



Parks and Recreation

Park Rules

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physical harm to persons or property by means of an explosion, for example a bomb, blasting cap or detonator.

Section 4-Fireworks

No person shall bring into a park, or have in his possession, or discharge, ignite or explode in a park, any fireworks.

Section 5-Commercial Activities

- A. No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, privilege or service in a park unless such sales or offer is pursuant to a contract with the Park Division.
- B. No person shall beg, peddle or solicit in a park.

CHAPTER V - PENALTIES

Section 1-Ejection

Police officers, and/or Parks and Recreation personnel are authorized to order any person violating any of the provisions of these Regulations to leave the park. No person shall fail to obey such an order.

Section 2-Fines and Imprisonment

Whoever violates any provisions of these regulations is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and may be denied future access. For each subsequent offense, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both.

Section 3-Applicability of Ordinances and Statutes

These Regulations shall not be construed to preclude the applicability of any provisions of the Vandalia city ordinances or the Ohio statutes unless such provision is consistent with the terms of these Regulations. All park, city, state and federal ordinances apply.

CHAPTER VI - EXCEPTION

Section 1-Employees

Acts and conduct of police officers, officials and employees of the Parks and Recreation Department, or contractors of the Park Division, to the extent necessary for performance of their authorized duties, shall be exempt from the provisions of these Regulations.

CHAPTER VII - AUTHORITY

The foregoing Park Regulations were adopted by the Vandalia City Council on the 3rd day of July, 1995, and amended on the 5th day of January, 2009 pursuant to Section 511.23(F) of the Ohio Revised Code for the preservation of good order within Vandalia City Parks and for the protection and preservation of the parks under its jurisdiction and control of property and natural life therein.

- A. No person shall deposit or discard in or adjacent to a park any paper, garbage, fireplace or stove ashes, refuse, or other noxious or waste material, other than in receptacles provided for the disposal of such materials. Discarding materials in dumpsters located on city property is prohibited.

- B. No person shall bring into a park any garbage, ashes refuse, grass clippings, or other noxious or waste materials, organic or non-organic, and deposit or discard the same in or adjacent to a park.

- C. No person shall, while in a park, discharge, throw, drop, or cause to flow, into park waters any noxious or deleterious substances, either solid or liquid, which renders such waters harmful or inimical to the public health or animal life.

Section 5-Erecting and Attaching Signs

No person shall erect any sign in a park or attach any sign to property owned or controlled by the Park Division, nor shall any person display any placard, notice, advertisement, circular, banner, or statement of any kind in a park other than on a vehicle. This section shall not apply to any signs erected by the Park Division or any sign, placard, advertisement, circular, banner, or statement of any kind erected, attached or displayed with the permission of the Director.

CHAPTER IV - CONDUCT OF VISITORS

Section 1-Loitering

No person shall loiter, delay, or stand idly around in the vicinity of a restroom located in a park and no person shall enter facilities in a park provided for the exclusive use of the opposite sex. No person shall loiter in cars, parking lots or any other areas.

Section 2-Intoxicating Liquors and Alcoholic Beverages

- A. No person shall bring into a park, sell, give away or drink on park property any intoxicating liquor, alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs of any kind.
- B. Exception - Alcoholic beverages may be permitted during special events and/or specified locations with approval of the Director.

Section 3-Firearms, Weapons, Explosive Device and Tools

- A. Except as expressly permitted by State law, no person in a park shall carry on his or her person firearms of any description. No person in the park shall carry on or about his person any bows and arrows, air or gas guns, missiles, sling shots, or other missile throwing devices; provided, however, that bows and arrows may be carried in areas designated by the Director for archery purposes.
- B. No person shall shoot or discharge in a park, or into a park, firearms of any description, bows and arrows, air or gas guns, missiles, sling shots, or other missile-throwing devices; provided, however, that bows and arrows may be used in areas designated by the Director for archery purposes.
- C. No person shall carry on or about his person in any park an axe, hatchet, saw, or knife with a blade length that is longer than three (3) inches.
- D. No person shall carry on or about his person in any park an explosive device designed or specially adapted to cause



PARKS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations for the City of Vandalia Parks have been established and adopted by Vandalia City Council to protect the parks and ensure visitor safety. The establishment of written park rules and regulations provide the general public with guidelines for the appropriate utilization of City parks, recreation areas, and facilities. This booklet is a summary of the Rules and Regulations set forth in Vandalia code section 1062.01 and may be amended from time to time.

CHAPTER I - DEFINITIONS

1. **Park Division** means the City of Vandalia Parks.
2. **Park** means the lands and facilities owned, leased and/or otherwise controlled under the authority of the City of Vandalia, Parks and Recreation Department.
3. **Council** means the elected Vandalia City Council.
4. **Director** shall mean the Parks and Recreation Director, Facilities Superintendent or any other person designated by the City Manager.
5. **Police officer** shall mean a police officer appointed by the City of Vandalia and or any other law enforcement officer having authority to enforce the regulations of the Park Division.
6. **Person** shall mean any individual, company, partnership, corporation or association, or any combination of individuals, or any employee, agent or officer thereof.
7. **Park Waters** shall mean any lake, pond, reservoir, stream, channel, lagoon, or other body of water, or any part thereof.
8. **Fireworks shall** mean any combustible or explosive compositions, or any substance or combinations of substances or article prepared for purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation.
9. **Fish or fishing** shall mean to take or attempt to take by any method, and all other acts such a placing setting, drawing or using any device commonly used to take fish whether resulting in such tacking nor not.
10. **Hunt** means to pursue, shoot, kill, follow after, on the trail of, lie in wait for, shoot at or wound any animal while employing any device commonly used to kill or wound animals whether such acts result in such killing or wounding or not.
11. **Animal or animals** shall mean quadrupeds, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and insects.
12. **Motor vehicle** shall mean any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power, including a motorized bicycle, motorcycle, or motor scooter.
13. **Vehicle** shall mean everything on wheels or on treads.

CHAPTER II - REGULATORY

Section 1-Hours

- A. Each park shall be open to the public from sunrise to one-half hour after sunset every day except that at specified times, selected areas shall be permitted to remain open for more than one-half hour after sunset as designated by the Director. The

Public Safety Director, the Director, the Chief of Police or his designate shall be authorized to close a park if he determines that public safety or other emergency require such closing.

- B. No person shall enter into or remain in an area of a park at a time when such area is not open to the public.

Section 2-Facilities

- A. The use of park facilities shall be as determined and designated by the Director. No person shall use park facilities other than for the purpose designated by the Director. The Director may restrict or prohibit certain uses of park facilities when there is a reasonable chance that any such use might result in damage to park property and/or might endanger park visitors.

Section 3-Scheduling

- A. Where the use of facilities requires scheduling, the reserving and scheduling shall be authorized by the Director.
- B. A permit is required for all team sport activities, sport instruction activities or any other organized activity not part of the regular Parks and Recreation sponsored programs as permitted by the Vandalia Facilities Use Policy adopted April 15, 2005.
- C. A permit is required for the use of any park picnic shelter. Shelter permits are issued to Vandalia residents only.

Section 4-Fees

Any fees for permits will be established by the Director of Parks and Recreation and approved by the City Manager.

Section 5-Fires

- A. No person shall start or maintain a fire in a park except in a gas fired grill, a charcoal burner, or in special areas designated by the Director for campfires or for fire-building training by organized groups.
- B. No person shall start or maintain a fire in a park and leave the vicinity of the fire without fully extinguishing the fire.
- C. No person shall deposit or scatter coals or hot ashes in any place, in a Park, other than in receptacles provided by the Park Division, for that purpose
- D. No evidence of a fire shall be permitted to remain in any park.
- E. No person shall burn wood found in a park.

Section 6-Horses

- A. No person shall ride or permit a horse in a park other than in areas or on bridle paths designated by the Director to be for horseback riding.
- B. No person shall ride or permit a horse in a park in such a manner as to endanger the rider or any other person or any property.

Section 7-Pets (Dogs, Cats and Other Animals)

- A. No person shall bring, permit, have or keep in the Park any dog, cat, household pet, or other animal destructive to birds and other wildlife, except that dogs and cats are permitted if they are controlled at all times and secured to a leash not more than eight feet long. No pets or other animals shall be allowed to become obnoxious or disturbing to the other users of park facilities.

- B. Any person bringing a pet or animal into a Park shall be required to properly remove animal waste.

- C. No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the Park, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep or other animal, any poultry or other fowl without the written consent of the Director which shall state therein the specific area and payment of a fee, if any, as may be set by the Director.

- D. No person shall manhandle, main, kill or otherwise mistreat or abuse any animal within Park property.

- E. No person shall release or abandon any animal upon Park property without prior approval of the Director.

Section 8-Vehicles

- A. Permitted Areas. Motor vehicles shall be permitted only on designated roads and established parking areas.

- B. Vehicles. Vehicles including bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles (ATV) or other wheeled or tracked vehicles may only be operated in areas designated by the Director for such purposes. No person, except a person acting in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, shall drive or operate any motorized bicycle, scooter, skateboard, or any other vehicle, except a bike, on City bike paths or leisure paths without written consent of the Director.

- C. Bicycles are not permitted on pedestrian walkways along side of baseball/softball fields at the Vandalia Sports Complex during such time the baseball/softball fields are in use for organized games.

- D. Reckless Operation. No person shall operate any type of vehicle in a park without due regard for the safety of persons or property.

- E. Speed. No person shall operate a vehicle in a park in excess of the posted speed limit.

- F. Parking is permitted in designated parking areas only. No person shall park any motor vehicle, bicycle, or other vehicle within any traveled roadway within the park or any location where posted signs prohibit parking. Parking is prohibited on any grass, gravel or other surface not specifically designated as a parking area. The Director may designate special parking areas during special events.

- G. After Hours Parking. No person shall park or leave a vehicle in an area of a park at a time when such area is not open to the public.

- H. Night Operation. No person shall drive operate any motor vehicle or bicycle within a park at night unless head and taillights are lighted.

- I. Driving Restrictions. No person shall operate any motor vehicle in any area of a park other than an established roadway or parking area, except as authorized by the Director.

Section 9-Water Areas

- A. No person shall fish in park waters except where designated by the Director.

- B. No person shall fish in park waters without a valid license if such license is required by the State of Ohio.

- C. No person shall swim in or ice skate on park waters except in areas designated by the Director for such purpose. Any such permitted swimming or skating is at the participant's sole risk.

- D. No person shall operate, float or attempt to float a canoe, kayak, rubber craft, sailboat, rowboat, motorboat, or other passenger watercraft of any kind in park waters.

Section 10-Camping

No person shall camp in any park unless he does so with the written permission of the Director and in the area designated for such camping by the Director.

Section 11-Skiing and Sled-Riding

No person shall ski or sled-ride in an area of a park except where designated by the Director.

Section 12-Golfing

- A. No person shall play or practice golf in any park except in area designated by the Director.

- B. Golf Course Access (Cassel Hills) - Access is limited to persons possessing a current valid greens fee ticket or by special permission from the golf course management or Park Director. Walking or jogging on the course cart paths or walkways will only be allowed when the course is not open for play. Access to other areas of the course by any person is strictly forbidden.

Section 13-Model Rockets and Radio Controlled Model Aircraft

No person shall be permitted to operate, fly or otherwise use or control model rockets or radio controlled aircraft of any kind within the park without obtaining a permit from the Director.

CHAPTER III - PROTECTION OF THE PARK

Section 1-Removal or Destruction of Property

- A. No person shall remove any property, or part thereof, which is owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Park Division, from it's location in a park.

- B. No person shall write upon, cut, mutilate, deface or damage in any manner any building, equipment, or other property, or part thereof which is owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the Park Division.

Section 2-Removal or Destruction of Natural Resources

- A. No person shall dig, move, or carry away any rock, stone, sod, sand, earth, tree, wood, shrub, plant, flower or nut or other seed in a park.

- B. No person shall trample upon, injure, destroy, break, cut, chop or deface in any manner any stone, tree, shrub, plant or flower in a park.

Section 3-Protection of Animals

- A. No person shall hunt, trap, or in any other way abuse, molest, injure, pursue or destroy an animal in a park, except fishing shall be permitted as provided by Chapter II, Section 8.

- B. No person shall move, injure or destroy any bird nest or eggs or any animal habitation in a park.

Section 4-Deposit of Materials