

## **Swift User Group Regulations**

### **Parameters of Use**

**Exclusive Use** – Exclusive use of Swift Ponds is defined as having access to all recreation areas within the property including all 12 ponds, pavilion, fishing piers and picnic areas and the only user group with access at that time. The agricultural fields and trap range are off limits. An archery range is available for an additional fee.

**Non Exclusive Use** – Non Exclusive use is defined as being limited to specific areas of the property. For example, a user group would have access to 4 ponds and 1 picnic area or just the pavilion. Specific areas will be designated depending on user group needs. The agricultural fields and trap range are off limits. An archery range is available for an additional fee.

### **Access**

The main gate of the property is located on the south side of County Rd 36 between 1-25 and County Rd. 5. The gate is locked with a coded padlock; the code is available once all requirements to use Swift Ponds have been fulfilled. The lock combination changes often. The gate has a total of five locks, but only one open lock is needed to open the gate. Simply open the coded pad lock, pull out the large metal pin, slide the other pins to the right, the gate will then swing free to the south. Be sure to replace the pin and lock then secure the gate open to the gate anchor posts. Once all parties have arrived, close and lock gate to keep trespassers out.

### **Available Facilities**

**Picnic Areas** – Three picnic areas are available throughout Swift Ponds. The 1<sup>st</sup> is located west of the main road on the north end of the property, the 2<sup>nd</sup> is located on the southwest corner of the main parking lot on the narrow peninsula and the 3<sup>rd</sup> is located just south of the Big Mouth Pond. Each picnic area features seating, trash can, fire ring and stacked firewood. Please do not use all of the provided firewood, additional firewood can be found throughout the property. Please be aware of local fire restrictions and extinguish all fires.

**Erion Pavilion** – The pavilion features seating, white board, fire place, lighting and electrical outlets. Light controls are located on east side of the fire place. Use of the Erion Pavilion is not guaranteed if you are given access to the property. If the pavilion is used, please pick up all trash, clean the white board, clean out the fire place and arrange the tables in the order in which they were found. Damage and vandalism to the Erion Pavilion will result in fines and/or criminal charges being files. User groups who require American with Disabilities Act facilities have priority. Fishing from the pavilion is not permitted.

**Restrooms** – The permanent restrooms are available to all users during the spring, summer and fall seasons. Damage and vandalism to the restrooms will result in fines and/or criminal charges being files. If the restrooms are not available, a portable restroom will be on sight. For user groups over 50, a minimum of 1 portable restroom must be brought in addition to the permanent restrooms at the user group's expense. More restrooms will be required depending on the size of the event. All portable restrooms must be rented through Gallegos Sanitation at 970-484-5556. The permanent restrooms are scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2011.

**Walleye Pond Fishing Pier** – The large fishing pier on Walleye Pond is available to all user groups who access that portion of the property. User groups who require American with Disabilities Act facilities have priority. No more than 10 people are permitted on the fishing pier at one time.

**Archery Range** – A temporary archery range may set-up by CYO for an additional fee of \$50 for 5 targets including bows, arrows and safety equipment or \$100 for 10 targets including bows, arrows and safety equipment.

### **Rental Equipment**

Spin cast or fly fishing rods may be rented at the following rates: 20 rods for \$20 or 50 rods for \$50. CYO can recommend flies, tippet and tackle for fishing at Swift Ponds.

### **Emergency Contact and Safety Information**

When at Swift Ponds, please make safety your number one priority. Many of the pond banks are very steep and drop into several feet of water. To avoid a potentially bad situation, please avoid wading, fishing steep banks, standing on fishing pier hand rails or horseplay around the ponds. Swift Ponds does have a problem with trespassing. While most trespassing incidents occur when no one is on sight, it is important for your safety that you do not confront any trespassers. If you believe someone is on the property who is not supposed to be, call the Larimer County Sheriff Department at 970-416-1985. The Sheriff Department is aware of Swift Ponds policies. Employees and volunteers of Colorado Youth Outdoors will identify themselves when entering the property. For all emergencies, please call 911.

### **Fishing Regulations at Swift Ponds**

- All fishing is catch and release on all species.
- Flies and Lures only.
- Bait is limited to earth worms on barbless hooks.
- Please return fish to the same pond as they were caught.
- Heavier than normal line (8 pound plus) is recommended so fish may be caught and quickly released.

### **Unapproved activities at Swift Ponds**

- Paintball or Airsoft activities.
- ATV or Motorcycle use.
- Swimming or boating.
- Use of live bait for fishing. (worms on barbless hooks are permitted)
- Firearms or archery use without prior approval.
- Campfires outside of designated areas.
- Hunting without prior approval.
- Use of Alcohol without written permission from landowner.
- RVs and Campers without prior approval
- Commercial or Sales use.

### **Trash**

A small dumpster is available on sight and is emptied Friday afternoons during the spring, summer and fall. Please don't over fill the dumpster, otherwise raccoons and other animals will create a large mess. If the dumpster is full, pack your trash out.