

Taconic Lake Association

Rules & Regulations

10/25/2025

Beach, Pavilion and Hall

- Children under 18-years of age at the beach must be supervised by an adult.
- Alcoholic beverages, cookouts and glass bottles are prohibited at the beach.
- Smoking is not permitted at Tucker Hall, Breton Pavilion and the TLA beach.
- Boats are not permitted on the beach.
- Hours of use for Tucker Hall and Breton Pavilion are 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Contact TLA President or Secretary to reserve these facilities for private functions.
- Only passenger vehicles may be parked in the Breton Pavilion/Tucker Hall parking area and only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. unless prior Board approval has been granted.
- The use of TLA facilities is limited to members and their guests. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- Alcoholic beverages, cookouts and glass bottles are prohibited in the beach area. Picnickers must thoroughly clean up after themselves.

Construction and Use of Powered Lawn Tools

- Any member desiring to construct a structure or to make substantial alterations to any existing structure must obtain the approval of the Board of Governors. Applications are available on the TLA website. (contact: TLA President)
- Construction on member's property and the use of powered lawn devices shall not commence before 8 a.m. or continue after 6 p.m. without approval of the Board of Governors.

Dogs

- Dogs are not allowed off a member's property, except on a leash. They are not permitted on the beach. (The beach is defined as the area from the parking area to the lake, including the two trails.)
- Dogs and other pets are allowed in the lake only in front of the owner's property.

Fires

- Bonfires or burning of trash, brush or building materials is prohibited.
- Campfires should be kept within reasonable limits, monitored by adults and extinguished when not monitored.

- Burning is prohibited except for:
 - Camp fires or any other outdoor fires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter.
 - Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
 - Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- No fires are allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to the increased risk of wildfires.
- Burning loose leaves or leaf piles is prohibited.
- Burning of chemically treated wood, such as pressure-treated lumber and plywood, is prohibited.
- Burn barrels are prohibited.

Lake

- Gasoline/Diesel powered boats are prohibited. Also prohibited are watercraft powered by other sources, including batteries, which propel it and its occupant(s) at a rate of speed greater than 5 mph. All forms of human and wind powered watercraft are permitted. Maximum boat length is 18-feet.
- Boats that have been used on another body of water than Taconic Lake are prohibited.
- Dumping refuse of any kind into the lake is prohibited.
- Using soap and washing anything in the lake is prohibited.
- The use of live fish (i.e., minnows) that are not caught from Taconic Lake or leeches as bait for fishing on Taconic Lake is prohibited.
- In the interest of water safety, a person at least 18 years old must be present at the beach with any child, and swimmers that swim across the lake must be accompanied by a boat. New York State law requires all occupants of boats to have a person flotation device on board.

Prohibited Objects and Activities

- Use of firearms is prohibited.
- Use of fireworks is prohibited.
- Erection of oversized satellite dishes or antenna towers is prohibited.
- Use of drones is prohibited.
- Use of large solar panels to provide energy to structures is prohibited.
- Posting of political signs and political flags on TLA or personal property is prohibited.
- Posting of commercial signs of any kind on TLA property is prohibited and only allowed on personal property for a maximum of 2 weeks.
- Dumping of refuse and garbage on Association property or member property is prohibited

Property Rental

- A member must receive the approval of the Board of Governors prior to renting the member's property. Requests must be submitted in writing and provide renter's name, address, license plate numbers for cars to be used at the lake, and the length of the rental period. (contact: TLA President)

Road and Vehicles

- Unlicensed vehicles, ATVs and snowmobiles are prohibited.
- Taconic Lake Way speed limit is 10 MPH.
- Obstruction of Taconic Lake Way is prohibited.

Trees and Other Vegetation

- Use of fertilizers, insecticides and weed control chemicals is prohibited.
- Cutting of trees on Association property is prohibited except if a member determines that a tree or part of a tree is a potential threat to any personal property or structures on his or her lot and the member obtains permission from the Board of Governors for removal or pruning of a specific tree or trees. Upon approval from the Board of Governors, the member may remove or prune the tree(s), at his or her own expense, and is further responsible for the safe removal of such tree(s).
- The cutting or trimming of foliage or trees on the ten-foot strip of land surrounding the shoreline shall be done only with the approval of the Board of Governors. (contact: TLA President)
- Approval to cut any trees on member properties must be obtained from the Board of Governors. (contact: TLA President)