

Pursuant to Chapter 1545.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, Preservation Parks of Delaware County Board of Park Commissioners publishes the following Rules and Regulations:

PRESERVATION PARKS OF DELAWARE COUNTY RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.0 Defacement, Destruction, Removal or Disturbance of Property, Equipment and Archaeological or Natural Features.**
- 1.1 Vandalism, Defacement, Destruction, or Removal.**

No person shall cause physical harm to, or remove, any property or equipment owned, leased, or managed by Preservation Parks of Delaware County.
- 1.2 Defacement, Destruction or Removal of Any Natural or Historic Feature.**

No person shall deface, destroy, or remove any tree, flower, shrub or other vegetation fruit or seed thereof, or any rock mineral, fossil, or any archaeological feature.
- 1.3 Defacement of Surface.**

No person shall knowingly accelerate a motor vehicle causing the tires to spin, mark, squeal and/or deface the park roadway surface or turf.
- 1.4 Aerosol Propellants, Paints.**

No person in a park, except Park District employees or its agents, shall carry on or about his or her person a container capable of propelling paint by means of a gaseous charge, i.e., spray paint, paint ball guns.
- 1.5 Trespassing.**

No person shall enter or remain on any land under the management of Preservation Parks of Delaware County that is not designated as open for public use.
- 2.0 Littering, Pollution and Household Garbage**
- 2.1 Littering.**

No person, without specific written consent of the Director or his/her designated agent, shall bring into, leave behind, dump, place, or drop in any park area or roadway any trash, debris, refuse, bottle, can, or any other form of refuse in any other place than receptacles provided for that purpose.
- 2.2 Pollution.**

No person or corporation shall dump, release, or spill any hazardous material or chemical into the air, or land of any park, or adjacent to any park, or into any stream, river, or creek that flows into, through, or adjacent to any park.
- 2.3 Household Garbage.**

No person shall bring into, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind in the parks except the refuse, ashes, or garbage of a picnic, camp, or other permitted activity; such material shall be deposited in receptacles or pits provided for that purpose.
- 3.0 Firearms, Fireworks, Explosives, and Archery Equipment.**
- 3.1 Firearms.**

No person, except law enforcement officers, shall carry, discharge, or possess any firearm of any description, air or gas gun, or any other missile or projectile, or ammunition thereof, within a park building or structure without the express written consent of the Director or his/her designated agent. (See Ohio's Concealed Carry Law).
- 3.2 Improper Transportation of a Dangerous Weapon in a Motor Vehicle.**

No person, except law enforcement officers, shall transport or have in a motor vehicle a firearm of any description, or any other dangerous weapon accessible to the operator or any passenger without leaving the motor vehicle. Those with a concealed carry license must adhere to Ohio's concealed carry law on transporting in a motor vehicle.
- 3.3 Carrying Dangerous Weapons.**

No person, except law enforcement officers, shall have or carry any knives, daggers, or other edged weapons, metal knuckles, slingshots, blow guns, or other dangerous weapons, on or about his or her person while in the parks.
- 3.4 Fireworks, Explosives, and Smoke Generators.**

No person shall possess, use, or discharge any type of fireworks, explosive, or smoke generator within the parks without the expressed written consent of the Director or his/her designated agent.

- 3.5 Archery Equipment.**
No person shall release an arrow or have in their possession an arrow, a bow, crossbow, or longbow within the parks other than in areas so designated for that purpose by the Director.
- 4.0 Indecent Conduct and Exposure.**
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No person shall appear in the parks in a state of nudity, or commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior and no person shall make any indecent exposure of his or her person or violate Ohio Revised Code 2907.09 (Public Indecency).
- 4.2 Loitering.**
No person or persons shall loiter in or about the restroom facilities or vehicles while in the park. No person, except park employees on duty, shall enter a restroom set aside for the opposite sex.
- 4.3 Solicitation.**
No person shall solicit sexual acts or solicit or ask anyone to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior in a park.
- 5.0 Disorderly Conduct.**
- 5.1 Unlawful Assemblage.**
It is unlawful for persons to collect in bodies or crowds in numbers exceeding fifteen (15) people within the confines of a park without a group permit. Nor shall people collect in bodies or crowds for unlawful purpose or in riotous assemblage or with intent to annoy, harass, or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon another person, persons, or any park property.
- 5.2 Solicit Unlawful Sales.**
No person shall beg, sell, peddle, or solicit within the parks.
- 5.3 Assault, Menacing, and Hazing.**
No person or persons shall willfully assault or commit bodily injury upon another while in the parks, or otherwise menace, harass, or haze any person or persons, or be engaged in, or abet in, any fight, quarrel, or other disturbance.
- 5.4 Games of Chance.**
No person shall play at games of chance within the park.
- 5.5 Alcoholic Beverages.**
No person shall drink, sell, possess, or offer for sale any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage, or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage within the park. For special events and upon written approval by the Director, consumption of alcoholic beverages may be permitted in designated areas.
- 5.6 Use or Possession of Illegal Drugs, Opiates, Hallucinogens and Related Paraphernalia.**
No person shall use or possess, smoke, drink, have injected into one's self, or otherwise use or possess any type of illegal drug, opiate, hallucinogen or related paraphernalia within the parks.
- 5.7 Use of Toluol and Ethers (Glue).**
No person shall sniff, breathe or otherwise use in any way other than the intended use by the manufacturer, any type of glue, hairspray, spray paint, or other commercial material or product which contains Toluol or ethers.
- 5.8 Endangering.**
No person or corporation shall either with willful or wanton disregard for safety, endanger the life of another person in any way, or cause the injury or threaten the personal safety of any person or persons within or adjacent to any parks.
- 6.0 Smoking.**
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No person shall smoke in any building or vehicle under the care or management of Preservation Parks of Delaware County, unless designated acceptable for smoking.
- 7.0 Posting, Displaying Signs.**

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No person shall post, display, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice, statement, or display any banner, emblem, or design within the parks without specific permission from the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 8.0 Camps and Camping.**
- 8.1 Camping and Lodging Without Permission.**
No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place without specific written permission from the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 8.2 Leaving Personal Possessions.**
No person shall leave personal possessions in any park area for more than two (2) hours unattended except by written permission from the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 9.0 Fires.**
- 9.1 Unlawful Fires.**
No person shall start a fire in the parks except for small fires for cooking purposes in park grills, or privately owned grills, or fires in designated places or areas. The Director or his/her designated agent may prohibit fires for limited periods at any location.
- 10.0 Hours of Closing.**
- 10.1 Sunset to Sunrise Curfew.**
No person shall be permitted to remain within the parks between sunset and sunrise, except in an emergency or with special permission of the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 10.2 Special Curfew During Open Hours.**
The Director or his/her designated agent may temporarily close or curtail activities or use upon any lands or waters, or any portions thereof, when it has been deemed necessary to be in the best interest of public safety, conduct, health, or order.
- 10.3 Removal of Vehicle after Curfew at Owner's Expense.**
Any vehicle left within the confines of a park between the hours of posted closing and opening shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense.
- 10.4 Nature Sanctuaries Closed to Public.**
If it is determined that a park, or portion of a park may be threatened or endangered by human presence, or such presence may interfere or hinder its growth, the park or portion thereof may be closed to the public. That park or a portion thereof will be known as a nature sanctuary and entry will be made only by those persons with specific written permission from the Director or his/her designated agent and Rangers in the execution of their office.
- 11.0 Hunting, Fishing, and Molesting Wildlife.**
- 11.1 Hunting, Trapping, and Molesting Wildlife.**
No person within the confines of the parks shall remove, hunt, pursue with dogs, traps, or in any other way molest any wild birds or animals found within, or adjacent to, the confines of the parks or molest any bird nest or take the eggs, or fledglings, of any birds, except by special written permission from the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 11.2 Frog Gigging.**
No person within the confines of a park shall engage in frog gigging.
- 11.3 Fishing.**
No person shall fish in park waters, except in areas designated as children's fishing areas (age 15 and under with an adult).
- 11.4 Feeding Wildlife.**
No person within the confines of the parks shall feed or attempt to feed any wild animal including, but not limited to, birds, mammals, or waterfowl.
- 12.0 Dogs, Cats, and Other Household Pets.**
- 12.1 Pets.**
No person shall bring into a park any pet except domestic dogs or cats. Pets must be controlled at all times on a

leash not more than six (6) feet long. No animals are permitted in Park District buildings unless required for personal assistance due to disability. Owners must remove any fecal material deposited by their animals.

12.2 Pets Swimming.

No person shall allow their pet to swim or wade in any park waters.

12.3 Abandoning Domestic Animals within the Confines of a Park.

No person shall leave behind, or otherwise abandon, any domestic animal within, or adjacent to, any park.

12.4 Releasing Wild or Exotic Plants or Animals without Permission.

No person shall release any wild or exotic plant or animal within the confines of a park without specific written permission from the Director or his/her designated agent.

13.0 Horseback Riding.

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Horseback riding is prohibited in all parks and on all trails unless specifically designated as an equestrian trail, or by special permission of the Director.

14.0 Swimming and Wading.

14.1 Swimming and Wading Prohibited.

No person shall swim or wade in any lakes, rivers, ponds or other bodies of water owned by, or under the control of, the Park Board unless involved in a Park District program requiring water activity. Activities not in keeping with the intended use of the bodies of water are prohibited except by special permission of the Director.

14.2 Use of Aquatic Sporting Equipment.

Boats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, scuba diving gear, and similar aquatic equipment are prohibited in all park waters.

15.0 Powered Models, Toys and Noise Making Devices.

15.1 Powered Models.

Engine powered devices such as model airplanes, boats, or cars are prohibited in all parks.

15.2 Radios, Stereos, Tape Players, Etc.

Radios, stereos, tape players, etc., will not be operated in the parks at a volume that can be heard by other than the said equipment owner.

16.0 Go-Karts, All Terrain Vehicles and Non-Registered Motor Vehicles.

16.1 Operation of Non-Registered Vehicles.

No person shall operate within the parks any go-kart, all terrain vehicle, motorized bike, golf cart, motor vehicle normally considered a race car, or any other type of motor vehicle which is not customarily registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Ohio.

17.0 Traffic and Motor Vehicle Regulations.

17.1 Purposes of Way.

No person shall use any portion of the parks for purposes of way except drives, roadways, paths, walks, and trails established for such purposes.

17.2 Purposes of Way: Motorized, Animal Drawn, or Human Propelled Vehicles on Trails, Paths, or Walks, Established as Hiking Trails Prohibited.

No person shall operate or cause to operate any type of self propelled vehicle, motorized vehicle, or any vehicle which is moved by animal or human power over or upon any footpath or turf area that is not specifically designated for such activities, except by written permission of the Director or his/her designated agent.

17.3 Speed Limit.

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road or drive within the parks any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than the posted speed limit or at a greater speed than will permit him to bring to a stop within the assured clear distance, nor shall any person operate a vehicle at a greater speed than posted on roads adjacent to a park.

17.4 Parking.

No person shall park or store any motor vehicle, bicycle, wagon, trailer, or other vehicle within any traveled roadway in the parks or upon any sod, gravel, or other surface not specifically designated for parking. Parking

shall be permitted in designated areas only. Park maintenance, emergency and law enforcement vehicles are exempted from this rule.

- 17.5 Testing, Washing, or Repairing Vehicles.**
No person shall test, repair, wash, or wax any vehicle or mechanical device within the parks.
- 17.6 Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicles.**
No person shall fail to yield to an emergency vehicle engaged in law enforcement or a rescue capacity.
- 17.7 Unsafe Operation of a Vehicle.**
No person shall operate any type of vehicle on any roadway, trail, path, or transportation corridor in an unsafe or reckless manner.
- 17.8 Failure to Yield to Pedestrians.**
No person while operating a motor vehicle or bicycle shall fail to yield to pedestrians.
- 17.9 Operating a Motor Vehicle with Unsafe or Hazardous Equipment, Lights, or Loads.**
No person shall operate a motor vehicle in the parks that fails to meet the standards of Section 4513 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 17.10 Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Damage to Park Property or Equipment.**
No person shall leave a park or fail to contact the Park District in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in damage to park property or equipment.
- 18.0 Snowmobiles, Sledding, Skiing & Skating.**
- 18.1 Snowmobiles Prohibited.**
No person shall operate a self-propelled vehicle that is designated to travel over snow or ice-covered surfaces within the parks.
- 18.2 Sledding, Skating & Skiing.**
No person shall sled, ski or ice skate within a park except in areas designated for such activities by the Director.
- 19.0 Encroachment of Park Land.**
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No person or persons shall willingly encroach upon lands owned or administered by Preservation Parks of Delaware County.
- 19.2 Golfing.**
No person shall practice or play golf in the parks.
- 19.3 Construction of Any Blind, Stand or Observation Post Prohibited.**
No person shall construct or utilize any blind, stand, or observation post within the parks unless given specific written permission by the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 20.0 Bikeways, Transportation Trails and Greenways.**
- 20.1 Motorized Vehicles Prohibited on Trails.**
No motorized vehicles are permitted on trails or bikeways. Use of motorized wheelchairs is permitted by persons requiring such devices to be mobile. Emergency law enforcement and maintenance vehicles are exempted from this rule.
- 20.2 Law Enforcement, Emergency and Maintenance Vehicles.**
Law enforcement, emergency, and maintenance vehicles have the right of way on all portions of the trail. Trail users must yield to emergency traffic. Blocking safe passage of law enforcement, emergency, and maintenance vehicles is prohibited.
- 20.3 Unsafe Equipment and Operation.**
No person shall knowingly operate an unsafe vehicle on any bikeway, transportation trail or greenway. No person shall operate any vehicle or act in such a manner so as to endanger themselves, other trail users, or private property owners.
- 20.4 Encroachment on Adjacent Land.**
Lands adjacent to bikeways, transportation trails and greenways are private property except public parks. No person shall trespass from a trail onto private property.

- 20.5 Conduct.**
No person will adversely affect or interfere with an adjacent landowner's rights or privacy.
- 20.6 Other Rules and Regulations.**
All trail users are subject to all applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code, Preservation Parks Rules and Regulations, state law and local ordinances.
- 21.0 Boating and Watercraft.**
- 21.1 Motors Prohibited.**
No person shall operate any watercraft with a motor in any waters of a park unless posted. Park maintenance, emergency and law enforcement watercraft are exempted from this rule.
- 22.0 Compliance.**
- 22.1 Failure to Obey Orders of Rangers.**
No person shall fail to comply with any reasonable order relating to the regulations, direction, safety, control of traffic, or to any other order, lawfully given by any law enforcement officer or any other Park District employee in the execution of their office.
- 23.0 Violation of Park Rules - Penalties.**
- 23.1 Violations.**
Any person violating any of these rules and regulations shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each violation shall be a separate offense. No person shall violate a rule adopted under this resolution. Whoever violates a rule adopted under this resolution shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of any rule, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
- 23.2 Organizational Violations.**
Any organization violating any of these rules and regulations shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense. No organization shall violate a rule adopted under this resolution. If any organization violates a rule adopted under this resolution, the organization shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2929.31a.
- 23.3 Enforcement.**
These rules shall be enforced by a law enforcement officer as defined in Section 1545.13 of the Ohio Revised Code. All fines collected for any violation of any rule or regulation adopted under this resolution shall be paid into the general fund of Preservation Parks of Delaware County.
- 23.4 Other Regulations.**
All other statutes, codes and ordinances that are appropriate within this jurisdiction apply.

Preservation Parks of Delaware County has adopted these rules and regulations to ensure that anyone visiting our facilities has a safe and enjoyable experience. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.