

## **LAFFS- RULES AND PROCEDURES for using the VA CENTER LAKE**

1. Safety of the VA Center residents is most important! Be especially vigilant and be careful you don't interfere with their movement. Some are impaired or may be in wheel chairs. Never leave a gate open for longer than it takes to pass through it. Open gates to the water area are attractive to residents (especially old fishermen), but very dangerous for them. Be extremely careful if backing a vehicle because wheelchairs are low and hard to see and they could unexpectedly be anywhere on the property.

2. Access the flying/boating area in 2 ways:

a. Park in the main parking lot, walk into the VA facility and check in at the security desk. Go out the back door and walk to the pavilion and launch area. Use the LAFFS-issued key to open Gate #1 on the ramp out to the covered pier to access the launch area. Close the gate behind you. Never leave it open.

b. Turn left on the first road just inside the main gate (7:00am - 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday). Drive SLOWLY (max 10 mph) around the maintenance building, then follow the asphalt road to the north until reaching the covered pavilion area. Turn left onto the concrete walkway for 50 feet and park on the hill on the left.



3. If you have equipment to unload, you may park inside the white fence near the shoreline just left (south) of the pavilion. Use a LAFFS-issued key, unlock gate #2, just 100 feet south of the pavilion. This gate must remain closed at all times, so close it as soon as you drive through the fence.
4. We are NOT allowed to drive on the asphalt walking path around the lake, except for golf carts.
5. When finished, make sure the area is cleaned up as if you had never been there. Double check that both gates are securely padlocked. Failure to lock the gates will result in our losing privileges at the VA Center lake!
6. Exit the area by the same route you came in. If the main gate is locked, go to the security gate inside the VA facility and ask for help.
7. Flying/boating: Launch airplanes or boats from the small white dock (the RC dock) on the shoreline just left of the covered pier. Then using a LAFFS-issued key, go through Gate #1 on the walkway to the covered pier. Close the gate behind you. NEVER leave this gate open, not even for a minute, as it's dangerous for residents who could fall off the walkway! Pilot your aircraft or boat from out on the pier.
8. Flight patterns: There is about 650 feet of water runway available North-South and East-West. City streets are 250 feet beyond the water's edge to the North and to the East. The traffic pattern must be kept tight. Turn just after takeoff to avoid overflying the public streets. With a north or south takeoff, keep the flight pattern to the west of the lake out over the open field toward the Casino. With an east or west takeoff, keep the flight pattern to the north but tight to avoid the streets. Be careful when setting up long landing approaches not to get close to the streets. Do not overfly the VA Center to the South. (See flight pattern diagram).



9. Main gate hours are 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. For access during other times, go to the security desk just inside the main entrance of the VA Center. You may have to sign in. If the gate is closed when you are done flying/boating, check with the security desk.

10. Keys are for use of LAFFS members only. Do not loan your key to a non-LAFFS member. The VA Center will allow only LAFFS members to use the facilities because of insurance.

11. Remember, we are using this facility at the pleasure of the VA Center. Be responsible and be very careful. It would be very easy to lose this privilege.