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Slackline Tree Protections Guidelines

(For slackline placement over 60 feet in length between two trees)

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To request permission to place a slackline at a distance greater than 60 feet between two trees a participant must contact and meet with the City Forester. The City Forester will provide the rules that are specific to a longer span and suitable park locations with larger trees. Permission from the City Forester is good for a period of one year. A new request must be made after the one year period has expired.

The following parks have larger trees located in suitable locations for slackline placement over 60 feet in length between two trees. The City Forester can provide the specific location in these parks where the trees are located and pedestrian use is lower.

Spring Park
Edora Park
Warren Park

The following tree protection measures as determined by the City Forester shall be strictly adhered to by any person when attaching a slackline to a City tree.

1. Trees attached to with the slackline must be at least 24 inches in diameter (75 inches circumference which is the distance around the trunk) measured at 4 feet above the ground.
2. The point of attachment of the slackline shall not be more than 10 feet above the ground.
3. Safety cones that are orange in color shall be placed every 20 feet along the length of a slackline and red or orange marking tape or ribbons shall be attached to the slackline every 20 feet. Placement of orange marking tape should off- set (located between) the locations of the safety cones.
4. The point of attachment of the slackline shall be placed below the first branch originating from the main trunk.
5. Climbing City of Fort Collins trees is prohibited.
6. Only broadleaf trees shall be attached to. Evergreen trees such as pine, spruce, fir or juniper shall not be attached to.
7. Slacklining activity that attaches to City trees is only allowed in developed neighborhood or community parks And is prohibited within street trees.

8. At the point of attachment there needs to be adequate padding to protect the trunk of trees. Adequate padding shall be substantial carpet or other cushioning material that separates the slackline attachment from the trunk at all places of contact.
9. Only one person is allowed to apply weight to a slackline at any one time.
10. Slacklines shall not be placed across non-turf areas (except mulch zones around trees), sidewalks, roads, trails, sports fields, playgrounds or across any other area of high pedestrian activity.
11. Slackline attachment to City trees shall only occur during daylight hours.
12. Slacklines shall not be left unattended. Persons attaching slacklines to City trees must be present at all times at the actual location in the park while the slackline is attached to a City tree.
13. No more than two or trees shall be attached to with any slackline system at one time. Do not attach two slacklines to the same tree.
14. A slackline should not be so close to another tree (third tree) that the participant's movement along the line is restricted or potential damage to the third tree could occur.

Problems arising from non-compliance to these tree protection requirements could result in a review of the need to prohibit slackline attachments to City tree.

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