

Good Neighbor Policy for Property Owners, Their Guests and Renters

Thousand Acres is a privately owned family-oriented community of individual homes used for vacations and by full-time residents. We ask that residents, visitors, and renters abide by the following guidelines.

1. All roads in Thousand Acres are privately owned. Please respect our signs and 20 mile-per-hour speed limit in order to protect our hikers, joggers, bikers, pets, and children. Be particularly watchful when going around curves and in areas with deep ditches on the side of the road. When meeting another car, both drivers should pull slightly off the road to make it easier to pass. Please do not park on the shoulders of the roads unless you are able to pull well off the road surface.
2. According to long-standing policy, off-road vehicles, including snowmobiles, should only be operated on the paved roads—not on the golf course, grassy roads or trails—and only between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ORV operators should have a valid driver's license.
3. No hunting is allowed in Thousand Acres without the specific permission of the Franklin family. Please note that private hunts are organized each year and occur on Junior Hunting Day and during deer rifle season, which typically lasts from late November through early December.
4. Keep your trash secured in bear-proof containers and ensure that container lids are securely fastened. Do not leave food in your car or on the deck of the house. Do not feed bears or other wildlife, as this can create potentially dangerous situations for you and the animals.
5. Be aware of the noise you and your guests are generating, especially after 11:00 p.m. Firecrackers are never permitted and should be reported to the MD State Police at 301-387-1101.
6. Please supervise and maintain control of your pets at all times so that they are not a nuisance to neighbors and visitors.
7. Fire is a potential hazard in Thousand Acres—parts of which are difficult for fire equipment to reach. There is a dry hydrant located at 855 Shoreline Drive for the use of the fire department. Limit all outdoor fires to barbecues and keep approved fire pits well away from the lake edge. If you have a question, contact the Department of Natural Resources or local fire department.
8. Become familiar with the Department of Natural Resources regulations for boat use and safety. Use of personal watercraft between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays is not permitted. Please observe the boating and speed restrictions within 100 feet of docks and the shoreline, especially when towing tubes, water skiing and wakeboarding.
9. Everyone in your party or who is visiting you should know the address and phone number of the property in order to be able to report problems efficiently and in case a member of your party becomes disoriented in the woods or on the lake. Note that the nearest post office is in Swanton, MD.