



## LAKE YAHOU PARK RULES

### Hours of Operation

- Lake Yahou Park / McClellan Multi-Use Trails are open Monday – Sunday / October – March 6:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. / April – September 6:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- No one is permitted to be in Lake Yahou Park or on the McClellan Multi-Use Trails when closed.
- If planning to fish during a holiday weekend, please buy or renew your MDA fishing license well in advance to avoid fluctuating holiday office hours.
- For additional information please call 256-236-2011.

### Permitted Activities

- Biking, Hiking, Running and Walking are permitted on the McClellan Multi-Use Trails with the exception of the trail around the lake which is Walking ONLY.
- Recreational Fishing at Lake Yahou.
  - MDA Fishing License Required:
    - License can be purchased at the MDA Office, \$5.00 per person (16 and over) for a 12-month license. Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult with an MDA license.
    - Failure to produce a license when requested by MDA Staff, Game Warden or Law Enforcement may be cause to be removed from the area.
    - State fishing license is not required.
  - CATCH and RELEASE ONLY.
  - Rod and reel and/or pole and line.
  - Worms and crickets the only live bait allowed.
- Picnicking in the picnic area ONLY.
- Boating using paddleboats, canoes, kayak or pedal boats only. No motorized boats or sail boats allowed.

### Activities NOT Permitted

- Swimming in Lake Yahou.
- Parking in picnic area except to unload.
- Camping.
- Building fires.
- Using cooking grills.
- Hunting.
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Using glass or breakable containers.
- Biking, riding horses or driving motorized vehicles on Lake Walking Trail.
- Possession of firearms (exception of law enforcement).
- Possession and shooting of fireworks.
- Use of any metal detection devices or equipment.
- Recreational vehicles such as ATVs, four-wheelers, minibikes, motor scooters.

## **Use of Facilities**

- No organized event, solicitation, selling or advertising can be done on MDA property without written permission from the MDA Director.
- No person under the age of 16 is to be left unattended or without direct adult supervision.
- Make sure trash is secured in a garbage can that is provided or take it with you.
- Abandoned personal property is subject to disposal by the MDA Staff.
- No boats or vehicles may be left over night.
- ALL vehicles must be parked in parking lot.

## **Pets and Animals**

- Dogs are permitted on premises but must be crated or on a leash not longer than six (6) feet, at all times. Dogs under “voice control” are not permitted.
- ALL persons should pick up after their dog and dispose of properly in the dog waste stations provided.
- No person shall bring on the property a noisy, vicious or dangerous dog.
- No horses are permitted in the Lake Yahou Park area. Horses must be left at the tie up line on the Calhoun County Horse Trail Property.
- It is unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill wild birds or wild animals on lake property or other MDA property.

## **Conduct**

Any persons using MDA recreational or sporting facilities is expected to do so safely and with respect for others and facility preservation.

- Any person(s) charged with and convicted in Anniston Municipal Court, Calhoun County District or Circuit Court of any of the following types of offenses on MDA property will not be allowed further use of or access to any MDA property or facilities:
  - Rioting or other boisterous, abusive, threatening, indecent or disorderly conduct.
  - Illegally destroying, defacing or removing any native, wild or domesticated trees, shrubs, plants, or wildflowers.
  - Illegally destroying, injuring, defacing, removing or disturbing in any manner, any of the MDA’s real or personal property.
  - Illegally destroying, disturbing, defacing, collecting or removing any natural, cultural, historical, archeological, geological, mineralogical, etc. objects or artifacts.

## **Liability**

- By use of Lake Yahou Park the McClellan Multi-Use Trails and Picnic Area, all entrants hereby hold harmless the MDA, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all claims of every kind for personal injury and for damages to personal property.
- Any license granted hereunder may be revoked by the MDA, the Director, or his/her designee, for the violation of any of these rules or for any other cause deemed to be sufficient by the Board of Directors or Management of the MDA. More particularly, no person shall borrow, lend, or alter any, license. The license of any person who does so can be revoked.
- Those accessing the area acknowledge that they will be fishing, hiking, biking and picnicking in areas where dangerous wildlife lives, including, without limitation, snakes of various species, bobcats, coyotes, etc. Persons in these areas are responsible for their own safety and that of others with them, most particularly persons under the age of sixteen (16) years.