

EAST NASSAU STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT POND USE POLICIES

(Adopted March 21, 2024)

EAST NASSAU STEWARDSHIP DISTRICT OWNED PONDS

A. Following Pond is open for recreational use:

- Whistling Duck Pond

Only those Ponds designated herein are open for recreational use, subject to the Pond Use Policies. See **Recreational Ponds Map** for details.

B. Recreational Ponds Hours of Operation:

- Daily: **Dawn to Dusk**

C. Refer to <https://eastnassausd.net> for the most recent version of the Pond Use Policies.

INTRODUCTION AND DISCLAIMER

It is important to note that the ponds, stormwater management facilities, and any and all bodies of water (collectively referred to as “Ponds”) are natural habitats to wildlife living within the community of East Nassau Stewardship District (“District”). Please remember to always observe your surroundings.

The District Ponds primarily function as detention ponds to facilitate the District’s system for treatment and attenuation of stormwater run-off and overflow. As a result, contaminants may be present in the water.

District Ponds may be deep and those participating in recreational activities in District Ponds do so at their own risk. The District recommends use of appropriate safety equipment during any such activities.

Any person entering upon or near, or otherwise using any Ponds or other water bodies and related facilities within or adjacent to the community shall be responsible for his or her own personal safety relating to such entry and use and shall assume all risks of personal injury, including death, relating to such entry or use. Any person utilizing the Ponds understands and acknowledges that they are using the Ponds at their own risk, and Ponds present hazards which may include but are not limited to alligators, snakes, other wildlife, toxic algae, parasites, bacteria, and amoeba. The District shall not in any way be a guardian or insurer of safety relating to the presence, entry upon, or use of any water bodies or features within or adjacent to the community and shall not be held responsible for any personal injury or death, property

damage, or any other loss due to, arising out of, or related to use of such Ponds and water features for any purpose.

PONDS ARE NOT SUPERVISED. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911.

To report concerns, please contact East Nassau Stewardship District at 877-276-0889 or Community Manager at 904-530-1559.

GENERAL

- A.** Do not approach, feed, bother, or otherwise disturb the alligators and other wildlife that may be present in the Ponds or Lake surroundings. Immediately report any aggressive behavior to the District or the Community Manager.
- B.** No foreign materials may be disposed of in the District Ponds, including but not limited to: tree branches, paint, cement, oils, soap suds, building materials, chemicals, fertilizers, or any other material that is not naturally occurring or which may be detrimental to the Lake environment. Dispose of such trash, debris or foreign objects only in designated trash bins or take with you to properly dispose of same.
- C.** Except for District owned, managed, and operated docks, no docks or other structures, whether permanent or temporary, shall be constructed and placed in any of District Ponds.
- D.** Any hazardous condition concerning the District Ponds must immediately be reported to the District, the Community Manager and the proper authorities.
- E.** District Ponds are subject to environmental permits; therefore, the rules provided herein may be subject to change in accordance with such permits, in the District's sole discretion.

NO SWIMMING IN PONDS

- A.** Wading and swimming is **strictly prohibited** in any District owned or managed Ponds or other bodies of water.
- B.** All underwater sports and activities are **strictly prohibited**.
- C.** Diving, running, and/or flipping off of any of the District dock is **strictly prohibited**.

BOATING

- A. Approved watercraft launch areas are identified on the Recreational Ponds Map, which can be found on <https://eastnassausd.net>.
- B. **Non-motorized or non-combustible** boats such as kayaks, canoes and pedal boats are **only allowed** on those Ponds specified in the Recreational Ponds Map.
- C. **Any and all motorized-watercraft and combustible-engine watercraft are strictly prohibited** on all Ponds. This shall not apply to operation of motorized watercraft by an agent of the District while acting within the scope of its duties.
- D. The owner and operator of a non-motorized watercraft or vessel is responsible for carrying, storage, maintenance and use of the safety equipment required by the United States Coast Guard, and Chapters 327 and 328, Florida Statutes, as applicable.
- E. All operators of watercraft and vessels operating upon District Ponds shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations pertaining to boating and navigational safety.
- F. In order to prevent damage to the storm water management system, no watercraft or vessel shall be tied, or otherwise secured, to the lake bank.

FISHING

- A. "Catch and release" fishing is permitted in approved District owned or managed bodies of water. Approved fishing locations are identified on the Recreational Ponds Map, which can be found on <https://eastnassausd.net>.
- B. Fish shall not be removed from District owned or managed Ponds.
- C. Cast netting is prohibited.
- D. Patrons shall not trespass on private residential property or enter upon any service areas for District staff or maintenance personnel to access District Ponds.
- E. All patrons must follow all applicable laws, rules and regulations with respect to fishing applicable to the Ponds, which may include obtainment of valid Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) fishing license.
- F. Only authorized personnel are allowed to introduce or stock any of the bodies of water.

RECREATIONAL PONDS MAP

