

# Big Thompson Outfitters Rules & Regulations

Fishing Opens March 1<sup>st</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup>

## Upon Arrival to the club area:

1. Register by texting your name and number of people in your party to 785-230-8400 or 970-420-5137 when you arrive.
2. Respect the privacy and property of other members using the club.
3. Do not interfere with any farming/mowing/seeding etc operations and all vehicles must stay on the road at all times.
4. Members must be with their guest or family while at BTO fishing club. Each Head of Household can bring guests without the other member. (ex husband can bring his parents/guests while wife's working and vice versa)
5. All Members and Guests must sign a liability waiver before using the property for club approved activities.
6. Members can use the designated Paddle boats, Belly boats and Canoes at the boat ramp. Please return all boats to the same area as you got them.

## Night fishing:

1. Is allowed until midnight, however fishing in your boat we require wearing a life vest at all times and a text when you go out in your boat and a text when you come back to shore. Please follow the same rules listed Upon Arrival to the club. Please be safe and communicate with us to ensure your safety.  
**You must have a signed liability wavier before going out on the lake. No Exceptions! Night fishing is at your own risk.**

## Upon leaving the club area:

1. Please return club boats that are available for member use to the boat ramp. (where and how you found them please)
2. **Text a complete record of fish caught and kept to 785-230-8400 or 970-420-5137 before leaving. (this is vital information for future fish stocking and fish limits, we are working to make it the best fishing in the state with your help)**
3. Clean up after your-selves, family and your dogs (if applicable) and dispose of all trash in the dumpster provided. If you need anything please do not hesitate to call Jamie at 785-230-8400 or Dustin at 970-420-5137.

## Boat Requirements

1. Boats must be registered and insured. Members must provide a copy of registration and boat insurance on their boat with membership application or before brought onto BTO property.
2. Life jackets are required for all children under the age of 18 and recommended for all. If adults choose not to wear a life vest it is at your own risk. All children **MUST** wear a life vest.
3. **Liability waivers must be signed and turned in before going on to the lake. (No Exceptions)**

4. **Members are allowed to keep their boats on the property for their membership year under the following conditions. Member's boats must be insured and it is at their own risk.**

Other Rules/Regulations:

1. All boating is wake less (**THE LAKE IS A NO WAKE ZONE**) until further notice. (**NO EXCEPTIONS**)
2. **NO WEAPONS** of any kind. No guns, bows etc. BTO is a family club with children and their safety is the most important thing for us.
3. **Vehicles must stay on the road at ALL TIMES to the best of your ability**, so not to disturb new seeding.
4. Dogs are allowed and if you would like to use the lake to train your dog or let them swim that is fine, however under no circumstance can your dog disrupt another member's fishing experience. You must put them on a leash immediately, if another member arrives. If there is one complaint about your dog, you will no longer be able to have your dog off leash. **Your dog must be non-aggressive to be on the property at all.**
5. No ATV's or Motorcycles Allowed.
6. Guest Policy – Members are allowed to have 2 guests per visit whether it is friends or family. First visit is no charge after that it is \$20.00 per person and **all visitors must have a signed guest liability waiver** either emailed to [bighthompsonoutfitter@gmail.com](mailto:bighthompsonoutfitter@gmail.com) or [jam2finance@yahoo.com](mailto:jam2finance@yahoo.com) before arrival or dropped off to Dustin or Jamie Christensen, before use of property. (No Exceptions) Guests must be accompanied by the Member bringing them on every visit.
7. Members are responsible for all of their guest's actions. No Exceptions.
8. Keeping fish- Members only are allowed to keep fish, however there are limits and this will change yearly based on the growth in fish population, spawning, etc. Household limits for this year is 10 per day. (Example if a member and the whole family catch 30 crappie you can only keep 10 crappie for dinner please put the other 20 crappie back for another day. A member could keep 10 Crappie, 10 Perch, 10 Blue Gill, 3 Walleye, etc in one day. If you have questions please ask.
9. Limits per day (members only per household) are as follows:
  - Crappie -10 per day must be 10 inches or bigger.
  - Perch- 10 per day must be 10 inches or bigger.
  - Blue Gill -10 per day **must release if 11 inches or bigger.**
  - Walleye -3 per day Any Walleye less than 15 inches or over 22 inches must be released. (3 Walleye between 15 and 22 inches)
  - Trout -2 per day **over 24 inches must be released.**
  - Bass -no limit on Bass less than 15 inches, **Bass over 15 inches must be released.**
  - Catfish -5 per day.
10. **No Illegal Drugs, NO Glass bottles. No underage drinking allowed.** You agree to drug and or alcohol testing if you are involved in an accident or altercation on the property. (this is for liability and insurance reasons only).
11. **The consumption of liquor/alcohol which becomes offensive/obnoxious to other members, their family, guests, and owners of the property is forbidden.** When, in the judgment of another member, it becomes a hazard or a safety issue, it will constitute grounds for expulsion.

12. Any damage to club property report ASAP to 970-420-5317 (Dustin) or 785-230-8400 (Jamie) or text so that it can immediately be addressed.
13. Glass bottles are never allowed on the property or in boats for any reason because of safety concerns for people and animals.
14. Members may not use the private property of other members without that member's permission. If you are unsure of what you can use, please just ask.
15. No fires or burning of any kind.
16. Camping is limited to Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Labor Day weekend's Friday thru 5pm on Sunday. Any member wishing to camp must submit a request in writing ahead of time with the number of guests camping. The space is limited so first come first served.
17. Big Thompson Outfitters reserves the right to change the Rules and Regulations at any time without notice and any changes will emailed to all members and will be effective immediately.
18. ANNUAL FISHING CONTEST. Every year members can test their skill and a win BTO fishing membership by winning first place in the fishing contest. (Guests do not qualify) A member must register for the tournament and download the Fish Donkey App (small fee applies) which will keep track of everyone's progress and provide the results to determine the winner of contest on the last day of fishing for the year (November 1st for the calendar year). Members must follow the rule s of the Fish Donkey App and upload a picture of each entry to BTO Face book page for their catch to count.
19. Fishing Contest is for BTO fishing club members only. All children under 18 must be accompanied by their parent/guardian to hunt or fish. BTO fishing members are eligible for a reduced hunting rate of \$300.00 a gun if they wish to book a hunt at the Train Station or any other hunting location that is available thru Big Thompson Outfitters.

Big Thompson Outfitters is not responsible for personal injuries or accidents of any kind that occur on the property. This is includes members, spouses, children, guests, animals and personal property.

*By signing this document you agree with all the rules and agree to abide by all of them.*

*Members Printed Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Members Signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Members Spouse's Printed Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Members Spouse's Signature* \_\_\_\_\_