

General Rules and Regulations

1. Valid membership cards must be shown to enter the park or on request by a staff member within the park. No Card, No Access.
2. All members, other than those with direct lake front access are required to enter the park through either admitting gates during the posted times of operation.
3. Classification of members/guest allowance
 - Designated member – one member of the household whose name appears either on the registered land title or lease. Designated members are ultimately responsible for the behaviour of all residents of the household while on MLRA property. Designated members may attend the annual general meeting to exercise the single household vote on business brought before the meeting; or if unable to attend, may appoint an alternate member from the same household whose name also appears on the registered land title or lease. Designated members may admit up to 10 guests.
 - Senior member – any one (1) member of the household who is over the age of 18 and appointed in writing by the designated member. Senior members may admit up to ten (10) guests. There is a maximum of 1 senior member per house.
 - Junior member – any other member of the household over the age of 12. These members may admit up to three (3) guests.
 - Child – any member of the household below the age of 12. These members are not allowed any guests.
 - The walk in limit for guests is 10 per household per day.
4. All guests must be signed in and accompanied by a member. Members must remain on site with their guests for the duration of the visit and are responsible for the behavior of their guests.
5. Children under the age of 12 are not permitted access to the facility on their own. If the child is accessing the park with a non-member, parents must prearrange for that person (nanny, grandparent, etc) to bring their child into the park. Caregiver(s) are not permitted additional guests, access to watercraft or fishing privileges.
6. Midnapore Lake Residents Association will hold the members responsible for any violations by their guests of the rules and regulations of the park.
7. No persons will be permitted on Park property after the posted hours.
8. For a guest entry request greater than what is permitted under #3 the members(s) must contact the office during business hours to apply for a Large Group Booking. Large group bookings will be accepted and approved on a first come first serve basis and the Midnapore Lake Residents Association reserves the right to limit the number of groups on any one day. Each household can submit only one large group booking per day.
9. Members are not permitted to use the park or facilities of the park to hold events or provide private lessons to which they stand to receive a fee for services or any sort of personal gain. Any and all lessons together with instructors will be organized and coordinated by and through the administration office.
10. Personal docks belonging to lake front homeowners are not to exceed 12 feet X 12 feet in dimension. Floatation material on all new dock installations must be either encapsulated foam or compartmentalized float systems. Exposed Styrofoam float material is not permitted.
11. All members, including lake front homeowners, may use floatation/splash island toys. These floatation toys are not to exceed 12 feet in diameter. Lake Front Home Owners using large floating trampolines or other floating devices must ensure they are securely anchored when in use. All members, including Lake Front Homeowners must ensure that when these items are not in use, they are removed from the lake.

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12. Members may supply and use their own floatation toys that include non-approved watercraft such as toy dinghy's and floatation blankets in the beach swimming area that is defined as that body of water nearest the beach extending into the lake to a line between the orange shore line markers, one located on the corner of the boat dock and the other located on the south shore fishing zone. Any members using floatation toys in open lake water beyond this point are required to supply and wear a Personal Floatation Device.

13. Glass bottles, dishes, or any other glass products are prohibited in the park.

14. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed at any time in the park. Anyone found with alcohol/illegal drugs in their possession will risk suspension of their membership.

13(a). The use of cannabis, whether for medicinal or recreational purposes while on Midnapore Lake property, including the green space, beach, lake, parking lot and exterior laneways is strictly prohibited.

15. With the exception of a bona fide service dog, all other domesticated pets are not permitted in the park at any time. Service dogs must be easily identifiable and if challenged by staff, the owner must provide the appropriate government issued identification.

14(a). Lake front home owners with direct access to Midnapore Lake property will ensure that any dog residing on their property is adequately restrained in their back yard by a leash, tether or housed in a kennel in such a way as to prevent the dog from entering onto Midnapore Lake property. The property owner of any dog that is found to be running at large and entering onto Midnapore Lake property or the property of others will be subject to a progressive penalty leading up to the loss of lake privileges and the 'right of occupancy' of Midnapore Lake property.

First Offence - \$50.00, added to the member's annual fee invoice.

Second Offence - \$75.00, added to the member's annual fee invoice.

Third Offence – Loss of Lake privileges for up to six months.

16. Briquette fired barbeques are provided for use by members and their guests. Members are responsible to supply their own charcoal briquettes and starting fluid. Members may also bring in portable propane BBQ's. No other combustible fuel, wood or otherwise is to be used. Open fires are not permitted.

17. Bicycle parking is provided inside both the main and south entry gates. No bicycles or skateboards will be permitted USE inside the park. Roller blades and scooters are permitted for use only on the upper skating rink during the summer operating season.

18. Personal property belonging to members or their guests may not be stored or kept in the park overnight.

19. Any member with an outstanding balance owing to the MLRA greater than \$10.00 in excess of 30 days is not permitted access to the Lake or Park, and may not be signed in as a guest of another Member.

20. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is permitted in designated smoking areas only. Please refer to the smoking policy for designated smoking locations.

21. Members and guests must refrain from the use of foul language in the park.

22. Verbal or physical abuse of staff will not be tolerated.

Lake employees have the authority to enforce all rules and regulations.

Fishing Regulations

1. Members must leave their own valid membership card with the office staff while fishing.

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2. Fishing privileges are restricted to three (3) guests per member. Members must actively be fishing with their guests. Guests are not permitted to take or remove fish from the property.
3. LIMIT is 3 Trout per day per Member. The MAXIMUM MONTHLY LIMIT for Rainbow Trout is 12 fish per residence. All Perch caught are to be kept or disposed of properly. They are not to be returned to the Lake.
4. Catching and keeping Grass Carp is not permitted. Grass Carp are to be released immediately and safely returned to the lake.
5. During the summer, each person fishing may have only one (1) line in the lake at all times. During winter ice fishing season, each person fishing will be allowed two (2) lines in the lake at one time.
6. No live bait shall be used.
7. Only barbless hooks are to be used – Alberta General Sportfishing Regulations, 2004.
8. All boats shall be kept outside of the beach area. The beach area is defined as that space from the beach to a line in the water extending from the orange marker on the boat dock to the south shore orange marker. Casting into this zone is not permitted.
9. Fishing and casting within 25 feet from private or MLRA docks is prohibited.
10. Members must safely return unwanted trout to the lake immediately following capture in order to reduce unnecessary stress and mortality on the stock. Stringing of live fish is not permitted.
11. The Residents Association reserves the right to suspend fishing activities at times such as fish stocking, weed treatment, unsafe ice or any other condition it deems fit.
12. In the event of an impending storm, those fishing from watercraft are urged to make for the docks until the threat of the storm passes. If conditions are severe enough such as an electrical storm, all watercraft users must comply if directed by MLRA staff to vacate the lake.
13. Ice fishing holes must be made by an ice auger and no larger than 8 inches in diameter. No holes are to be drilled into the ice within 25 feet of the skate pathway.
14. Ice fishing may only take place inside the skate pathway as well as along the south fishing shore.
15. Gutting and cleaning of fish on park property is strictly prohibited
16. Fishing after sunset is not permitted and all fishermen must check out at the front office 15 minutes before the parks closing hour.
17. No live fish are to be removed from the park.

NO HOLES MAY BE DUG IN OR WITHIN 25' OF ANY CLEARED SKATING AREA.

Watercraft Regulations

1. **LIFE JACKETS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN BOATING.** Life Jackets can be obtained at the MAIN GATE for MLRA watercraft and must be worn at all times while on the water.
Lake front home owners as well as those using their own watercraft are responsible to supply and wear their own PFD.
City of Calgary By-Law **#9084**.
2. Careless and dangerous operation of any MLRA watercraft will promptly result in loss of boating privileges.
3. Diving or swimming from any MLRA watercraft is strictly prohibited.
4. No gas-powered motors shall be used to operate any watercraft on the lake. Electric motors are permitted as long as special sealed batteries are used.
5. Designated Members and Senior Members are allowed to use any Midnapore Lake Residents Association watercraft as long as there is a liability waiver signed and on file in the office.
6. Member's children older than 12 but less than 18 years of age may be permitted to operate watercraft only if a signed liability waiver form is on file at the office.
7. No child under 12 years of age shall be permitted to operate any watercraft.
8. In the event of a craft capsizing, **REMAIN CALM, CALL FOR HELP, STAY WITH THE BOAT AND WAIT FOR HELP TO ARRIVE.**
9. All boats on the lake should immediately be docked if potentially hazardous conditions arise such as poor visibility, high winds, lightning or storms. If conditions are severe enough such as an electrical storm, all watercraft users must comply if directed by MLRA staff to vacate the lake.
10. No intentional beaching of MLRA watercraft is permitted. A fine of \$100.00 may be applied to any member's account that is found breaching this regulation. Lake residents are allowed to beach THEIR craft at their discretion.
11. No more than 4 people in a boat or 2 people in a canoe. (Exceptions may be made in the case of small children.
12. Docking of MLRA watercraft at the private docks is not permitted. Watercraft will not be issued 30 minutes before the park closing hours and all watercraft must be returned to the dock 15 minutes before park closing.
13. Boats used in foreign waters must be cleaned prior to launching, to prevent contamination of our lake.
14. Members must accompany all guests while operating a watercraft. No guest shall be permitted to use MLRA watercraft without a member present and on board.
15. Midnapore Lake Resident's Association does not assume any responsibility for the performance or safety of inflatable floatation toys or devices supplied by and used by members and/or their guests.
16. Staff reserves the right to refuse the use of any MLRA watercraft to anyone.

Rule/Regulation Infractions

1. If a member or guest is in breach of a rule(s), staff will make contact with the member responsible and depending on the nature of the infraction may;
 - a. Issue a reminder warning.
 - b. Suspend the use of equipment or watercraft for the day.
 - c. Suspend shore fishing activities for the day.
 - d. Ask the member together with any guests to leave the Park.Staff will document all noteworthy incidents which may be recorded to the member file and/or referred to the Park Manager.
2. The Park Manager may suspend, in whole or in part a members lake access privilege for a period of up to one year if;
 - a. The member has received 3 warnings within a reasonable period for similar infractions.
 - b. The member consistently chooses to ignore the Park Rules and Regulations.
 - c. The member is involved in an incident that could put the safety of a member(s), staff or others at risk.
 - d. The member's conduct is inappropriate.The Park Manager will determine the length of the suspension and inform the member in writing (or in the case of a junior member, the senior member responsible) the length and reason for the suspension.
3. A member may appeal the Park Manager's decision by launching an appeal to the Executive Committee of the MLRA in writing.
Any decision made by the Executive Committee will be binding.