

# Lake Dimmick Access and Road Use Policy

## Purpose

This policy describes the rationale, procedures, rules, and expectation, for operation of the access gate to Lake Dimmick on Caldwell Road. This policy ensures that students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members can access remote areas of the Domain as needed in a safe and responsible fashion.

## Scope

This Policy applies to the Sewanee community, general public, partner institutions, and recreational users.

## Definitions

Term	Definition
Access Holder	Any employee, student, or community member who has been issued electronic gate access pursuant to this policy.
Electronic Gate	Any locked road barrier that can be controlled electronically and accessed by either ID scan or keycode except those gates associated with Facilities Management administrative complex.
Firelane	Any of the normally gated forest roads throughout the Domain built and maintained for fire prevention, emergency response forest management, or recreation.
Gate	Any locked road barrier on the Domain of the University of the South .
Recreational Users	All users of the recreational amenities on the Domain.
Sewanee Community	This group includes faculty, staff, students, alumni, their guests, as well as residents of the Domain.
Partner Institutions	Outside entities (Federal, State, NGO, Educational) that request access to the Domain to conduct research projects.
Public	Any person not a faculty staff, student, or graduated alumni of University who does not live on the Domain.

Vehicular access	Access using a motorized vehicle which requires passing through the electronic gate.
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## Policy Statements

### Who may have vehicular access Lake Dimmick

1. All members of the Sewanee Crew Team during regular season.
2. Lessee of farmland adjacent to Lake Dimmick Road.
3. All emergency personnel.
4. All Sewanee community members, as defined above, that require vehicular access for boat launch or research between daylight and dark.
5. Additional access may be granted for organized groups, partner institutions, student SOP leaders, and approved outside researchers at the discretion of the OESS office.
6. Approved members of the university hunting program.

### Who may issue electronic access

1. Domain Manager
2. Lease Office
3. Alumni Office
4. Sewanee Police Department

### General regulations for access and road use

1. An individual granted access is responsible for their access and is responsible for any guest who accompanies them. Access holders may not allow anyone other than the access holder's guests to enter the gate.
2. For special access requests, gate access and permitted use is granted only for the purpose specified. Use of access for purposes beyond a specified and approved request is prohibited.
3. Gates along Lake Dimmick Road should be closed and locked at all times.
4. Vehicles must stay on the road or parking area at all times. No parking along the main access road.
5. Maximum 5 cars allowed at one time in the boat launch parking area.
6. Maximum speed limit on access roads and firelanes is 10 mph.
7. Any vehicle blocking a gate is subject to towing at the owner's expense.
8. All recreational users must have a current waiver of [liability](#) prior to using the recreational amenities of the Domain.
9. All access holders must understand and abide by the rules to Lake Dimmick posted onsite and [online](#).
10. Maximum group size is 10, however university sanctioned events, such as the Sewanee Outing Program, may exceed this cap.

## Consequences

1. Any Access holder found to be non-compliant with this policy may have access privileges revoked.
2. Student access holders found to be non-compliant with this policy may be subject to sanction by the Dean of Students in addition to having key privileges revoked.

## Responsibilities

1. Access holders are responsible for the use and care of the location or amenity accessed and the access holder must be on site when others are present.
2. The Domain Ranger will be responsible for monitoring policy compliance.
3. The Office of Environmental Stewardship is responsible for repairs to roads and maintenance of gates.

## Procedures

1. Employees are granted daylight to dark access automatically without action on their part.
2. Students who would like access for boat launch must register their boats annually: [here](#) and agree to the terms and conditions of access.
3. Residents of the Domain will need to apply for a [Recreation Access Card](#). One card will be issued per household. Cards can be used only by persons residing in a leasehold. Upon lease transfer or renter change, access cards remain with the residence. The access card must be turned in along with keys when the tenant vacates a University rental property. The ID card will be valid for 4 years and will be renewed using the same process as when first issued a card.
4. Alumni will need to apply for a [Recreation Access Card](#). The ID card will be valid for 4 years and will be renewed using the same process as when first issued a card.
5. Organized groups, partner institutions, and approved outside researchers requests should be directed to [domain@sewanee.edu](mailto:domain@sewanee.edu).

Please report maintenance issues with access roads, firelanes, or gates to [domain@sewanee.edu](mailto:domain@sewanee.edu).

## Promulgation

The Procedure will be promulgated through:

1. Update to the Sewanee OEES [website](#)
2. New student orientation
3. Domain Kiosks
4. Email notification to relevant Faculty and Staff.

## **Implementation**

Implementation of this procedure will be through the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability, specifically the Domain Manager.

## **Record Keeping of Policy Additions or Revisions**

Previous policies, the updated policy (or new policy) and the rationale for changes will be retained by the Director of the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability and in the Provost's office for one year.

Effective Date/Approval:

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