

Edmonton Trout Fishing Club
Spring Lake Property Access and Usage Policies and Rules

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The following policies and rules are intended to:

- Facilitate harmonious relationships between the Edmonton Trout Fishing Club (ETFC) and its members with local residents and the administration of the Village of Spring Lake;
- Facilitate harmonious relationships among ETFC members who are sharing access to and the use of the ETFC properties and facilities;
- Ensure appropriate control of access to and usage of ETFC properties and facilities;
- Maintain ETFC property and facilities in good order for the benefit of all members;
- Ensure Club Gate Keys are controlled and consistently returned so that the Club can minimize having to install new locks and/or issue new keys, thereby avoiding the additional effort, inconvenience and expense to both the Club and its members.

The Spring Lake Property Policies and Usage Rules (“Rules”) apply to all members and to any and all guests. Members must ensure that any guest(s) they are responsible for understand and comply with the Rules. The current Rules, and associated policies and expectations, are as follows:

- (1) Spring Lake Gate Keys are the property of the ETFC and as such are solely and perpetually owned by the Club. Access to and use of a Club Gate Key must be obtained from the Club and will be granted for a periodic fee. The fee will help offset a portion of the Club’s costs to maintain access controls (keys, locks, administration) and to maintain the property (e.g. taxes, upkeep, repairs, improvements).
- (2) A substantive refundable deposit will be made for access to a Gate Key to help ensure the return of the Key to the ETFC by members when requested/required. Gate Keys may only be provided to, retained, or used by individuals who are a current paid-up Club member in good standing. A Key cannot be loaned or transferred to any others by that member. It is required of all members in possession of a Gate Key, that they will be diligent in both safekeeping the key for the Club, and returning it to the Club when requested.
- (3) A Club member who is in possession of a Club Gate Key is absolutely not allowed to try to make any copies of the Club’s Gate Key – any such action will be deemed a serious breach of trust, leading to expulsion from the Club. Gate Keys must be promptly returned to the Club if a member does not renew their membership (Note – renewal fees are due on or before December 31st for the following membership year). This also applies if a member’s membership in the Club or Spring Lake access privileges are revoked by the Club Executive.
- (4) If a Gate Key is not returned or able to be returned within 30 days of expiry of membership, (e.g. if the key has been lost/stolen) or of notification of loss of

privileges, the member will forfeit their Gate Key deposit. If a member remains in good standing with the Club and wishes to obtain a replacement key for a lost key, they must again request a new Gate Key be issued, and provide the normal payment of each of the fees/deposits associated with that new key. Members are expected to take very good care of the Club's Gate Keys.

- (5) Members are required to close and lock the Gate right after entering or exiting the Gate. The Gate is not to be left unlocked or unattended for later exit or entry.
- (6) A member may take out their spouse/partner (or young family members) who reside with them to accompany them on an outing to the Club Spring Lake property. Occasionally, another guest or two (children or adults) may also accompany the member – but this privilege does not apply to taking out the same guest or guests repeatedly. The maximum number of guests per member at any one time is two, and the member must be present at all times while his/her guests are accessing the property or lake. Requests for larger numbers of guests or group activities require prior approval of a designated member of the Club Executive. Note that it is not acceptable that a member use their membership privileges to take out the same adult guest repeatedly – like a fishing buddy, extended family, or other friends. If two or more friends/acquaintances want to fish or use the Club facilities at Spring Lake together more than once, then each of these folks must get their own ETFC membership and pay their fair share like all other members.
- (7) The BBQ Shelter must remain unobstructed and accessible for shared use by members at all times. Members shall not camp/sleep in the shelter, nor make modifications to the shelter, nor store their own things in the shelter. Neither vehicles nor trailers may be parked in front of the shelter nor block access to the front of the shelter in any way.
- (8) Note that there is a lot of sensitivity by some residents, and by the Village Administration, as to where vehicles are driven and/or parked in the meadow area to the west of the Club properties. The Village Administration has requested that all residents refrain from using vehicles in the meadow area, which has been designated an "Urban Reserve", Accordingly, members are asked to take special note of and abide by the driving and parking guidelines described below.
- (9) Vehicles must use and stay on the drive paths in the meadow. Do not drive elsewhere in the meadow and do not take short-cuts – stay on the existing drive paths. And please drive slowly - do not exceed 20 km/hr.
- (10) Vehicles being parked near the BBQ Shelter can be parked either on the upper level, or else on the lower level in an orderly fashion in the designated parking area (as per the signposts). The parking area is located on the south side of the vehicle trail leading down to the dock area, and immediately to the west of the swings. Similarly, on the lower level, trailer parking is permitted only in the designated parking area immediately west of the swings. The Club has talked with the Village Administration and they have requested the Club to have members park their vehicles/trailers in an orderly row rather than randomly. The Club asks members to park their vehicle/trailers pointed north-

south, with the row beginning at the sign-posts and extending westward toward the dock area, as needed.

- (11) Vehicle parking down by the lake is being discouraged by the Village Administration. They are advising residents not to park vehicles down by the Lake, and in particular want to avoid driving or parking along the riparian area (i.e. avoid parking along the western edge of the mowed area of the meadow). The Club has talked with the Village Administration and they have requested that the Club have members park their vehicles/trailers up near the BBQ Shelter. They ask that after members unload their gear down by the lake/dock area, that the vehicles be taken back up and parked in the designated parking area near the BBQ Shelter.
- (12) It is recognized that some members have physical or health/mobility issues that mean walking back and forth between the lake and the BBQ Shelter area is not reasonable or advisable. For individuals with such challenges, the Club asks that you park down by the lake in the meadow area directly east of where the Village has placed a Port-a-Potty- do not park along the edge of the riparian area. The Club has marked the designated area with signposts. Park in an orderly row extending eastward from the signposts, with vehicles/trailers pointed in a north-south orientation.
- (13) The Club property is a “No Services” site – there is no water or electricity, and there are no one residing at the site or maintaining it on a daily basis. Accordingly, it is a “take away what you bring in” site that members must respect. So bring garbage bags with you. Members are personally responsible for caring for and cleaning up the site as a result of their personal usage; further, members are asked to help clean up the site if they should encounter any garbage or debris on-site when they do visit. Members are required to collect all their garbage and take it away with them when they leave, or else dispose of garbage in bags and place them in the garbage bin located on the north-east corner of the lot beside the road above the BBQ Shelter. There is no one regularly emptying the garbage cans provided at the BBQ Shelter – they are there for convenience. If you use them, then please empty them before you leave and put in a replacement garbage bag.
- (14) Members must not dispose of anything in the outhouse - this includes diapers, garbage, debris, etc. This would create very serious and costly problems in trying to clean out the tank. The outhouse door is to be closed and secured at all times.
- (15) The Club has provided members with access to both Briquette/Wood Burning Grills, and a Propane BBQ Grill (it is attached to the front of the BBQ Shelter). A Propane tank is not provided, but members need only bring out with them their own tank and hook it up. Members wishing to use the Propane Grill or the Briquette/Wood Burning Grills can do so on condition that they thoroughly clean the Grill(s) after their use. Other than the Grill sitting in the front (west) of the Chimney under the edge of the Shelter, the other Briquette/Wood Grills are to be moved out in front of the Shelter for use, and then returned back under the Shelter after use/cleaning. BBQ utensils and cleaning brushes are located in the Shed/Outhouse behind the Shelter –

these can be used only if they are well cleaned after use and then returned to the Shed after cleaning. If cleaning of the Grill/utensils is not done after use, the Club will remove these facilities and everyone will lose access – so don't use them if you won't clean them properly.

- (16) Fires are only permitted in designated Club-provided facilities – currently, the grills or the fireplace in the BBQ Shelter. Wood or briquette ashes from Club or personal BBQ's or from the fireplace must not be dumped on the ground – they must be placed in sealed bags (or if not yet cold, then placed in other suitable containers), and these taken home with you or carefully disposed of in appropriate refuse facilities (absolutely NOT the outhouse!). Do not make any "firepits" or "fires" elsewhere.
- (17) Over the decades since the Club purchased the properties at Spring Lake, the area around the Club's lots has become a year-round residential area, not summer properties. Members must conduct themselves with high regard and respect for our neighbours – with the same regard and considerations as you would expect from your neighbours at your home. Noise levels need to be very considerate of neighbouring residents, in particular during quiet time between 2200 hrs and 0800 hours.
- (18) While almost all Club/member use of the property is day-use, in the past, occasional overnight tenting or camping had been permitted at our Spring Lake facilities. Such camping had been done along the edge of the meadow area near the BBQ Shelter. However, the meadow area has now been designated an Urban Reserve and new rules are being applied to this area by the Village of Spring Lake. Accordingly, the Club Executive is reviewing whether any overnight privileges will continue to be available or not. Note that the Club does not have much room for such activity, so if it is to continue to be supported, it must be controlled. Members will need to contact a member of the Club Executive to get prior approval if wanting to stay overnight at the site. Clearly, there is insufficient room to accommodate RVs/trailers on Club properties, so we are primarily considering tents and perhaps smaller tent trailers.
- (19) Pets must be under control at all times. There is a Village Bylaw requiring all dogs be on leash within the Village, and this includes the meadow area. Members must clean up after their pets and remove/dispose of all droppings as part of their garbage when they leave.
- (20) The ETFC Dock Area, like the BBQ Shelter, is a shared use area – do not block access to the dock or restrict lake access on either side of the dock. In particular, members are not allowed to moor their watercraft alongside the dock unattended. This seriously blocks access to the dock and the lake for others. Under no circumstances are watercraft to be left moored to the dock (or left on the dock) while the owner/user leaves the property, whether for a short period or overnight. Instead, members should remove their watercraft and store them in the boat storage areas, or move them off to the side where there will be no access blockage.
- (21) Absolutely do not litter – in addition to the Port-a-Potty that the Village has kindly provided, a garbage container has likewise been made available by the

Village near the Port-a-Potty. Use it! Also be a good citizen and pick up and dispose of any litter or garbage/debris you might notice anywhere in the meadow area or along the lakeshore.

- (22) Note that in addition to the ETFC Dock area, there is an access point to the lake a few hundred feet south of the Dock area, with vehicle access to a flat area of the lake shore. This area is used by residents for launching boats, and it provides boat trailer access. It has also been used in past years as an access point by vehicles to get onto the lake in the winter. The Club recommends against taking vehicles onto the lake due to dangers posed by thin ice around springs in the lake, and a history of significant problems in getting stuck in snow on the lake. If you use this area to launch your boat, please move your vehicle/trailer to the designated parking areas as noted above – do not block access to this area.
- (23) In accordance with Spring Lake Bylaw #303, no use of any Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs – like snowmobiles or quads) is permitted within the Village. This includes the meadow area between the lots along Lakeside Drive and Waters Crescent, and the lake shore.
- (24) The ETFC reserves the right to terminate property access privileges and/or to terminate the membership of any member not complying with the Club's property policies, usage rules and reasonable expectations of considerate behaviour, either by themselves or any guest that may accompany them.

Treat the Club's Facilities, the Meadow Area, and the Lakeshore with Care and Respect

Leave them in the condition you would like to find them when you arrive.

Members are asked to immediately notify a Club Executive Member of:

- **Any property/facilities damage, problems or issues you notice;**
- **Any misuse of the Club Facilities or contravention of these Club Rules that you observe, or are informed about by neighbours (get details: e.g. names, vehicle description/license plate, etc.)**

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