

Lake Sonoma Policy on Camping and Minors

In order to ensure a safe experience for visitors, it is the policy at Lake Sonoma/Warm Springs Dam Project that no person under 18 years of age is allowed to register for a campsite. Minor(s) under 18 years of age while camping on Lake Sonoma/Warm Springs Dam Project premises must, at all times, be accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian or adult designee. For age verification purposes, anyone appearing to be under 25 years of age must be in possession of valid photo identification, showing the date of birth. Anyone under 21 years of age is prohibited from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages while on Lake Sonoma/Warm Springs Dam Project premises.

The exceptions to the above-mentioned policy are as follows:

- Minors can camp if they are part of a sanctioned youth group occupying parklands at night and they are supervised by at least one responsible adult over the age of 21 for each ten juveniles
- The minor(s) can show proof of emancipated status and possess photo identification.
- The minor(s) can show proof of legal marriage and possess photo identification.
- The minor(s) can show proof of active duty status in the Armed Forces and possess photo identification.

Title 36, Chapter 111, Section 327.26, Parts a and b and Section 327.1 Part e, of the Federal Code of Regulations authorizes state and local officials to enforce state laws and local ordinances on US Army Corps of Engineers project lands and waters.

Sonoma County Ordinance 3780 authorizes the Sheriff's Department to enforce county ordinances throughout the Lake Sonoma Warm Springs Dam Project. County ordinances enforced by the Sheriff's Department include, but are not limited to the following:

- 13-1 Fireworks; Possess, sell giveaway – to fire or explode
- 15-20(a) Jump, dive, push from bridge in excess of 10' from water
- 15-21 Violation of any rules at beach, swimming and boating facility
- 18-31(a) Off-road vehicle operation
- 18-31(b) Must have muffler and gas cap (no rags, plugs, etc.)
- 19-18 Pursue, take, kill or destroy, hunt, shoot, kill any animal game or bird – shoot any firearm on county road
- 19-9 Public drinking
- 19-10 Public urination/defecation
- 19-11 Public nudity
- 19(a)-2 Use of small arms in campground – firearm, air gun, bow and arrow, or slingshot
- 20-11 Possession of firearm in park
- 20-12 Alcohol in park
- 20-13 Abusive language, disorderly assemblage, disturbance
- 20-23 Peace and quiet 2300 to 0600 hours daily
- 20-25** **Camping in designated area only**

Section (a) of ordinances **20-25** reads:

No person who is a juvenile shall camp in any part of the park except as follows:

- (1) A juvenile who is accompanied by a parent or guardian;

Persons found in violation of Federal, State, or local laws and ordinances may be asked to leave, be cited, and/or be taken into custody depending on the severity of the violation and the circumstances involved. The parents of minors found in violation will be notified of the violation and asked to transport their child or children off Project property.

As always the staff at Lake Sonoma Warm Springs Dam Project wish you a safe and enjoyable recreation experience. If you have any questions or concerns about the above mentioned policy, please feel free to contact the Project Visitor Center at 707-431-4533. Thank you for your cooperation.