

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **1. REGULATION OF COUNTY PARKS FACILITY USAGE**

Any park or portion thereof, may be regulated for its use for a specified period of time as may be determined by the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission, Director or other authorized Park personnel. This may involve closing certain areas entirely, restricting certain uses or activities, or allowing only a specified use in a specified area. Some activities or events may require approval of the local unit of government in addition to Park Commission approval. During such times, rules relating to fees, hours, special events, etc. and/or emergency rules to protect the health and safety of park visitors and to protect park properties may be established.

### **A. FEES AND CHARGES**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Commission, without payment of such fee or charge.

### **B. PICNIC PERMITS**

A group of persons may use certain designated areas for an established fee within the Park System to the exclusion of others by obtaining a permit from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation office.

### **C. PERSONAL CONDUCT**

It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants or controlled substance, to engage in any violent, abusive, boisterous, vulgar, immoral, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct or to disturb or annoy others, while in or on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **D. SMOKING**

No person shall use any tobacco products or devices in any park. Tobacco products and devices includes cigarettes, pipes, cigars, snuff, chewing tobacco, any other kind of oral tobacco, vaping devices and e-cigarettes.

### **E. SWIMMING**

Swimming is permitted only in those areas provided for that purpose and so posted by the Commission. Individuals while in a swimming beach area must abide by posted beach instructions. Violations of these instructions could result in expulsion from swimming area for up to an entire season.

### **F. PARKING**

All vehicles shall be parked in areas or places so provided and designated. Parking in places contrary to posted regulations is prohibited, except when directed to do so by a Parks Commission employee.

### **G. CAMPING**

Camping is allowed in areas designated and governed by the Commission's Camping Policy, as posted in camping areas. Camping in other park areas administered by the Commission is permitted, only by properly organized sponsored groups in those areas and buildings designated by the Commission. Groups desiring to camp outside of established campgrounds shall obtain a written permit from the Commission and a temporary camping permit from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **H. FIRES**

Fires may be built only in picnic stoves, provided fire rings or in other equipment or space approved by the Parks Department and only in such areas or parks so designated by the Commission. It shall be unlawful to start or cause to be started, any other fire whatsoever in any park.

### **I. DOGS AND PETS**

Dogs or other pets may be brought onto Park Commission property provided they have a current license and are kept on a leash, except in areas otherwise designated, but not on beaches, provided that they are maintained following all State and local laws and ordinances.

### **J. SIGNS**

No person shall post, paste, fasten or affix any placard, bill, notice or sign upon any structure, tree, stone, fence, thing or enclosure along or within any park except that temporary directional signs for group picnics or events may be erected. Signs must be removed at the conclusion of the event and must not mar, damage or stain County property.

### **K. PEDDLING AND ADVERTISING**

Peddling, hawking, soliciting, begging or advertising of any nature whatsoever, within any park, without written permission of the Commission, is strictly prohibited.

### **L. HORSES AND LIVESTOCK**

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead or cause a horse or other livestock to be upon any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission, except as designated and permitted by the Commission.

### **M. BALLOONS, AIRPLANES, HELICOPTERS, AND PARACHUTES**

No person shall make any ascent in any balloon, helicopter, airplane or any non-emergency descent in or from any balloon, airplanes, helicopters and parachutes on any land or waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the

Commission. Any of the above may be allowed with the written permission of the Commission, designating at minimum, location of ascent, descent or location to tether a balloon.

**N. GOODELLS PARK MODEL AIRFIELD**

Use of that area designated for the operation of model rocketry, gas turbine and motorized model aircraft shall conform to the customary and usual safety precautions surrounding the use and operation of model airplanes with reasonable care and caution at all times for the safety of all park visitors; and, specifically, such use shall conform to the standards set forth in the current National Model Aircraft Safety Code and its Supplemental Safety Codes, and guidelines for the operation of Radio Control flying sites as published by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. No model aircraft of any description shall be operated in any manner that may unreasonably endanger the health and safety of any Park visitor.

**O. GOODELLS PARK BMX FACILITY**

Use of that area designated for BMX bicycle competition shall conform to the customary and usual safety precautions surrounding the use and operation of BMX bicycles and equipment with reasonable care and caution at all times for the safety of all park visitors; and, specifically, such use shall conform to the general rules, and rules for equipment and conduct, set forth in the current National Bicycle League Rulebook. At no time shall this facility be used in a manner that may unreasonably endanger the health and safety of any Park visitor.

**2. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE**

No person shall deposit or abandon in any park, any garbage, sewage, refuse, trash, waste or other obnoxious materials except in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes. No refuse generated outside of a park will be deposited within a park.

**3. CONTROL**

No person shall interfere with any Park employee in the discharge of his/her duties, or refuse to obey any lawful request of a Park employee. Individuals are permitted in County Parks without written permission of the Park Commission if they are in an area open for use during the daylight hours.

**4. PARK HOURS**

Hours of the opening and closing will vary with the season. Hours to be observed will be posted at the entrance.

**5. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Alcoholic beverages are allowed following State Law at all County Park areas. Use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages may be prohibited by the Park Commission or designated representative in any area administered by the Parks Department.

**6. PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**

No person shall remove, injure, deface, disturb, befoul, nor in any manner destroy or cause to be destroyed, any part of any park or any building, sign, structure, equipment, utility or other property, injure or destroy any trees, flowers, shrubs, plant or growing thing, or any rock or other mineral. It shall be unlawful to kill, trap, hunt, pursue, or in any manner disturb or cause to be disturbed, any wild bird or animal within any park property, without written permission of the Park Commission.

**7. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Controlled substances are prohibited according to State and Federal Laws.

**8. TRAFFIC**

All motor vehicle traffic using County Park facilities shall comply with and be used in compliance with Public Act 300 of the State of Michigan of 1949. The maximum speed limit for all motor vehicle traffic shall be 15 miles an hour, except where otherwise posted. Without proper authorization, vehicles will be driven only on designated park roads and in designated areas. No snowmobiles, ATV's, ORV's, minibikes, go-carts or other motorized contrivances shall be ridden or driven on any roads or areas under the jurisdiction of the Commission without written permission of the Commission.

**9. MARINE SAFETY**

All watercraft and other similar devices used in or at County Park facilities shall conform to and be used only in compliance with the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, M.C.L. Ch 324, Art 3, Ch 4, Subch 5, Part 801 as amended, and such regulations as may be adopted under the authority of that Act.

**10. PENALTY**

Any person or group who shall violate any provisions herein may be ordered to leave the Park or summarily removed from the Park and civil or criminal penalties may be imposed to the extent they apply to the violation.

**11. REFUND POLICY**

A refund of 75% of the rental fee will be refunded if the reservation is cancelled more than 30 days prior to the rental date, but if cancelled less than 30 days prior to rental date, no refund is given unless the facility is re-rented.