Slacklining in Chelan County Public Utility District Parks

Slacklining is defined as an activity in which the participant walks on a span of nylon climbing or slackline webbing, positioned horizontally above the ground and anchored at two fixed points. The practice as defined, and commonly known, as slacklining and all associated equipment are regulated by this document for property controlled or maintained by Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County (PUD). This document will be used to manage slacklining in PUD parks.

RECOGNIZED ACTIVITY:

Slacklining is allowed during daylight hours only.

Assumption of Risk

Participants and spectators assume any and all risk associated with this activity. For participants, the risks include, but are not limited to, death, paralysis and serious injury. Participants and spectators take full responsibility for following these slacklining guidelines and best safety practices within this activity.

Set-up and Tear Down

A responsible person, on a temporary basis while in use, must affix all slacklines, and slacklines must be removed when not in use. The owner of the slacklining equipment is responsible for setting up and taking down the equipment by sunset each day and may not leave equipment unattended. Unattended slacklining equipment will be removed and stored without notice.

All equipment associated with the practice of slacklining must be maintained in an operable and safe condition. This is the sole responsibility of the participants.

Lines only may be affixed to trees that are greater than one foot (1’) in diameter and in the manner below:

- To protect tree bark, fabric, such as burlap, carpet squares, or similar material, must be placed between the tree and the line that is tied to the tree. There must be a clear and flat landing surface under the full length of the slackline.
- Trees and/or landscaped areas showing damage from slacklining may be restricted from future slacklining use at the discretion of the Director of Natural Resources Department or his designee.
- Spotters are strongly recommended.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITY:

These principles may be enforced by local law enforcement officers for the safety of the community and to keep the park accessible to all. All PUD park policies and regulations, state laws and local ordinances are in effect and may be enforced.

- The slackline may not be higher than three feet (3’) off the ground at the center of the span.
- Slacklines may not be longer than 40 feet.
- Memorial trees or other trees posted by sign may not be used as slackline anchors.
- Park employees may direct equipment that appears to be unsafe or improperly set up to be removed.
- Slacklines may not be set up within a Special Event Zone.
- Slacklines may not be affixed within 20 feet of sidewalks, buildings, roads, streets, trails, sport courts, bike racks, handrails, art objects, fences, or light poles.
- Lines may only be attached to approved trees as noted above, and may not be affixed to any other PUD park fixture, including but not limited to, buildings, bike racks, handrails, art objects, fences, benches, tables, utility poles or light poles.
- Activities such as stunts or tricks involving flips are prohibited.
- PUD Parks officials have the authority to stop any slacklining and to request immediately remove all equipment.