



Homewood Izaak Walton Preserve, Inc.

Dedicated to Service in Conservation
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Thank you for your membership in Izaak Walton Preserve. Your membership card is enclosed along with a map and the Preserve's ground rules. As we are an all-volunteer organization, it's appropriate that all of us understand and enforce the ground rules.

Your membership and support of Izaak Walton Preserve is appreciated.

GROUND RULES – HOMEWOOD IZAAK WALTON PRESERVE

- A. Possession of guns, air rifles, slingshots, bows and arrows is not permitted.
- B. Vehicles and machines powered by fuel or electricity are not permitted, except within the designated confines of the entrance road and parking areas.
- C. Fires are prohibited except by specific authorization by Preserve caretaker or officers.
- D. Native plants and animals may not be harmed or removed from the Preserve for any reason.
- E. The leaving of trash or containers of any kind is not permitted. These must be placed in garbage receptacles near the parking areas.
- F. Qualifications for membership are payment of the annual dues and adherence to these grounds rules.
- G. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- H. After sundown, the Preserve is open only to members, guests with members, picnic groups with reservations, Scout activities, and Homewood Baseball, within their respective areas.
- I. Swimming, wading, boats, or rafts are not permitted in the lakes, lagoons, or waterways.
- J. Every member must carry his or her membership card when fishing or bringing a dog to the Preserve, and must willingly show this card if any other member asks to see it. All members are expected to cooperate, and also to participate in this enforcement.
- K. Preserve lands and waters north of Maple Road and east of Hoffman Way, and Preserve lands and waters south of Maple Road and east of Presidents Drive, are managed as wildlife refuges and therefore may not be used for hiking, fishing, or activities.
- L. Fishing is a privilege reserved only for members and their children under 16 years of age. Children under age 16 residing in Homewood may fish without membership but in accordance with these rules:
 - L-1. Fishing shall be by hook and line only. No set lines or power lines are permitted.
 - L-2. Use or possession of minnows is prohibited.
 - L-3. Seines and traps are not permitted.
 - L-4. A maximum of 2 catfish per member, per day, may be kept.
A maximum of 2 trout per member, per day, may be kept.
A maximum of 3 perch per member, per day, may be kept.
A maximum of 6 sunfish other than bass, per member, per day, may be kept.
Additional fish of these species must be immediately released unharmed to the water.
 - L-5. Largemouth bass must be released unharmed to the water immediately, regardless of size.
 - L-6. Northern pike under 30 inches must be released unharmed to the water immediately.
 - L-7. White Amur (Grass Carp) must be released unharmed to the water immediately.

- L-8. Common carp must be destroyed or taken for consumption if caught, and may not be released to the water nor left near the water.
- L-9. Any member has the right to inspect or to be shown the contents of any container being carried in the Preserve if the container is large enough to hold minnows or fish.
- M. Bringing pets into the Preserve is a privilege reserved for members only.
- M-1. Pets or non-native animals other than dogs are not permitted anywhere within the Preserve and shall not be released nor introduced into the Preserve.
- M-2. Owners are fully responsible for damage or aggravation caused by their dogs.
- M-3. Anyone bringing a dog into the Preserve must have the dog under his or her control at all times.
- M-4. Dogs must be on-leash at all times within the following areas:
- parking lots and trail-heads within 100 yards of parking areas;
 - lawns and picnic areas;
 - the lakes, channels, and waterways east of trail marker 2.74 (refer to map on back);
 - near small children anywhere.
- M-5. Dogs off leash must have been trained sufficiently to abide by owner's command.
- M-6. Dogs off leash must be kept within 20 feet of the marked trails to avoid disturbing ground-nesting birds and other wildlife.
- M-7. Pet owners shall remove their pets' waste material from anywhere within 5 feet either side of the trail center-line.
- N. Groups wishing to use the Preserve for picnic purposes shall apply to the Preserve for picnic reservations and shall abide by the Preserve's picnic policy.
- O. Any person found violating one or more ground rules is subject to forfeiture of membership and prohibition from returning to the Preserve.
- P. Any person committing malicious mischief, vandalism, or theft will be prohibited from returning to the Preserve lands and shall be subject to arrest and prosecution.
- Q. All rules and regulations will be enforced.
- R. In approving use of the Preserve lands, the Preserve does not discriminate in any way based upon race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, and/or sexual orientation.
- S. Feeding of wildlife anywhere in the preserve is prohibited.

LET US ENJOY AND BE PART OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS, LEAVING NO TRACE OF OUR
PRESENCE BUT FOR OUR CARE AND NURTURE OF OUR NATURAL HERITAGE