



## Ashland County Park District Rules and Regulations

It shall be the responsibility of any individual entering the park, controlled land or waters to be aware of and obey all Park Rules and Regulations.

Park employees are authorized to issue reasonable orders or directives to park visitors when the activity being conducted by the visitor constitutes a hazard, endangers the personal safety of the participants or other park visitors, or causes threat of damage to park facilities or natural resources, or endanger the good order in the park.

### 1. Vandalism

- No person shall injure, destroy, disturb, damage or remove any part of the park, including but not limited to buildings, kiosks, signs, equipment, other property that is owned, leased, or managed by the park district, trees, vegetation, rock, mineral, fossil, fish, bird, and other wildlife except for legally obtained game. See posted hunting regulations.
- No person shall plant, leave or introduce plants, roots, or seeds of any type in the parks without prior written permission from the park district.
- No person shall mark with paint or any other substance or place any obstruction in or upon a roadway, parking lot, or trail without written permission from the park district.
- No person shall knowingly accelerate a motor vehicle while causing the tires to spin, mark, squeal and/or deface the park roadway surface or turf.

### 1. Littering

- Park users shall not leave behind any kind of debris or material in the park. No bottles, cans, or any foreign material should be dropped in any stream, waterway, or pond.
- No person shall import, leave behind, or dump any household garbage or material of any kind in a receptacle, or any area administered by the park.

## 2. Fires

- No person shall start a fire in a park except in designated fire pit/ring or park grills. All fires should be continuously attended under the care and direction of a competent person. All fires should be extinguished by the person or persons responsible for starting the fire prior to leaving the vicinity.
- Dumping of hot ashes or fire from parks portable grills or fire pits onto the grass or plants is prohibited.
- No person should drop, throw away, or discard any lighted match, cigar, or cigarette in a park property.

## 3. Wildlife

- No person should molest any wild bird or animal or rob nests or dens of eggs or young of any wild bird or animal.
- No person should add, stock, deposit or introduce fish into parks or parks waters.
- No person should cut or trim trees or plant life other than park personnel engaged in official duties.
- No person other than park personnel engaged in official duties may feed any wild bird or other animal found within the park.

## 4. Fireworks

- No person should possess, use, or discharge any type of fireworks, or explosive device within the parks.

## 5. Indecent conduct

- No person shall appear in the park in a state of nudity or commit, perform, or engage in lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent acts or behaviors.
- No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit anyone in a sexual act, or any lewd, lascivious, or indecent acts or behavior.
- No person should loiter in or about restroom facilities, buildings, or around vehicles in the parks.
- No person should bring into the park, display, or leave behind any form of lewd, obscene, or indecent material.
- No person shall indulge in any noise, boisterous or disorderly manner or in any way disturb the peace or good order of the park and its peaceful use. No person shall disrupt the park by loud playing of audio equipment, noisemakers, sirens, or fighting.
- No person shall smoke in any building or within 30 feet of any park district building.
- No person shall participate in any type of rock, cliff, ice climbing, rope climbing, rappelling, or ascending on any park property. No person, except park personnel engaged on official park duties, shall use equipment or

devices, including crampons, ropes, harnesses, ladders, scaffolding for climbing trees, cliffs, or rocks.

#### 6. Gambling and Drugs of Abuse

- No person should play, engage, or participate in any gambling in the parks.
- No person shall possess, any type of illegal drug or controlled substance or remain within the parks while under the influence of illegal drugs or controlled substances.
- No person shall possess, sell, offer for sale, or consume any intoxicating liquor, wine, beer, or alcoholic beverage while on park property, except during a park reservation where proper insurance policy is obtained, and a copy is provided to the park district.

#### 7. Traffic

- No vehicle should be parked or driven over any portion of the park except in designated parking areas other than park personnel.
- No person should store any vehicle of any type within the park except during a reservation using a contract. Any vehicle left within the parks between the hours of opening and closing shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense.
- No person shall operate any type of vehicle on a roadway, parking area, in an unsafe or reckless manner that could injure oneself or others.
- Park users shall not operate any motor vehicle that is not customarily registered with the department of motor vehicles of the state of Ohio and designated for highway travel.
- No person shall operate a snowmobile or dirt bike in the parks.
- No person shall leave the park or fail to contact the park district in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in damage to park property or park equipment.

#### 8. Trail Etiquette

- Yield to pedestrians and slower trail users.
- Keep speeds under 15 mph.
- Announce your presence when passing (use a bell or say, "On your left!")
- No motorized vehicles like ATVs, golf carts, or minibikes

#### 9. Camping

- People shall not establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within the park unless said person is in accordance with the park and obtained written permission.

#### 10. Pets:

- Dogs are permitted at all parks except Crall Woods.
- Dogs must be leashed, always, in all parks.
- No pets are permitted in park district buildings except service pets required for personal assistance due to a disability.
- Owners are responsible for removing and disposing of waste.
- No pet or other animal shall be allowed to disturb or become a nuisance to other users of the park by creating unreasonable loud or disturbing noises for a duration or act in an aggressive manner that causes others to fear for their safety.
- Except in designated parks, no person shall ride or bring into the park any horse, mule or pony. No person shall ride a horse, mule, or pony within any park without due regard for safety, respect, and well-being of vehicles, other riders, pedestrians, and/or park property. Riders must always stay on designated trails.

#### 11. Watercraft

- No person shall operate any watercraft in any lake or pond.
- Except where designated, no person shall bring into, launch, or attempt to launch, or remove any watercraft on park property.

#### 12. Hours of operation

- All parks are closed daily from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise.

#### 13. Swimming

- No person should swim, bathe, wade, or attempt to swim in any park waters.

#### 14. Golfing

- No person shall practice or play golf in the parks.

#### 15. Trespassing

- No trespassing on park neighbors' property.

Violators will be subject to appropriate criminal and civil prosecution.  
Report violations to the Ashland County Sheriff's office at 419-289-0911 and to ACPD at  
419-289-3524.