



## **WATER RENTAL GUIDELINES**

For your safety, please read and follow these rules:

All participants must read and sign the liability release/waiver form. Participants that are under 18 years of age must have a parent or legal guardian sign on their behalf.

All participants must respect the instructions of Waco Paddle Company staff.

The watercraft renter must leave a driver's license or credit card as a deposit. Participants are financially responsible for injuries and lost or damaged equipment.

Participants under 13 years of age must wear a life jacket at all times while on the water. All other participants must have a life jacket with them at all times. Note: This is the basic requirement of Texas boating law.

All participants under 10 years of age must be accompanied in the same watercraft by someone 16 years of age or older.

Participants between 10-15 years of age may be in a watercraft by themselves, but must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older in another watercraft.

Participants 16 years of age and older can be in a watercraft by themselves and explore the river unaccompanied, but must have a parent or guardian sign their liability release/waiver form.

Paddleboard participants must start and finish on knees while within 20 feet from the dock.

Dogs are allowed to go out on watercraft. We do not provide life preservers for them. Dogs must remain under the owners control at all times.

The floating dock is private property owned by Waco Paddle Company. Participants are only allowed to use the dock when they are renting watercraft from Waco Paddle Company.

Do not dive or jump from the dock or riverbank; water is very shallow.

Traffic patterns: stay to the right side, just like automobile traffic. Wait for faster moving traffic to pass before crossing the river. Move toward the shore when being passed. Stay clear.

If the weather presents unsafe conditions, we will close the dock or halt rentals until it is safe again. No boats may launch if there is lightning, thunder, or if fog is too dense to clearly see the opposite shore. Head towards shore if caught in a storm.

On windy days, paddle into the wind heading out and with the wind to return. If having difficulty, paddle closer to the shore as trees help block the wind. If on a paddleboard, lie on stomach or knees and paddle to safety.

Fishing is permitted on the river provided that all Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations are followed.

All participants should respect the wildlife and public property. Please help protect our river and bring all trash back to shore and dispose of in trash receptacles.

**NO GLASS** allowed.

Waco Paddle Company reserves the right to refuse service to anyone believed to be under the influence of a substance. **NO ALCOHOL** on the floating dock or in the watercraft.

No lifeguards are on duty.