

LANDSITE CASUAL CAMPER PROGRAM

A USERS GUIDE TO THE TCC LANDSITE

RULES, GUIDELINES, AND HELPFUL TIPS FOR CASUAL DAY USE AND OVERNIGHT CAMPING ON THE LANDSITE

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & GUIDELINES

NON-INTERFERENCE WITH EVENTS ON THE TCC CALENDAR

Certain runs and campouts on the Landsite scheduled on the TCC Calendar are private, sometimes by invitation only, and events for specific genders or specific lifestyle modes. It is the TCC Policy to respect the wishes of event coordinators as to the degree of exclusivity of Landsite usage during their event. Therefore, members and their guests should not plan stays on the Landsite in a casual status on dates coinciding with events scheduled on the blocked out dates on the TCC Calendar of Events. Details and possible exceptions to this policy are provided in the TCC Policy on Exclusive Use of Landsite during TCC Calendar Scheduled Events.

RESERVATIONS: Reservations are not accepted. All casual day use and camping is on a first come first served basis.

AGE RESTRICTIONS: All members and guests on the Landsite must be twenty-one (21) years of age or over.

LANDSITE ACCESS: It should not be assumed that the front gate or lockable buildings and sheds will be unlocked or that there will be somebody at the Landsite with the keys when you arrive for a casual camping stay.

LOCKED BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES of possible interest to casual users that are normally locked when the Landsite is unoccupied include:

- The front gates
- The Bunkhouse
- The TCC Trailer
- Storage Sheds for mowers, weed eaters, rakes, shovels, hand tools, small hardware items, etc
- Shower Building utility room, (hot water heaters, clothes dryer, water distribution system shutoff valves).

ACQUIRING KEYS to the Landsite and desired facilities is the responsibility of Casual Campers to arrange for in advance of their arrival at the Landsite by one of the following methods:

- Calling ahead, (254) 605-0801, to determine if a member with the keys desired for your visit will be on the Landsite during the time of your visit.
- Contacting a TCC Member authorized a gate and/or facility keys. Each TCC Member Club is authorized a Landsite gate key. At the discretion of the club's designated key holder, casual campers may be lent the gate key for entry to the Landsite. Certain TCC Elected Officials and selected members with frequent business on the Landsite may also have gate, and in some cases, more complete sets of keys. At the discretion of those individuals, it may be possible to borrow the key(s) necessary for your casual camping visit.

NOTE: Duplication of TCC keys is not authorized without the approval of the TCC Facilities Coordinator, the elected TCC Official responsible for key control.

SECURITY OF LOCKS AND BORROWED KEYS: Users lent Landsite key(s) for their stay are responsible for:

- Securing all opened locks when leaving the Landsite unattended at any time during their stay.
- Securing all opened locks when departing the Landsite upon completion of their stay and returning borrowed keys to the lender.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT: All non-members entering the Landsite in a casual status must stop at the check in kiosk and register in accordance with the requirements posted there.

INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENT: As a prerequisite for entry onto the Landsite, all non-members are required to sign an indemnification statement during registration to exempt the TCC and its Officers from liability from any possible damage, bodily injury, or legal suit resulting from their stay on TCC property or use of facilities.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT: All members and guests on the Landsite must have with them on the Landsite personal identification to be rendered at the request of any TCC Member designated to enforce these rules.

RE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT: Those staying beyond their original registration period must re-register before their current registration expires.

STAY LIMITS: Casual stays on the Landsite are limited to a maximum of fourteen (14) continuous days. Those wishing to stay beyond the maximum continuous stay period must seek approval of a TCC Official and re-register before their current registration expires.

REFUNDS: Refunds of Casual Camper Fees may be rendered through application to and at the discretion of the TCC Treasurer on a prorated basis of paid for but of unused camping time. Refunds will be made only for reasons of unforeseen personal emergencies requiring early departure, the Landsite being unsuitable for camping due to acts of God, or facility or utility deficiencies that make use of the Landsite unsafe, but not for reasons of merely inclement weather or discretionary changes of plans.

GUIDELINES & TIPS FOR CASUAL DAY USE & OVERNIGHT CAMPING

WHAT TO BRING TO THE LANDSITE

BOOTS OR SHOES: (See Landsite Rules below).

PRESCRIBED MEDICAL NECESSITIES such as prescription medications, oxygen, and medical devices of sufficient kind for possible eventualities and in sufficient quantity to sustain the user for the duration of stay. Persons that experience life threatening reactions to specific common foods, insect bites, etc. must bring their prescribed antidotal medications. The closest emergency room is in the town of Cameron approximately seven miles from the Landsite.

OVER THE COUNTER PREPARATIONS AND FIRST AID PRODUCTS such as headache remedies, antacids, sunscreen, antiseptic preparations, and band aids etc. that might be needed to take care of routine conditions and injuries.

FOOD, BEVERAGES, and table ware are not available for purchase at the Landsite. The closest source of provisions is the town of Cameron approximately seven miles from the Landsite.

SOAP & TOILETRIES required for personal hygiene and towels for showering.

A **FLASHLIGHT** is highly recommended for moving about unlit areas of the Landsite at night.

PERSONAL INSECT REPELLANT for persons bothered by flying insects.

CLOTHING of sufficient amount for your stay and suitable for the day and nighttime outdoor temperature and weather extremes of the season, including rain gear.

CAMPING EQUIPMENT AND BEDDING including a weather proof tent, if camping, and a sleeping bag or bedding, pillow, etc.

PROHIBITED ITEMS (WHAT NOT TO BRING TO THE LANDSITE)

PETS: No pet animals, horses, or reptiles of any kind, other than specifically trained service dogs/animals on leash, are allowed on the Landsite. Service dog/animal users are responsible for controlling the behavior of their animals and picking-up after them.

FIREARMS, LETHAL WEAPONS: Use and/or possession of any item designed to inflict injury to or incapacitate another person or wildlife is not allowed on the Landsite, including, but not limited to; firearms/pellet guns/BB guns, slingshots, bows and arrows, knives, shock devices such as stun guns/tasers, explosive and/or concussion devices.

FIREWORKS: Use and/or possession of fireworks are not allowed on the Landsite, including, but not limited to: firecrackers, explosives, rockets, etc.

ILLEGAL DRUGS AND SUBSTANCES: No drugs or substances considered illegal by law enforcement authorities are allowed in the possession of or use by persons on the Landsite at any time for any reason.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES (WHAT NOT TO DO AT THE LANDSITE)

CUTTING TREES AND CLEARING BRUSH except for removal of sprouting undergrowth in established camping areas is allowed. Fallen dead trees on the Landsite may be cut up and used in fire pits.

SMOKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS such as the restroom, Bunkhouse, TCC Trailer, and storage sheds. Where smoking is allowed, smoking materials are to be disposed of only in ash trays and butt cans.

DESTROYING OR CAPTURING OF WILDLIFE by hunting, trapping, or poisoning. Snakes and potentially dangerous/pest and insects may be destroyed.

FEEDING OF WILDLIFE including, but not limited to, possums, raccoons, feral cats, armadillos, wild pigs, and coyotes. Feeding draws wild animals to the Landsite and encourages scavenging behavior that has resulted in the destruction of TCC and personal property and food stocks.

DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF FLORA including, but not limited to, native plants, bushes and planted ornamentals by picking, pruning, replanting, or removal. Poisonous varieties of plants such as poison ivy and oak, except examples in demonstration plots, may be destroyed.

DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION, MUTILATION, DEFACING OR REMOVAL OF TCC MATERIAL including, but not limited to buildings, equipment, furnishings, bridges, infrastructure, tables, benches, signs, and rocks.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES in violation of federal, state, or county statutes, ordinance, and regulations; specifically including the possession or use of prohibited substances.

ANY ACTIONS OR ACTIVITIES THAT endanger the public health and welfare, the peaceful enjoyment of the Landsite by others, or are threatening or intimidating to others.

NUDITY AND SEX IN AREAS VIEWABLE from outside the boundaries of the Landsite, including, but not limited to, the Front Gate area, the Parking Lot, the dumpster area, the Boundary Line Trail, and the Buzzard's Peak Memorial area; and anywhere on the Landsite when persons other than members and their guest are present. (See **NUDITY** and **SEXUAL ACTIVITY** rules below).

TRESPASSING ON MEMBER AND CLUB SITES: The occupation of, or the use of sites and all equipment and facilities thereon, by casual users is prohibited except at the invitation of the affected member/club. In the absence of the member/club involved, the written permission of the member/club for use/occupation of a site must be available for presentation to any TCC Member designated to enforce these rules.

TRESPASSING on properties adjoining the Landsite. (Note: The Landsite property boundary is marked by a fence only on the west side. The other three sides are, at best, marked only by a white ribbon.)

GENERAL LANDSITE RULES

SITE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS: Tent campers and RV campers are expected to maintain their sites in a manner in accordance with generally accepted levels of decorum, tidiness, and cleanliness. Everything put on a campsite is to be removed with the camper's departure and trash properly disposed of. (See TRASH DISPOSAL).

SITE INSPECTIONS: TCC elected and appointed officials may conduct inspections at any time of casual camper sites for compliance with the rules specified herein, other TCC rules, and any other unsafe, unsightly, or illegal conditions.

BOOTS OR SHOES: Landsite users are required to wear boots or shoes at all times when outdoors. Footgear must be of a type that protects the wearer from snake and scorpion bites and injuries from the many sharp rocks and other hazards to feet present on the Landsite. Shower shoes, flip-flops, and sandals are not suitable for outdoor wear on the Landsite.

NOISE LIMITATIONS AND QUIET HOURS: Music or any other noises generated by campers shall not be so loud as to disturb the peaceful enjoyment of the Landsite by other campers at any time. Amplified sound systems for group or individual purposes shall not be operated between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Audible sound producing entertainment equipment of any kind shall not be operated in sleeping areas between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

CAMP/COOKING FIRE LIMITATIONS: No ground fires of any kind are allowed outside of the confines of the established TCC Fire Pits. Charcoal cooking fires on personal barbecue grills and wood fueled heating fires in screened portable metal fireplaces are authorized but must be attended at all times.

CAUTION: Any open fire, including those in Fire Pits, when a burn ban is in effect could result in a \$500 fine to the TCC. Call the Cameron Volunteer Fire Department administrative phone number 697-2121 for burn ban information.

FIRE PIT USE: Fires in fire pits are to be limited to the size and duration appropriate for camping ambience and comfortable warmth for persons in the immediate vicinity of the surrounding rock ring. Fire size shall be limited to prevent fire or flying embers from emigrating outside the area of the fire pits. Campfires are to be attended until such time as open flames have died back or have been smothered and only glowing embers remain.

USE OF WOOD FROM WOOD PILES: Campers are allowed and encouraged to bring in fire wood for use in fire pits. Campers may also use reasonable amounts of fire wood from the wood piles adjacent to fire pits for campfire use. Campers may cut up fallen dead trees on the Landsite for use in fire pits.

USE OF PESTICIDES: Over the counter household insecticide and insect repellent products are authorized for use on a non-interference basis with other campers. Area foggers should not be used without the prior knowledge and consent of downwind campers that would be affected by the chemical cloud.

NUDITY: The Landsite is generally a clothing optional zone; however, deliverymen, meter readers, trash truck drivers, and other vendor/contractor personnel may appear on the Landsite unannounced at any time in the normal conduct of their business. Therefore, nudity is restricted to Landsite areas not visible from the county road or neighboring properties. The Buzzards Peak memorial area and sections of the Boundary Line trail are visible from the neighboring properties.

SEXUAL ACTIVITIES: Any sexual activity on the Landsite must be of a safe, sane, and consensual nature. Sexual activity involving BDSM, exhibitionist/voyeuristic or group elements should be limited to the Compound area.

EXEMPTION FROM RULES: An exception from any rule specified herein requires the prior written approval of a TCC Board Member.

FAILURE TO COMPLY: Failure to comply with any rule specified herein may result in expulsion from the Landsite.

USE OF FORCE or any form of physical coercion or restraint will not be used in the enforcement of this policy except in cases of perceived imminent danger to persons or property.

IMPAIRED VIOLATORS: In no case will a person not in full control of their physical or mental faculties be asked, or allowed, to drive or vacate the Landsite by any means or transport that could present a danger to themselves or others.

PERCEIVED IMMINENT DANGER by individuals to persons or property that cannot be resolved in a peaceful and reasonable manner will be resolved by the responsible TCC member or TCC Official by calling 911 for assistance in evacuating the offender from the Landsite by the Milam County Sheriff's Office, or Emergency Medical Services, as appropriate.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS: The recommended method of evacuating individuals for traumatic injury or life threatening use of alcohol or drugs is by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) available through calling 911.

BREACH OF THE PEACE EVACUATIONS of individuals for reasons of physical aggression or disturbing the peace, but not experiencing life threatening medical condition, should be accomplished by calling the Milam County Sheriff's Office at 911.

REMEDY FOR VIOLATIONS: In cases of egregious violations of this policy, or repeated flagrant disturbances of the peace, the TCC may review the membership status of the violator(s) in accordance with the TCC Articles of Agreement or other applicable TCC policies, rules, or regulations

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

FIRE LANES & EMERGENCY ROUTES: All internal Landsite roads are designated as access routes for large/wide fire fighting and emergency medical evacuation vehicles. No vehicles of any type shall be parking in a manner that impedes the movement of emergency vehicles.

PASSENGER CARS AND TRUCKS, except as noted below, are to be parked in the parking field west of the entrance road near the front gate. No parking is allowed on the East side of the entrance road within 100 feet of the trash dumpster(s), to allow access to the trash dumpsters by the trucks of the commercial trash removal company.

MOBILITY IMPAIRED PERSONS and their driver/caretaker may park a vehicle necessary for their personal transportation adjacent to their tent, RV/trailer, or Bunkhouse/TCC Trailer sleeping accommodations, in designated parking places in common use areas, or in places adjacent to activity sites on a non interference basis.

MOTORCYCLES used as the primary means of transportation to the Landsite may be parked adjacent to sleeping accommodations in tent camping areas or in designated parking places in common use areas.

VEHICLES USED AS SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS, such as SUVs, pickups, vans/mini-vans, and automobiles may be parked in tent camping areas.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RV's), such as travel trailers, motor homes, van campers, pickup trucks with slide in campers, and personal cargo trailers may be parked in sites designated for RV parking on a first come first served basis if used as sleeping accommodations.

PERSONAL RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (RV's), such as golf carts, scooters, bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles, trail bikes, and ATVs used for purposes of personal convenience or recreation by persons without mobility impairment may be parked adjacent to their tent, RV/trailer, or Bunkhouse/TCC Trailer sleeping accommodations. Such vehicles may also be parked and for short periods of a few minutes on a non-interference basis to accomplish errands in designated parking places in common use areas or in places adjacent to activity sites.

VEHICLE OPERATION ON THE LANDSITE

A **SPEED LIMIT** of five (5) miles per hour applies on all Landsite roads.

MOBILITY IMPAIRED PERSONS and their driver/caretaker may, as exceptions to the following restricted use rules, operate a vehicle necessary for their personal transportation as required to access common use areas and activity sites on a non interference basis.

ROUTINE PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION about the Landsite in vehicles designed for highway use is not authorized, (because of potential hazards to pedestrians), except as required by mobility impaired individuals.

NIGHT MOVEMENTS of any type vehicle on the Landsite, particularly in the tent camping areas and common use areas is not authorized, (because of potential hazards to pedestrians), are to be limited to emergency medical evacuation and other essential purposes. All night movements of vehicles in populated areas are to be accomplished with ground guides and with the utmost care and caution.

GOLF CARTS, SCOOTERS, BICYCLES, MOPEDS, MOTORCYCLES, TRAIL BIKES, ATVs etc. used for purposes of personal convenience or recreation are restricted to established roadways and parking areas. Non-emergency use of motorized vehicles on pathways intended for pedestrian traffic is prohibited.

LANDSITE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR ALL USERS

A **TCC TRAILER AND BUNKHOUSE** are available on a first come first served basis for those desiring indoor sleeping arrangements. The TCC Trailer is a small, (four person maximum), sleeping trailer equipped with air conditioning. The Bunkhouse is a large mobile home equipped with air conditioning and central heating. The Bunkhouse sleeps approximately fifteen in three sleeping areas.

RESTROOM: A restroom with flush toilet in stalls is available for common use.

NOTE: Toilet flushing should be minimized to prevent overloading the septic system. Men are requested to urinate in unoccupied areas of the Landsite away from campsites to avoid excessive flushing.

SHOWERS: An air conditioned and heated shower building with separate men's and women's dressing areas and hot water shower rooms are available for all Landsite users.

NOTE: Glass items are not allowed in showers. Please do not inconvenience subsequent users by leaving behind personal clothing, towels, or toiletry

kits/supplies between uses. See UTILITIES section for water/electrical conservation measures.

A WASHER AND DRYER is located in the women's dressing area and utility room of the Shower Building, respectively. It is available for use emergency use, such as laundering and/or dry bedding after a rainstorm on a non-interference basis.

CAUTION: Insure that the dryer's lint filter is cleaned before each use to prevent lint build up that could result in a fire.

KITCHEN: A well equipped Kitchen is available for common use. Users are expected to maintain the sanitation and cleanliness of the kitchen facility, cooking utensils, and cooking appliances.

ICE MACHINE: Ice from the ice machine located in the Kitchen is available for individual use. Large amounts of ice should not be taken for use in personal ice chests when it will affect the availability of ice for other campers. Donations for ice used from the ice machine are requested to help defray the cost of procurement and maintenance cost of the ice machine.

PICNIC AREA: The tree shaded picnic area with tables is available near the kitchen. A limited number of covered picnic tables for inclement weather use are available in the main picnic area and Pole Barn.

WALK-IN COOLER: A Walk-In cooler is available for storage of food, beverages, and pharmaceuticals requiring refrigeration. (NOTE: Electrical power to the Walk-In Cooler's refrigeration system must remain on at all times, even when there is nothing in the cooler, to prevent internal system damage to system components.)

POLE BARN: A covered pavilion with picnic tables, chairs, and a stage is available for day and night general recreational use.

NOTE: Installed audio, visual, and stage lighting equipment is to be operated only by authorized persons.

SWIMMING POOL: An above ground swimming pool is seasonably available. No lifeguard is on duty, use of the pool is at your own risk. Please remove sand from feet with an exterior hose or dip bucket before entering pool. No glass or sharp objects are allowed in the pool. No food or smoking allowed in the pool.

COMPOUND: A secluded play area equipped for sex play is available.

TRAILS: The Buzzard's Peak and Boundary Line Trails are available for hiking and exploring the furthest undeveloped areas of the Landsite.

FACILITY USE GENERAL RULES

CLEANLINESS: All users of common use facilities are responsible for after use cleaning and are expected to maintain them in a manner in accordance with generally accepted levels of hygiene, decorum, tidiness, and cleanliness. In most cases cleaning equipment and supplies will be found in facilities for users to use in reasonable amounts to clean facilities after use. When supplies are depleted it is appropriate for users to replenish stocks. Trash is to be deposited in receptacles provided and receptacles emptied as specified in the TRASH DISPOSAL section.

TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash in developed common use areas of the Landsite is to be disposed of in the trash cans provided or in the dumpster near the front gate. Trash in all other areas is to be carried out and disposed of in the developed area trash cans or dumpster.

LARGE ITEMS: Items too big to fit in trash cans are to be placed in the dumpster located near the front gate.

TRASH BURNING: Dry paper, cardboard and untreated scrap wood may be burned in TCC Fire Pits. (See Fires/Camp Fires for burning rules).

ALUMINUM CANS: It is requested that aluminum cans be crushed and deposited in the can recycling barrel next to the side door of the Walk-in Cooler.

UTILITIES

(WATER, ELECTRICITY, PROPANE, TELEPHONE)

WATER CONSERVATION: Campers are encouraged to conserve water and limit usage to that consistent with the needs of health, safety, sanitation, and comfort. Faucets are to be completely turned off when not in use.

NOTE: Continuous use of well water will deplete the water supply tanks and may permanently impair well flow rate. Therefore, open faucet continuous use; i.e. watering of grass, plants, and shrubbery or swimming pool water replenishment; should be limited to periods of less than an hour followed by two hours of water shut off for water system recovery. Unattended/unwatched water use of any kind i.e. sprinklers or timed on/off control devices, is prohibited.

NOTE: Water to the ice machine is to remain on at all times to prevent internal system damage to system components.

WATER USE: Campers may use outside faucets in common use and camping areas for personal use and water in the Kitchen, Showers, and Restroom as necessary.

CAUTION: Although Landsite water is generally considered safe for drinking, the water has not been tested for the presence of trace amounts of bacterium and other microorganisms that could be detrimental the health of persons with impaired immune systems.

ELECTRICITY AND PROPANE CONSERVATION: Campers are encouraged to conserve electricity and propane by limiting usage to that consistent with the needs of safety and comfort and turning off lights, air conditioning, heaters, stoves, and fans not in use. Electrical and propane appliances should be operated at the lowest level possible and turned off at all other times.

NOTE: Electrical power to the Walk-In Cooler's refrigeration system must remain on at all times, even when there is nothing in the cooler, to prevent internal system damage to system components.

Yard lights in occupied camping areas and exterior and interior lighting necessary for safe nighttime access to the Kitchen, Showers, Restroom, Bunkhouse, and the Walk-In Cooler may be left on overnight.

ELECTRICAL USE

USE OF PERSONAL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: Use of electrical air conditioning units or electrical appliances drawing more than a cumulative 800 watts cannot be operated off plug in points in tent camping areas. Any camping involving the use of electrical air conditioning units or other electrical appliances drawing more than a cumulative 800 watts must connect through plug in points designated for RVs and pay rates specified for RVs.

USE OF PORTABLE GENERATORS OR ONBOARD AUXILLARY POWER UNITS: Such units are not allowed in any tent camping area or in any other area or at such times that the use of such units would interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the Landsite by others.

TCC TELEPHONE USE

THE TCC TELEPHONE located in the Kitchen is available for reporting Landsite emergencies to first responders, (EMS, fire, sheriff), and communicating with TCC Officials. The phone may also be used for a reasonable amount of local voice

communications for personal purposes, and long distance calls of a critical/emergency nature.

CAUTION: The line use agreement for the TCC telephone does not allow the use of the line for computer hook-ups or other forms of data transmission. Such use could cause the telephone service to be terminated and or/subject the TCC to large service charges.

TCC POWERED EQUIPMENT

OPERATION AND USE OF TCC OWNED POWERED GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT (tractor, string trimmers, blowers, chain saws, mowers, etc.), is restricted to those pre-qualified on the specific item(s) of powered equipment to be used via an operational check out by a Member of the Land Management Committee or a designated representative.

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