

**WAYNE COUNTY PARK SYSTEM
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1) GENERAL PUBLIC – PERMITS

- a) Any group or gathering may use certain designated areas within the Wayne County Park System to the exclusion of others by making application, depositing a fee and being granted a permit by the Division of Parks. Permit shall be made upon forms furnished by the Division of Parks and shall be granted on a first come-first serve basis. Permits approved by the Division of Parks entitle applicant to **reserved space only**. Tables, Grills, Ball Diamonds, Volleyball Courts, and all other amenities shall be specifically requested and designated on the permit.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to move, transfer, transport or in any manner relocate picnic tables that are the property of the Division of Parks, either by hand or vehicle, to any other park or picnic area without the specific written authorization of the Division of Parks. Persons apprehended in the transportation of picnic tables shall be subject to arrest and prosecution.
- c) It shall be unlawful for any permit holder to nail or post in any manner, identifying or directional signage pertaining to their activity, to any tree, sapling, seedling, brush or shrub, whether dead or alive, within the Wayne County Parks System. Furthermore, temporary identifying or directional signage erected by the permit holder in a manner pre-approved by the Division of Parks shall be removed by the permit holder on the same day as erected. A fine may be in effect.
- d) It shall be the responsibility of the permit holder to pick up and deposit all debris and litter resulting from their activity in the Wayne County Parks System and deposit in appropriate receptacles provided by the Division of Parks. Persons not leaving the area in the same condition it was offered shall be subject to an additional assessment based upon the costs to clean up and/or be denied future permit requests.

2) HOURS OF OPERATION

- a) No person shall remain upon property administered by the Division of Parks, including all park areas, park designated drives, with the exception of the roadway of Edward Hines Drive, between the hours of 8:00 pm and 5:00 am November 1 through March 31 and 10:00 pm and 5:00 am April 1 through October 31, provided however, that upon application to the Division of Parks, said hours may be extended.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to enter any portion of parklands or waters which have been designated as closed to the public entry or use.

3) PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY

- a) No person shall upon property administered by the Division of Parks, (a) willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone, marker, benchmark, stake, post or blaze, marking or designating boundary lines, survey line or reference point: (b) cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge or other structure: (c) deface, destroy or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether temporary or permanent, posted or exhibited within or upon park property; (d) appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historical or pre-historical ruin.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to cut down or in any way remove from park property any tree, sapling, seedling, brush or shrub, whether dead or alive for the purpose of obtaining firewood, without specific written authorization from the Division of Parks. If authorized, permit holder may remove wood cut to size.
- c) It shall be unlawful for any person to store, stock pile or abandon any vehicle, including all recreational vehicles on any park property, or in any manner perform maintenance to any vehicle or in any other way, interfere with or obstruct proper use of the park.
- d) Metal Detector permits must be obtained before using Metal Detector.
- e) Geo Caching permits must be obtained at the Park Office.
- f) Road Rally permits must be obtained at Park Office.

4) PRESERVATION OF PLANT LIFE AND NATURAL SURROUNDINGS

- a) No person shall upon park property; (a) cut, remove or destroy any tree, sapling, brush or shrub, whether dead or alive, or chip, blaze, box girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant, or grass; (b) remove any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel or sand, without specific written authorization from the Division of Parks.

5) HUNTING AND FISHING

- a) No person shall hunt, or attempt to hunt, trap, catch, wound, kill or treat cruelly any bird, fish, or animal, or molest or rob any nest, lair, den or burrow of any bird, fish, or animal, in or upon any land or waters administered by the Division of Parks. Provided however, fishing will be permitted within or upon park property in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the Department of Natural Resources in such areas designated for such purposes.

6) ANIMALS

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person while in or upon park property to: (a) cause any animal or fowl to run at large; (b) bring, drive, lead or carry any dog or other animal or pet which is unleashed or upon a leash of more than six feet in length, without being under the immediate control of a competent person; (c) suffer his dog or pet to enter any public building or to be upon any designated beach, except a trained and working leader dog; (d) bring, drive, lead or carry any animal onto park property excepting that horses and other beasts of burden and draft animals may be ridden by persons in charge thereof or driven before a vehicle attached thereto, on such portions of park property as may be designated for riding or driving by the Division of Parks (see horses); (e) cause or permit any horse or other animal to stand on any park property, unless securely hitched or in the charge of some competent person; (f) torture, ill-treat or neglect any animal or fowl; (g) feed any wild animal; (h) build blinds or nesting boxes without specific written authorization of the Division of Parks; (i) release any animal upon park property without specific written authorization from the Division of Parks.
- b) All game animals, fowl, birds, fish and other aquatic life, hunted, killed, taken or destroyed, brought, sold, bartered or had on possession, contrary to any of the provisions hereof, shall be and the same shall be turned over to the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources for disposal. Provided further, that any weapon or object carried or used by any person in violation of these rules, shall be subject to seizure.

7) SWIMMING, BATHING, WADING AND BEACH BEHAVIOR

- a) No person shall upon any property administered by the Division of Parks, swim, bathe, wade or scuba dive in any watercourses, lakes, ponds or sloughs except at such times and in such areas approved and provided for such purposes and then only under the posted rules determined by the Division of Parks.
- b) No person shall upon any beach property administered by the Division of Parks, carry or consume any glass beverage container or food of any kind, nor have their possession any glass or container on any beach or in the water adjacent thereto.
- c) It shall be unlawful for any person to sunbathe upon any park property within twenty-five (25) feet of any road right of way.
- d) Air mattresses, inner tubes, and other inflatable devices are prohibited upon any park watercourses, lakes, ponds, rivers or sloughs, except in designated and posted as designated swimming areas, and then only under the posted rules for their use as determined by the Division of Parks.

8) BOATING

- a) No person shall bring into use or navigate any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other

watercraft upon any watercourse, lagoon, lake, pond, river or slough located within the jurisdiction of the Division of Parks, except at such times or places as may be provided or designated for such purposes.

- b) All watercraft shall comply with and be used in compliance with Public Act 303 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, of 1967 as amended and such regulations as may be adopted under the authority of the Act.
- c) No gasoline powered watercraft are allowed on any waterway administered by the Division of Parks. Further, electric motors are not to exceed twenty-four (24) foot pounds of thrust, twenty-four (24) volt system.

9) CAMPING

- a) It shall be unlawful to camp in any areas of the Wayne County Park System that is not specifically designated and posted as a camping area by the Division of Parks, and then only under specific written permit issued by the Division.

10) LOITERING AND CRUSING

- a) It shall be unlawful to loiter or cruse in any motor vehicle continuously through and around any park drive or picnic area for the purpose of attracting or distracting persons, or for the purpose of using a boat ramp, beach building or other facility.

11) HINDERING, RESISTING OR IMPERSONATING EMPLOYEES

- a) No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the Division of Parks while in the performance of their official duties.
- b) No person shall interfere with any park employee in the discharge of his/her duties or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of a park employee.
- c) No person shall impersonate any employee or contracted employee of the Division of Parks for any reason whatsoever.

12) UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTION

- a) No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidation's, by placing any kind of barrier or barriers to the entrance of any park property, roadway, or designated access way, or by any other means, prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving, or making full use of any property administered by the Division of Parks.

13) ALCOHOL, GAMBLING, AND DRUGS

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants, narcotics, or other mind altering drugs, or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace, or disturb or annoy others while on or within the Wayne County Park System.
- b) It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery, or game of chance upon park property except as permitted by State law and approved by the Division of Parks.
- c) It shall be unlawful to consume or be in possession of any wine, beer, or alcohol upon park property without specific written permit, except for bottled or canned beer only, which is allowed in the Middle Rouge Parkway, Lower Rouge Parkway, Bell Creek Park, Lola Valley Park and Venoy-Dorsey Park exclusively. Provided however, the consumption shall not be permitted within twenty-five (25) feet of any road or right-of-way, nor shall it be permitted to have open containers carried in any motor vehicles whether stopped, standing or moving within the Park System. Keg beer is permitted under specific written permit only.
- d) Under no circumstances and at no time whatsoever, are any alcoholic beverages allowed to be consumed or carried upon or within any winter recreation facility or area immediately adjacent thereto, including bottled, canned, or keg beer.

14) FIREARMS

- a) No person shall at any time, bring into or upon park property or have in their possession, nor discharge or set off anywhere upon said property, a bow and arrow, spear, revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air rifle, paint ball guns, air gun, or any gun, rifle, firearm or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force. Provided however, that this section shall not apply to any duly authorized law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his or her position not to any person while upon designated target ranges, nor to any properly licensed hunters, possessing unloaded firearms during bird hunting season within the launching ramp area of the Elizabeth Park Marina, located in City of Trenton, nor any person carrying a concealed pistol for which the person has a valid license obtained in accordance with law, provided further, however, that any such weapon shall not be carried in a place or manner inconsistent with any restrictions upon such license.

15) FIREWORKS

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to fire, discharge or have in their possession

any rocket, firecrackers, sparklers, squib, torpedo, or other fireworks or any explosive or dangerous nature within or upon park property unless by specific written permit issued by the Division of Parks in conjunction with the necessary permits as required by law from the local governing authority and the Wayne County Sheriff Department.

16) FIRES

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person upon park property to: (a) willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brushland, or meadow; (b) build any fire except within the designated receptacles or open spaces provided and approved for such purpose by the Division of Parks; (c) drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable material.
- b) Written permission must first be granted by the Trenton Fire Department and the Wayne County Parks Division, to use the fire pit at Elizabeth Park.

17) LIVESTOCK

- a) No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across any property administered by the Division of Parks, unless written permission from the Parks Division.

18) HORSES

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead or cause or suffer a horse to be upon any park property except officers of Wayne County Sheriff Mounted Patrol, designated park personnel or persons utilizing specifically designated and posted bridal trails or having a specific written permit issued by the Division of Parks. Horseback riding will be allowed by permit only. Horse trailers/transportation vehicles allowed in designated areas only by permit only.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse in careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property, or persons of others on any park lands.
- c) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle who does not yield the right-of-way to any person riding on a horse on marked bridal paths or permit areas where such may necessitate crossing a street or roadway.

19) OPERATION OF BICYCLES

- a) Bicycles shall be operated as closely to the right hand side of the path, trail, or roadway as conditions will permit or on designated bikeway areas, with not more than two bicycles operated abreast. Mountain Biking and Off Road Biking is strictly prohibited unless in designated areas.

- b) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any bicycle while upon any path, trail, or roadway to carry any person upon the handlebar or frame of any bicycle or for any person to so ride upon such bicycle.
- c) Bicycles may be operated upon such paths, trails, or roadway as may be posted allowing such use, provided however, no such use shall be allowed between 8:00 pm and 5:00 am November 1 through March 31 and 10:00 pm and 5:00 am April 1 through October 31.

20) PARKING

- a) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or for the loading and delivery or pick up of materials.
- b) It shall be unlawful for the operator of a motor driven vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such a manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.
- c) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park drive at a speed in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
- d) It shall be unlawful for a person to drive or propel any commercial vehicle, including school busses, commercial busses, limousines and/or taxi cabs, along or over any park drive without specific written permit issued by the Division of Parks.
- e) It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor driven vehicle to park along or within any area of the Wayne County Park System not designated by the Division of Parks for such purposes, including parking along the shoulder of Edward Hines Drive and Elizabeth Drive at Elizabeth Park where it is not clearly and specifically marked for such purpose.
- f) It shall be unlawful for any person to organize or in any manner participate in any type of motorcade, parade or funeral procession, upon or along Edward Hines Drive, in the Middle Rouge Parkway, or in or upon any other Wayne County Park System roadway, or in any manner interfere with or hinder the normal flow of park traffic, without specific written approval of the Division of Parks and the Wayne County Sheriff Department.

21) MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person upon or within the Wayne County Park System

to operate a motor vehicle of any kind or nature except on designated roads, drives, or parking areas. Persons violating this section of the rules and thereby creating damage to turf areas will be subject to prosecution and responsible for full restitution of the damaged area.

- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle on any road, drive or parking area in excess of twenty-five (25) miles per hour, except where otherwise posted.
- c) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor driven sled, toboggan, or snowmobile, in any park area.
- d) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorcycle, trail bike, mini bike, scooter, all terrain vehicle, or similar type of sport vehicle on any road, drive, parking area or grounds except in specifically designated and posted areas under specific written permit by the Division of Parks.
- e) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Code Act #303, of the Public Acts of 1949 of the State of Michigan, as amended. This act is incorporated herein by reference.

22) BALLOONS, AIRPLANES AND PARACHUTES

- a) No person shall make any ascent in any balloon or airplane or any descent in or from any balloon, airplane or parachute on any park land or water without specific written permit from the Division of Parks.

23) PUBLIC EXHIBITION

- a) No person shall exhibit or show any machine, nor shall any person carry on any performance or do anything whatsoever which shall cause persons to congregate so as to interfere with the proper use of such property by the general public, or to obstruct the passage of vehicles or persons without first having obtained a specific written permit from the Division of Parks.

24) LITTERING AND POLLUTION

- a) It shall be unlawful upon any park property to discard, deposit refuse of any kind or nature other than in receptacles designated and provided for such purposes by the Division of Parks.
- b) It shall be unlawful to throw, cast, lay, drop or deposit into or leave in waters, any substances, matter or things, liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.

- c) Persons apprehended in the act of violating the above provisions shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

25) PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, or to distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs including political signs on any lands, waters, structures, or property administered by the Division of Parks, without specific written permit issued by the Division of Parks. No exchange of money can take place in the Park without written permission from the Parks Office. This includes Ticket, Merchandise and Food and Beverage Sales.

26) COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, distribute or solicit any article, property or privilege or to engage in commercial photography for the purpose of selling or distributing said photographs, within the jurisdiction of the Wayne County Park System, except upon specific written permit or contract with the Division of Parks.
- b) No person to whom park property of equipment has been entrusted for personal use shall hire, lease, or let out the same to any other person.
- c) No person operating a boat for hire shall land or receive passengers at any point on park property without a specific written permit or contract from the Division of Parks.

27) SPECIAL PERMITS

- a) No erection, construction, or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath park property by any person without specific written permit from the Division of Parks, in which said permit specifies in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled to the terms of such approval.
- b) No person, companies, or profession service shall make soil tests, conduct surveys, or take any soil or water samples without specific written from the Division of Parks.
- c) Notwithstanding any of the provisions hereof, the Division of Parks upon written application, may grant specific use permits for special uses when in the opinion if the Division, special consideration is warranted.

28) FEES AND CHARGES

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

29) EMERGENCY POWERS

- a) Nothing in these rules and regulations shall prohibit or hinder duly authorized law enforcement agents from performing their official duties.
- b) Nothing in these rules and regulations shall prohibit the U.S. Federal Government, the State of Michigan, the County of Wayne or its duly authorized agents, from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare, and safety of park visitors and/or to protect park property and to maintain order.

30) WINTER RECREATION FACILITIES

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons to enter any winter recreation facility within the jurisdiction of the Wayne County Parks System when such areas/facilities have been clearly posted, whether temporary or permanently, as closed to such activity.
- b) Persons utilizing winter facilities designated and provided for such purpose, by the Division of Parks, shall observe and comply with all posted rules and regulations pertaining to those specific areas and activities.
- c) It shall be unlawful to consume any wine, beer (including bottled, canned, or keg) or alcohol upon or within any winter recreation facility or area immediately adjacent to.

31) SKATING, SLEDDING, TOBOGGANING OR COASTING

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to use roller skates within or upon park property except at such times and upon such places as may be designated or maintained therefore.
- b) It shall be unlawful for any person to skate, sled, walk, toboggan, or coast on any ice or snow surface, or snowshoe or ski in any area at any time except where designated, provided and posted as open for such activity by the Division of Parks.
- c) Person (s) who use ice shanties, skate, sled, walk, toboggan, etc. on ice or snow surfaces, snowshoes or skis in any area at any time except where posted and designated for such activity by the Division of Parks which leads to a rescue emergency by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department shall be responsible for full and reasonable cost of restitution to the agencies for personnel cost and equipment lost during said rescue.

32) ICE SHANTIES

- a) Ice shanties shall be made of sturdy material. Shanties must be registered at the Park Office.
- b) All shanties must have owners name and address displayed on all sides in accordance with the State of Michigan fishing laws.
- c) All shanties must be removed from the lakes by February 28 each year. If not

removed by this date, park personnel will remove the shanties and a service charge will be assessed.

- d) The Wayne County Division of Parks will not be liable or responsible for any damage or vandalism to ice shanties.
- e) All shanties must be placed on the lake by using the prescribed boat ramp.

33) FINES AND IMPRISONMENT

- a) Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules and regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500.00 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days or both, for each offense. In addition, person violating or abusing park property, shall be assessed the full and reasonable costs of restitution for said property, which shall be made payable to the Wayne County Park System, and payable at the Administrative Offices, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48185.
- b) In the event that any provision herein contained is held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of such provision shall not be affect the remainder of the rules and regulations.