USE

- A. It is an offense for any Person to camp at any of the County Parks, Preserves, trails, or facilities, except as authorized by permit, and only in areas designated or marked for that purpose.
- B. Unless otherwise specified, check-in time for campsites is 2:00 pm and check-out time is 12:00 pm.
 - a. The Department may establish an alternative check-in or check-out time for campsites when necessary to achieve maximum utilization of the Park by all of the public.
 - b. The Williamson County Expo Center RV Park check-in time is 8:00 am and check-out time is 8:00 pm.
 - c. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to exceed posted check in/check out times as established for each location.
- C. Camping Time Limit
 - a. To afford the public a wider use of the Department's Camping facilities, continuous occupancy of Camping facilities by the same Person(s) in a Park is limited to fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days in a thirty (30) day period.
 - b. The Department may establish an alternate time limit for continuous occupancy of a facility (or facilities) by the same Person(s) in a Park or designated portion of a Park when necessary to achieve maximum utilization of the Park by all of the public.
 - c. A Person who has used the Camping facilities in a Park for a period of time greater than seven (7) consecutive days and voluntarily vacates or is required to vacate the facilities may not use the overnight Camping facilities in the same Park until a 24-hour time period has elapsed between the date of departure and date of re-entry. This provision shall not prevent Park staff from re-admitting the camper if adequate Camping spaces are available.
 - d. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to exceed the established time limit.

1.05 OCCUPANCY LIMITS

- A. The Department may establish and post maximum occupancies for any Park, Preserve, trail, or facility. Persons desiring to utilize the Park(s) shall confirm site specific requirements before occupancy.
- B. No more than eight (8) Persons may occupy a campsite unless otherwise noted in Park specific locations.
- C. Campsite vehicle limits vary by Park and facility type.
- D. The following limits are established for the Williamson County Expo Center RV Park:
 - a. Maximum occupancy per site is six (6) Persons.
 - b. Overnight horse tie outs are not allowed in the RV Park.
- E. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations to exceed posted maximum occupancy limits as established for each location.

1.06 FIRES, SMOKING, FIREWOOD, OR FIREWORKS

- A. Campfires shall be allowed only in approved locations and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Director or Park supervisor. Campfires must be attended at all times by an adult until fully extinguished.
- B. Portable camp stoves or barbecue grills of metal construction may be used in designated campsites or picnic areas unless otherwise prohibited.

- C. During periods of extreme fire hazard, the Williamson County Commissioners Court may issue burn bans for specified periods of time. During these times, and as circumstances dictate, the Director may prohibit or further restrict fires in designated areas.
- D. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - a. Light, build, or maintain a fire at any of the County Parks, Preserves, trails, or facilities, except in a facility or device provided, maintained, or designated for such purposes, or as authorized by the Department.
 - b. Cut, gather, or collect wood or other combustible material at any of the County Parks, Preserves, trails, or facilities, for use as firewood or fuel, except for material designated for this purpose by the Department.
 - c. Possess or use any kind of firework in any of the County Parks, Preserves, trails, or facilities, except by written authorization upon approval by the Commissioners Court.

1.07 METAL DETECTORS

- A. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to use a metal detector in County Parks, Preserves, trails, and facilities.
 - a. The Director may grant permission under special circumstances (e.g., contractors for work-related activities, lost items, utility companies searching for lines, etc.)

1.08 ALCOHOL

- A. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to sell, or possess with intent to sell, Alcoholic Beverages in County Parks, Preserves, trails, and facilities without prior written authorization from the Director.
- B. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to possess Alcoholic Beverages in the following areas:
 - a. Softball fields and dugouts;
 - b. The Quarry Splash Pad;
 - c. Within playground areas; or
 - d. Within any sports court or athletic field areas.
- C. Cups and open containers of alcohol are prohibited in any County Park, Preserve, trail or facility. This prohibition shall not apply at the Williamson County Expo Center during special events expressly permitted or otherwise approved in writing by the Director or designee to allow alcohol service or possession in open containers.
- D. Any receptacle of alcohol that can hold greater than 20 fluid ounces is prohibited.

1.09 GLASS CONTAINERS

- A. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to possess glass containers in any of the County Parks, Preserves, trails, or facilities.

1.10 WEAPONS AND FIREARMS

- A. The constitutions and laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America govern the possession of Weapons within a Park, venue, trail, or Preserve. The use of Weapons is prohibited without written authorization of the Director, or the Director's designee.

1.11 ABANDONED OR UNATTENDED PROPERTY

- A. No Person shall leave a Motor Vehicle or other property unattended at any County Park, Preserve, trail, or facility in such a manner as to create a hazardous or unsafe condition, or to be in violation of a Park curfew.
 - a. Such property may be removed to a safe place or impounded at owner's expense.
- B. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to abandon a Motor Vehicle or other personal property at any County Park, Preserve, or facility.
 - a. Abandoned property shall be removed, impounded, and sold in conformance with County policy or state laws, or as may be determined by the County.

1.12 MOTOR VEHICLES (to include gasoline, diesel, electric, propane, and/or battery powered)

- A. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - a. Drive a Motor Vehicle within a County Park or trail at a speed:
 - i. Greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for the traffic and Road conditions; or
 - ii. That endangers the safety of Persons or property; or
 - iii. That exceeds the posted speed limit (if any) in any portion of the County Park system.
 - b. Operate a Motor Vehicle at any of the County Parks, Preserves, trails, or facilities, except upon Roads, driveways, parking areas, and areas designated for Motor Vehicles, except as authorized by the Director.
 - i. Except for Park staff, public safety, or emergency service personnel, no Person may operate or use a Motor Vehicle, including a motorcycle, motorbike, all-terrain vehicle, or a motorized bicycle (including electric powered), or other human carrying device or unit on a trail or path not designated for the use of such vehicles.

1.13 PARKING

- A. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to park a Motor Vehicle on County Park land or Preserve land except in designated areas.
- B. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to park, store, or leave a Motor Vehicle or trailer in areas posted "restricted" or with "no parking" signs.
 - a. A Motor Vehicle or trailer that is parked in such a manner that creates a hazardous or unsafe condition may be impounded consistent with County and State laws.

1.14 WATER, WASTEWATER, SEWAGE, AND GARBAGE

- A. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - a. Deposit wastewater, sewage, or effluent from sinks, toilets, or other plumbing fixtures directly on the ground or into the water.

- b. Use any water fountain, drinking fountain, pool, sprinkler, reservoir, lake, or any other body of water contained in the Park for bathing, laundering, and washing dishes, pets, or vehicles (including trailers).
- c. Use water provided by the Department for purposes other than drinking or culinary uses.
- d. Discard, deposit, or dump garbage in a Park, Preserve, or trail except for:
 - i. Garbage generated inside the Park during visitation; or
 - ii. An amount of garbage consistent with what ordinarily would accumulate in a Motor Vehicle in the course of a day's travel.
- e. Dispose of garbage except in a receptacle provided for that use or as may otherwise be specifically authorized by Department personnel.

1.15 NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

A. Plant Life

- a. All plant life within the boundaries of any County Park, Preserve, trail or facility is protected.
 - i. No Person shall collect or harvest dead wood or plants, or portions thereof, except upon written approval.
 - ii. Collecting pecan nuts on the ground is permitted.
- b. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - i. Thrash pecan trees without obtaining written approval of the Director.
 - ii. Willfully mutilate, injure, destroy, thrash, or remove any portion of a live tree, shrub, vine, wildflower, grass, sedge, fern, moss, lichen, fungus, or any other member of the plant kingdom or portion thereof, except upon written approval by the Director or WCCF Director.

B. Geological Features

- a. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to willfully remove, destroy, take, tamper with, deface, or disturb any fossil, rock, earth, soil, mineral, gem, or other geological deposit except upon written approval by the Director or WCCF Director.

C. Cultural Resources

- a. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to willfully remove, destroy, take, tamper with, deface, disturb, or otherwise adversely impact any historic or prehistoric resource, including but not limited to buildings, structures, cultural features, rock art, or artifacts, except upon written approval by the Director or WCCF Director.

1.16 WILDLIFE

- A. All Wildlife within the boundaries of any of the County Parks, Preserves, trails, or facilities is protected.
- B. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - a. Harm, harass, hunt, trap, or remove any animal, including mammals, fish, insects, birds, reptiles, or other living creatures from any Park facility or Preserve except upon written approval of the Director or WCCF Director.
 - i. This section shall not apply in approved and designated fishing areas where fishing is allowed by a Person in possession of a valid Texas fishing license.
 - b. Feed or offer food to any Wildlife or exotic Wildlife, or leave food unsecured in a manner that makes the food available to Wildlife or exotic Wildlife, unless specifically authorized by the Director.

- i. The feeding of birds may be permitted on a case-by-case basis as approved by the Director.

1.17 ANIMALS

- A. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - a. Fail to keep Pets or other animals under confinement or direct control.
 - i. Leads on leashes used to control animals shall not be more than six (6) feet long.
 - b. Allow a Pet or other animal to remain unattended, create a disturbance, or hazard.
 - c. Allow a Pet or other animal in the water area of the Quarry Splash Pad, or in designated swim areas, or within the land area adjacent to the water area of the Quarry Splash Pad or designated swim area, except for an animal trained in assisting handicapped or disabled Persons.
 - d. Allow a Pet or other animal to enter a County building pursuant to the Williamson County Policy for Regulating Animals in Williamson County Buildings, approved June 4, 2024.
 - e. Bring into, or allow to range at any County Park, Preserve, trail, or facility, any domestic fowl, horse, swine, sheep, goat, or other livestock, except upon written approval by the Director.
 - f. Ride, drive, lead, or keep a horse at any Park, Preserve, trail, or facility, except on horseback riding trails, so designated and posted by the Department, except as authorized under contract, approved reservation, or permit.
 - g. Ride a horse in a manner that is dangerous to any Person or animal at any County Park, Preserve, trail, or facility.
 - h. Hitch a saddle horse to a tree, shrub, or structure in any manner that causes damage.
 - i. Enter, or cause the entry of, any equine or equines into County Parks, trails, Preserves, or facilities unless that Person has in his or her immediate possession a completed VS Form 10-11 (Texas Animal Health Commission) showing that the equine has tested negative to an official Equine Infection Anemia test within the previous twelve (12) months for each equine in the Person's custody, or allowed to enter by that Person.
 - i. The documentation required by this subsection shall be made available for inspection upon the request of any County employees or designee (e.g. volunteer, Park host, etc.) charged with the supervision, management, or patrolling of Parks, and commissioned Peace Officers.
- B. Except for an animal trained to assist disabled Persons, Pets and animals shall not be brought into designated Preserves. Trained animals utilized by employees and agents of Williamson County in reasonable discharge of their duties are allowed.

1.18 TRAIL USE

- A. Motor Vehicles
 - a. Except for Park staff, public safety, and or emergency services personnel in the normal discharge of their duties, it is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - i. Operate or use a Motor Vehicle, including a motorcycle, motorbike, all-terrain vehicle, or a motorized bicycle (including electric powered), or other human carrying device or unit on a trail or path not designated for the use of such vehicles.
- B. Bicycles, roller blades, or other similar vehicles or equipment

- i. Except for Park staff, public safety, and/or emergency services personnel in the normal discharge of their duties, it is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to operate bicycles, roller blades, or other similar vehicles or equipment at a speed:
 - 1. Greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for the traffic and the existing trail conditions; or that endangers the safety of Persons or property; or
 - 2. That exceeds the posted speed limit (if any) in any portion of the trail.
- C. Equestrian Trail Use
 - a. It is an offense for any Person to participate in equestrian activities in a Park or on a trail unless designated for such use.
 - i. Special permits and orientation may apply for some areas.
- D. Nothing in this section seeks to prohibit a qualified Individual with a disability from utilizing a mobility device from accessing trails or paths, unless the use creates a safety hazard, a substantial risk to the environment, or a threat to historic or cultural resources, in accordance with the ADA or Texas law.

1.19 ASSEMBLY

- A. Assemblies or public demonstrations are permissible except where such an activity will disrupt or interfere with scheduled events or prevent or be inconsistent with the intended use of Park facilities at the proposed site of an Assembly.
- B. Organizers intending to conduct Assemblies or public demonstrations on Park land must provide at least Sixty (60) days written notice to the Director to obtain permission for the Assembly or public demonstration.
- C. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - a. Conduct an Assembly or public demonstration without written (email, typed or handwritten) prior authorization from the Director.

1.20 VENDING

- A. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for any Person to:
 - a. Conduct the commercial sale of, or offer to sell any, goods, wares, drinks, food or food items, or render or offer to render any service for hire, at any County Park, Preserve, trail, or facility except as authorized by contract or permit properly issued by the Director (or designee) and/or Commissioners' Court (if applicable).

1.21 PERFORMING ARTISTS IN PARKS

- A. Amplified sound equal to or greater than 85 decibels may only be used upon written authorization by the Director.
 - a. Individuals/groups must contact the Department at 512-943-1920 and gain understanding of procedures and guidelines.
 - b. Entertainers shall carry a copy of the written authorization from the Director permitting their performance art.
 - i. This written authorization shall be displayed upon request to County employees or designee (e.g. volunteer, Park host, etc.) charged with the supervision, management, or patrolling of Parks, and commissioned Peace Officers.
 - c. Individuals may set up at Special Events only with written permission of event organizer.

- B. It is a violation of these Rules and Regulations for a Person to:
 - a. Block sidewalks, trails, or in any way impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic circulation;
 - b. Be within 100 feet of any existing Park concessions; or
 - c. Juggle potentially hazardous materials or items, not limited to items such as knives or fire.

1.22 CREMATION REMAINS

- A. No cremation remains shall be disposed of on Park land without the written consent of the Director.

1.23 EFFECT ON EXISTING LAW

These Rules and Regulations are in addition to, not in lieu of, all federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations applicable within a County Park, Preserve, trail, or facility.

1.24 SEVERABILITY

The provisions of these Rules and Regulations are severable; any word, phrase, clause, sentence, section, provision, or part of these Rules and Regulations held invalid or unconstitutional shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Commissioners Court that these Rules and Regulations have been adopted as to the remaining portions, regardless of the invalidity of any part.

1.25 AMENDMENTS

These Rules and Regulations may be amended at any time at the discretion of the Commissioners Court.

1.26 POSTING

These Rules and Regulations shall be conspicuously posted at or near the entrance of all County Parks, trails, Preserves, and facilities, and on appropriate County websites.

1.27 EFFECTIVE DATE

These Rules and Regulations shall become effective on April 28, 2026. All previously adopted rules and regulations are superseded and repealed effective the same date.

1.28 COUNTY PRESERVES

The following applies to Federally Designated Preserve areas under County responsibility:

- A. Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan
 - a. The County and the Conservation Foundation are the permittees under Federal Endangered Species Act (Act) incidental Take permit number TE-181840-1 dated October 21, 2008 (as amended August 30, 2013), which requires the implementation of the Williamson County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan.
 - b. Under this plan, designated Preserves are the habitat for species protected under the Act.
 - i. No Person may enter Preserve areas without authorization or permit issued by the WCCF Director or designee.

- ii. No Person may deposit foreign material, commit vandalism, or commit any other acts of mischief which may harm or constitute a Taking of federally protected species. (Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended).
- iii. Violation of the Act may carry different or additional penalties and may fall outside of the County Parks Department's governing authority.

1.29 SYNTHETIC TURF

- A. The following are prohibited on synthetic turf field surfaces:
 - a. Gum
 - b. Sunflower seeds
 - c. Any food items
 - d. Sugary beverages
 - e. Alcohol
 - f. Animals including Pets
 - g. Any unauthorized Motor Vehicle except turf maintenance equipment without prior written approval from the Director or designee.