

West End Park and Breakwater Park – Rules and Regulations

For the purposes of this article, the premises of West End Park are the area bounded by South Roadway, North Roadway, and West Roadway; the premises of Breakwater Park are the lakeside area of breakwater drive, beginning at the intersection of Breakwater Drive and North Roadway and is bounded by the Jefferson Parish line on the west, Lake Pontchartrain on the north, and the easternmost point of Breakwater Drive on the east.

(M.C.S., Ord. No. 22155, § 1, 3-2-06)

I. Hours of operation.

West End Park and Breakwater Park shall be open to the public daily from 6:00 am to 9:00 PM at which time all persons must vacate the premises.

(a)

Overnight parking, walking, sleeping, and camping by individuals or groups is prohibited within the confines of West End Park and Breakwater Park except upon special written permission obtained from the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

(b)

Any person found on park premises between the hours of 9:00 PM and 6:00 AM or without special written permission shall be considered to be disturbing the peace by their presence in such areas and shall be presumed to be doing damage to the grass, foliage, and other property of West End Park and Breakwater Park.

(c)

Exceptions to (b) above include special events extending beyond hours with written permission by the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation, or a person actively launching or retrieving a motor or sailing vessel of at least six feet in length at the public boat launch area. Persons attending permitted special events are required to vacate the premises of West End Park and Breakwater Park within 30 minutes of the end of any such event.

II. Prohibition of certain activities. [from Art. VII, City Park, 106-301]

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any of the activities herein below listed while within the confines of West End Park and Breakwater Park. Those activities which shall be unlawful unless specifically approved by the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation are:

(a)

No individuals or groups will be permitted to purchase or sell any food, drinks or novelties within the confines of the parks, unless approved in writing by the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

(b)

There shall be no trapping, hunting, discharging of firearms, or other noisemaking devices whatsoever in the park.

(c)

It is prohibited to injure, molest, or kill any bird or animal in the park.

(d)

No dog or other animal will be allowed to roam at large in West End Park, and Breakwater Park. Orleans Parish leash laws for dogs must be adhered to except in designated dog parks or "off-leash" areas.

(e)

It is unlawful to throw into the lake, lagoons, fountains and basins any rock, trash or any other object whatsoever.

(f)

It is prohibited to climb or get upon any tree, statue, fountain, fence, gateway, or railing within West End Park and Breakwater Park or to use any structure within those premises for other than the purpose for which it is intended, and in accordance with the regulations applying thereto.

(g)

It is prohibited to deface, injure, move or remove any sign, notice or label place by park management within West End Park and Breakwater Park to write upon, deface, defile or otherwise injure any building, fence, fountain, seat, statue, gateway, wall, or other structure within those premises.

(h)

It is prohibited to lie down upon, or to sleep upon, or overturn or damage any seat, bench, bridge, railing, or floor within West End Park and Breakwater Park.

(i)

No boisterous, indecent, or vulgar language will be tolerated, nor any public nuisance shall be permitted. Disorderly conduct, indecent exposure, profanity and excessive noise, music, and other sounds are prohibited.

(j)

Visitors are prohibited from cutting any flowers, destroying, removing or defacing any plants, grass, trees or shrubbery, or any other property in West End Park and Breakwater Park.

(k)

It is prohibited to bathe or wade in or enter any pool, lagoon, or fountain.

(l)

No horses or any other animals may be ridden anywhere within West End Park and Breakwater Park, except in areas where specific permission has been obtained from the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

(m)

It is prohibited to drive or propel any motor vehicle at a greater speed than that posted, or to drive or propel any vehicle except in established driveways and in the direction indicated by signs, or to park any vehicle excepting in areas provided for parking and as designated by the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

- i. Parking is prohibited on sidewalks, grass covered areas, and bare ground.
- ii. No boats, vessels, recreational vehicles, campers or trailer of any kind may be parked in any vehicle parking area or on any street within West End Park and Breakwater Park, except that a vessel's trailer and towing vehicle may be parked in a parking space in the boat launch area for as long as the vessel is actively being used on Lake Pontchartrain and its adjoining waters.
- iii. Motorized conveyances of any type (except those used for mobility assistance as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act) and skateboards are prohibited on the sidewalks and pedestrian areas.

(n)

It is prohibited to drop, throw, scatter, or leave upon any part of West End Park and Breakwater Park any type of litter, except into receptacles provided for such purpose.

(o)

It is prohibited to leave any abandoned vehicle within the confines of West End Park and Breakwater Park.

(p)

It is prohibited to have an open fire in West End Park and Breakwater Park. Fires in barbecue pits or grill are allowed; however, caution should be taken in disposing of hot coals. It is prohibited to dump coals except in approved receptacles.

III. Drug-free zone. [from Art. VII, City Park, 106-302]

West End Park, Breakwater Park, and Public Boat Launch shall be designated as a drug-free zone, with no controlled substances allowed within the park.

Access to West End Park and Breakwater Park

Whenever the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation finds it necessary to close the entrance to West End Park or Breakwater Park, or the public boat launch due to traffic congestion, weather conditions, or enforcement of the regulations set forth herein the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation is hereby authorized to limit access to those areas by either placing a barricade which leaves one lane open for local traffic-or by stationing an officer at any location deemed appropriate by the New Orleans Municipal Yacht Harbor Management Corporation.

(Code 1956, § 38-96.1)