

Slack lining on Chelan County Public Utility District Parks Properties

Slack lining is defined as an activity in which the participant walks on a span of nylon climbing or Slack lining webbing, positioned horizontally with the ground below and securely anchored at two fixed points. The practice as defined, and commonly known, as slack lining 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 is reference material to assist in the management of slack lining.

RECOGNIZED ACTIVITY:

Slack lining 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 slack lining guidelines and best safety practices within this activity.

Set-up and Tear Down

All slack lines must be affixed on a temporary basis while in use by a responsible person and slack lines must be removed when not in use. The owner of the slack lining equipment is responsible for setting up and taking down the equipment by sunset each day and may not leave equipment unattended. Unattended slack lining equipment will be removed and stored without notice.

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

Lines only may be affixed to appropriately sized trees and in the manner below:

- Slack lines can only be anchored to trees greater than one foot (1') in diameter
- To protect tree bark fabric, e.g. burlap, carpet squares, or similar material, must be placed between the tree and the line that is tied to the tree. A clear and flat landing surface must be present under the full length of the slack line.
- Trees and/or landscaped areas showing damage from slack lining may be restricted from future slack lining 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 slack line may not be higher than three feet (3') off the ground at the center of the span.
- Slack lines may not be longer than 40 feet.
- Memorial trees or other trees posted by sign may not be used as slack line anchors.
- Park employees may direct equipment that appears to be unsafe or improperly set up be removed.
- Slack lines may not be set up within a Special Event Zone.
- Slack lines 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, utility poles or light poles.
- Activities such as stunts or tricks involving flips are prohibited.
- At the direction of PUD parks officials, for any reason, slack lining must be stopped and all equipment removed immediately.

