



GUIDELINES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STEPS AND WALKWAYS FOR ACCESS TO SHORELINE AND/OR DOCK

1. No steps or other structures or items, nor portions thereof are to be installed or renovated on MWCD lands or waters without a permit from the MWCD.
2. All requests shall be submitted in writing to MWCD along with plans and specifications. Installations other than in accordance with submitted information may be required to be removed at lessee's expense.
3. Plans will **show all parts, construction materials and dimensions** and will depict the structure **as it will be installed**, and its **relation to the dock entrance**, if one, and **shoreline with water line**, including distances. Drawings depicting **ground elevation (side view)** and **overhead view** of the structure as built are required. Drawings shall be no larger than 11" x 17" per sheet. Maximum width of structural framework is 4'. If any material is excavated below spillway elevation of the reservoir, **plans must indicate that any excavated material is disposed of above spillway**, and where it is deposited, either by indicating on a map, or stating the material is removed from the reservoir for disposal elsewhere.
4. In-ground installations are preferred over aboveground installations where practical. No aboveground access structures are allowed to obstruct pedestrian traffic.
5. Acceptable construction materials are natural stone, natural appearing manufactured materials, and treated lumber. However, no lumber may be in contact with the water at conservation pool elevation.
6. Poured or pre-formed concrete steps are not permitted.
7. Supports securing the structure to the ground must be located in ground above conservation pool elevation, unless otherwise approved. Supports may be anchored with concrete below ground level; however, no concrete may be used for supports that extend into the water below conservation pool elevation. Supports in this instance must be of a removable metal design.
8. Installations shall not interfere with the integrity of a shoreline stabilization project, nor contribute to shoreline erosion.
9. The lessee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, county, municipal, and any other applicable local laws, ordinances, and regulations wherein the premises are located.
10. Structures covered by these guidelines, which are below the spillway elevation for their respective reservoirs and therefore within the flowage easement area owned by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, will upon approval, be issued a conditional construction permit, which must be signed by the lessee and returned to the MWCD office prior to the permit becoming valid.