



BAYTOWN NATURE CENTER

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SPECIAL USE FACILITY

Baytown Nature Center (BNC) is a Special Use Facility to ensure its status as a unique area of Baytown, and not a standard regional park.

HOURS/ DAYS OF OPERATION

30 minutes before sunrise – 30 minutes after sunset. Daily except Christmas and Thanksgiving and extreme inclement weather; hours posted at Visitor Center change monthly.

FISHING

Fishing is NOT allowed in natural areas, including Golden Bloom Pond. This rule protects the wetlands habitat that serves as spawning and breeding grounds for local wildlife.

MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Motorized vehicles of any kind are NOT allowed in natural areas without a permit from the Parks and Recreation Department Director.

BICYCLES

Bicycles are allowed throughout the facility but must stay on trails and roads.

SPEED LIMIT

Speed limit is 20 mph throughout BNC.

GOLF

No golfing in any form is allowed.

FIREARMS

Pursuant to Section 30.06 Penal Code (Trespass by holder of a license to carry a concealed handgun) a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Concealed Handgun Law), may **not** enter this property with a concealed handgun. All firearms prohibited.

DOGS

Pets, including dogs, are NOT allowed. An exception is the City ordinance allowing “support dog guiding or otherwise aiding a totally or partially blind or otherwise incapacitated person while such person is in such park.”

FIRES

Fires are allowed in permanent cooking grills **only**. Prescribed burns for vegetation control may be authorized by both Parks and Recreation Department Director and Baytown Fire Chief. All other fire requests for special events must be authorized by Parks and Recreation Director.

REMOTE CONTROLLED DEVICES

Model cars, boats, airplanes or any other remote-controlled devices are NOT allowed.

NATURAL OBJECTS

Collection of natural objects, including wood, plants, shells, artifacts, etc., is NOT allowed.

SWIMMING

Swimming is NOT allowed.

BOATING

There is no access for motorized boating. Non-motorized boating (canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, etc.) IS allowed in bay waters surrounding BNC. All boating, including canoeing and kayaking, is prohibited in the interior channels of the natural area.