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## PARK PAVILION RULES AND REGULATIONS

### ***Reservation Permit Is Issued Subject To The Following:***

1. This permit is for a maximum of 100 persons for a large pavilion and a maximum of 50 persons for a small pavilion.
2. NO ALCOHOL of any kind. Any violation of this policy will result in the group's expulsion from the park.
3. Please report cancellations immediately.
4. Group must leave pavilion ½ hour before dusk.
5. Rental party may visit the site prior to signing the permit.
6. All park regulations must be obeyed. Client must inform their caterer of all park and contract regulations.
7. Some parks have a vehicle entry fee that is not included in the rental of pavilions. Pre-paid parking fees package is available.
8. All vehicles must park in designated parking areas. Do not drive or park on the grass.
9. Use of the park for commercial profit making functions is not permitted.
10. There is no electricity or running water at all pavilions.
11. Amplified sound equipment and generators are not permitted.
12. Balloons and confetti are prohibited. Nails, thumbtacks, staples, etc. may not be used. Masking and transparent tape are allowed. All decorations must be removed at the end of the event.
13. Canopies and tents are not permitted.
14. The pavilion and surrounding area must be left clean before posted closing time. If the event is a crab feast, all trash must be removed by the client for off-site disposal.
15. The Park Superintendent must approve any additional activities not specified in the permit in advance. **(ONLY FOR REGIONAL PARKS)**
16. NO REFUNDS. NO RAIN DATES.

# Recreation and Park Rules and Regulations

## ***General Conduct and Personal Behavior***

### **Domesticated Animals**

- A. Except as provided in subsection G. of this section, no animal may be brought upon park property unless it is on a leash, and is at all times entirely within the control of the person bringing it upon park property.
- B. Persons bringing a domesticated animal upon park property are responsible for immediate clean up and removal of the animal's defecations.
- C. The grazing of any animal is prohibited, except in those areas where an individual has a lease for such purpose.
- D. Persons may not abandon domestic animals on park property.
- E. Domestic animals are not permitted at any time in certain posted areas of park property.
- F. Domestic animals trespassing on park property may be impounded and shall be treated in accordance with applicable State and County statutes.
- G. Animals within defined dog parks need not be leashed.

### **Plants**

Planting of vegetation or causing vegetation to be planted on park property is prohibited except by permit.

### **Metal Detectors & Relics**

- A. Using metal detectors and/or digging into the surface of park property are prohibited except by permit.
- B. No person shall remove a relic from a county park without a permit.

### **Gambling**

No person may engage in gaming or gambling for money or any other thing in any form on park property except by written permission from the Director for charitable purposes.

### **Unauthorized Presence**

A person requested to leave park property by authorized personnel must do so immediately.

### **Weapons**

No person shall carry, possess or discharge a bow and arrow, dart, knife with a blade more than three (3) inches in length, or other dangerous weapon on park property, except where permitted in designated areas.

### **Posting Notices**

Attaching or posting of notices, signs, or any other objects on park property is prohibited except by permit.

### **Erecting Structures**

Enclosure of any area or erection of any structures on park property is prohibited unless authorized by permit.

### **Lost & Found Objects**

- A. Lost objects found on park property must be turned over to authorized recreation and park personnel.
- B. Lost objects will be held for at least three (3) months.

## **Tobacco Products**

A person may not use any form or tobacco product:

- A. In a restroom, at a spectator or concession area, dog park, aquatic facility, or playground area of any county park.
- B. Within 100 yards of an organized activity at a county park or Department sponsored event on county property.

## **Background Checks**

No person convicted or charged of a crime involving drug usage, drug distribution, child abuse or violent crimes shall withhold that information from the County to hold a position with a recreation council, participate, or coach a youth team that participates in a County sponsored league or program.

## **Public Use**

### ***Use by the General Public***

The facilities, services and programs of the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks are open for use by all members of the public without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, or physical or mental disability.

## **Permits**

- A. Permits are required for:
  1. The reserved use of athletic fields, recreation buildings, camping and group picnic areas and certain other facilities as designated.
  2. Solicitation of contributions for monies or fundraising events conducted on Department managed property.
  3. Conducting a parade, procession, demonstrating or disseminating any form of written or oral information.
  4. Conducting of surveys, interviews, or polls.
  5. Activities and uses identified in Title 19 of the Anne Arundel County Code or in the Rules and Regulations of the Department.
- B. No person or permit holder shall violate any rule or condition on a permit.
- C. Violation of a rule or condition of a permit will be cause for immediate revocation of the permit, loss of all privileges of the permit, and forfeit of any fees paid for the permit.
- D. Persons holding a permit for use of a site or facility will be entitled to exclusive use of such site or facility on the dates and between the hours specified in the permit. Persons not holding a permit and using that site or facility must vacate that site or facility upon the arrival of a permit holder.
- E. Permit holders, and all other users are prohibited from exercising the privilege of play if the grounds are wet or otherwise unsuitable for play without causing damage to the field.
- F. A permit may be cancelled during natural disasters or at times weather conditions threaten public safety.

## **Recreational Activities**

### **Aeronautical Activities**

- A. Airplanes, helium/hot air balloons, hang gliders, parachutes, ultra-light planes, or any other person operated aircraft shall not be flown or launched from any park property except in officially designated areas by permit.
- B. Aeronautical activities are permitted pursuant to airport regulations.

## **Athletic Events and Recreational Programs**

- A. All organizations, coaching staffs or individuals shall conduct themselves in sportsman like manner and comply with Departmental policies, guidelines and standards for athletic events and programs.
- B. Any organizations, coaching staffs or individuals violating subsection (A) of this section may be subject to disciplinary actions outlined in Article 19 Title 3-2-301 of the Anne Arundel County Code.
- C. Any organization, coaching staff or individual may appeal a disciplinary action to an Appeals Board established by the Department. The decision of the appeals board is considered final.
- D. The Department shall develop an accreditation process to insure compliance with Departmental standards regarding access to public facilities and/or participation in athletic and recreational activities for all groups and organizations.
- E. No organization will be permitted to participate in activities sponsored by the Department if they are not accredited or have applied for accreditation.

## **Trails**

- A. Motorized Vehicles
  - 1. The use of any motorized vehicle except as identified in subsection of this section are prohibited on any trail.
  - 2. A person with an electric mobility assisted device pass may operate approved motorized vehicle on paved trails in County parks.
- B. Bicycles
  - 1. Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and horses along a trail.
  - 2. Bicycles shall not be operated at a speed greater than reasonable and prudent for existing conditions.
  - 3. The maximum speed limit on a trail is fifteen (15) miles per hour.
  - 4. Bicycle trail users shall yield to vehicular traffic at intersecting roadways.
  - 5. Bicyclists and hikers shall keep right except to pass and bicyclists must alert other trail users before passing.
  - 6. Bicycle trails are considered to be "Public Bicycle Areas" and as such are subject to regulations in the Maryland Vehicle Code. No person shall violate the relevant bicycle regulations of the Maryland Vehicle Code.
- C. Roller-skating, roller-blading, and skateboarding are permitted only in areas designated for such use.
- D. Wheelchairs, manual or motorized may be used on trails in county parks without a permit.

## **Boating**

- A. No boat or other watercraft is allowed to operate, beach, land or tie-up on any lakes, streams, ponds, or riverbanks of a park property except by permit.
- B. Operators and occupants of permitted watercraft will comply with all local, State, and Federal regulations governing the use and operations of watercraft.
- C. Operators and occupants of permitted watercraft will comply with any special regulations promulgated by the Director and posted near watercraft launch sites.

## **Fishing**

Fishing is permitted only in designated areas and in compliance with Maryland State fishing laws and regulations.

## **Golf**

Golf practice is not permitted except at golf courses.

## **Trapping**

Trapping is permitted on park property only for scientific collection and animal control purposes; and requires a park permit.

## **Swimming, Water Sports**

Swimming and other water sports are permitted only in areas designated for such use.

## **Winter Sports**

Ice skating, sledding, skiing and snowmobiling or tobogganing are permitted on park property only where authorized by posted notice and only in accordance with special regulations on the posted notice.

## **Traffic**

### ***Trucks over $\frac{3}{4}$ Ton, Commercial Vehicles, Buses***

- A. Trucks and commercial vehicles (excluding taxicabs and tow trucks on service calls to disabled vehicles on park property) with commercial marking or tools of trade shall be permitted to operate in a county park only during those times that the occupants are involved in park related activities.
- B. Buses shall not be operated on park property except by special permit.
- C. This section does not apply to persons operating vehicles that have been hired by the Department for repairs or construction of park facilities.

### **Parking Regulations**

- A. No persons may stop, stand or park a motor vehicle on park property:
  - 1. so as to occupy more than one parking space or across painted parking lines;
  - 2. on any grass area, unless specifically allowed, or so as to injure any Tree, shrub, plant, or vegetation.
- B. Any vehicle which is to be stopped or parked adjacent to any roadway must be removed from the traveled portion of the roadway and stopped or parked in the direction of authorized traffic movement, with left wheels parallel to and within thirty-six (36) inches of the right edge or boundary of the roadway.
- C. No person may park a vehicle in a county park unless they are participating in park related activities.