



## SLACKLINING GUIDELINES

Slacklining is the activity or sport of balancing on a rope or webbing that is affixed above the ground approximately 0.6m-1.2m (2-4 feet), usually tied to trees, but not stretched as to be taut. Spotters are strongly encouraged.



Slacklining is permitted providing the following guidelines are adhered:

- Slackliners must provide their own lines; lines must be temporary and may not be left unattended. Lines should be of suitable quality and material for the intended purpose and easily visible to the public with bright colors or colored markers. Slacklines are not permitted to be in place between sunset and sunrise.
- Lines must not be longer than 12m (40 feet), higher than 1.2m (4 feet) off the ground and must not cross any surface waters or natural features such as rocks, ravines or dry channels.
- At this time, only large trees, greater than or equal to 96cm (38 inches) in circumference at the tie-off point, are permitted for slacklining. Slackliners are encouraged to mark this length on their slack lines to easily measure trees before anchoring their lines. Slacklines may not be anchored to existing posts or other park structures.
- Tree protection (carpet, burlap, blankets, thick cardboard, etc.) must be placed between the tree and the entire anchor line at the tie-off point. Tree protection must be removed when slack lines are taken down. No branches shall be cut or broken, or screws or nails used in the tree.
- No slacklining can occur in any boulevard, median, across a sidewalk, lane, roadway, pathway, plaza, or any types of trail or other road right-of-way area. Slacklines are to be a minimum of 1m away from a pathway.
- Groups of ten or more persons actively partaking in the activity require a permit, obtained by contacting Client Services at 403-938-4222.
- Slackliners must have a copy of the Town of Okotoks slacklining guidelines on site with them.

Slacklining is permitted in the following locations ONLY:

- Sheep River Park, 99 Woodhaven Drive, between the river and the campground
- Ethel Tucker Centennial Park, 23 Riverside Drive West
- Okotoks Recreation Centre, 99 Okotoks Drive (trees southwest of Diamond 10 only, NOT near the spray park)
- Hodson Park, 102 Visser Way
- Tower Hill Park near the tennis courts, 111 Waldron Avenue
- Wilson Park, 10 Wilson Street

For more information on slack lining in Okotoks, contact Parks at 403-938-8958