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Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District was created on January 1, 1989, as the result of the passage of Issue 3, which converted the Youngstown Township Park District to the Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District under the authority of Chapter 1545 of the Ohio Revised Code. The authors of this Chapter intended these Districts be created for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State and they envisioned parks with abundant natural features. Most metropolitan parks in Ohio consist of large areas of natural landscape with many scenic, historic, and geologic attractions. These attractions, within easy reach of urban areas, provide a much needed escape from the hustle and bustle of modern day life and most of its problems. The artificiality of asphalt, concrete and steel is replaced by scenes of natural beauty and the quiet of the forest. It is in the spirit of conservation, preservation, and protection that these General Rules and Regulations have been adopted.

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- 1.0 ANIMALS
 - 1.1 No person shall abandon or permit abandonment of any household pet or any other animal on Park District lands.
 - 1.2 No person shall permit any household pet or any other animal to stray or run loose on Park District lands.
 - 1.3 Dogs and cats are permitted on Park District lands only if the animal is controlled, at all times, either in a cage or on a leash no longer than six feet. Dogs and cats are not permitted on golf courses, ball fields, playgrounds, picnic areas, plant beds or in Fellows Riverside Gardens, the James L. Wick, Jr. Recreation Area, the Walter Scholl Recreation Area or Volney Rogers Field. Animal droppings must be removed from the Park District by the person in control of the animal. Dogs and cats are not permitted to defecate or urinate on trails. No other animals are permitted on Park District lands without permission of the Executive Director, except for horses at Vickers Nature Preserve.
 - 1.4 No person shall bring onto Park District lands an animal that is not in compliance with the registration requirements of Chapter 955 of the Ohio Revised Code.
 - 1.5 No person shall bring onto Park District lands any dangerous or vicious dog, as defined in Section 955.11 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- 2.0 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, DRUGS, OPIATES, INTOXICANTS, HALLUCINATORY SUBSTANCES, VAPORS OR PRODUCTS
 - 2.1 No person shall drink, sell, possess, make a gift of or offer for sale any alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor within or adjacent to Park District lands except at Park District residences or facilities as may be permitted by the Board.
 - 2.2 No person shall unlawfully possess, offer for sale, or use any substance or compound that is defined in Chapters 2925 and/or 3719 of the Ohio Revised Code while within or adjacent to Park District lands.

2.3 No person shall unlawfully use, or possess with the purpose to use, drug paraphernalia on Park District lands as defined in Section 2925.14 of the Ohio Revised Code.

3.0 BOATING

3.1 Boating on Park District waters is subject to the Park District's Boating Regulations.

4.0 CAMPING

4.1 No person shall camp or sleep overnight, nor erect tents or temporary lodging or sleeping facilities on Park District lands, except in connection with Park District programs with permission of the Executive Director.

5.0 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES, SOLICITING

5.1 No person shall sell or offer for sale any merchandise, food, beverage, article, privilege, service, or subscription on Park District lands unless such sale or offer is pursuant to a contract with the Board of Park Commissioners.

5.2 No person shall beg, hawk, peddle, nor solicit donations or collections for any purpose on Park District lands.

5.3 No person shall solicit Park District employees for any purpose or distribute literature of any kind to Park District employees during the employee's working time. Whether on working time or not, no person shall distribute literature of any kind in any working areas of the Park District.

6.0 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, EXPOSURE, SOLICITATION (IMPORTUNING)

6.1 No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another by doing any of the following:

- (A) Engaging in fighting, in threatening harm to persons or property, or in violent or turbulent behavior.
- (B) Making an offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display, or communicating unwarranted and grossly abusive language to any person.
- (C) Insulting, taunting, or challenging another, under circumstances in which such conduct is likely to provoke a violent response.
- (D) Hindering or preventing the movement of persons on a public street, road, highway, or right-of-way, or to, from within, or upon public or private property, so as to interfere with the rights of others, and by any act which serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender.
- (E) Creating a condition which is physically offensive to persons or property, by any act which serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender.

6.2 No person shall enter a toilet room set apart for the opposite sex.

6.3 No person shall gamble or conduct gambling or games of chance, as those terms are defined and used in Chapter 2915 of the Ohio Revised Code, in any form on Park District lands.

6.4 No person or group of persons shall loiter in or near any building, toilet or structure; or loiter in or near a motor vehicle, or vehicles, and on or about a motorcycle or cycles within the Park District.

6.5 No person shall appear on Park District lands in a state of nudity, or commit, perform or engage in lewd, lascivious, obscene, illicit, carnal or indecent acts or behavior. No person shall engage in any act of public indecency as described in section 2907.09 (A) of the Ohio Revised Code.

6.6 No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit another to engage in any act in violation of Chapter 2907 of the Ohio Revised Code or solicit, or ask anyone to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, illicit carnal or indecent act or behavior within or adjacent to Park District lands.

7.0 ENGINE-POWERED MODELS, SIRENS, NOISE MAKERS

7.1 Engine-powered, self-propelled, radio-controlled or free-sailing model and toy airplanes, rockets, boats, cars, sirens, or other noise-making devices are not permitted on Park District lands, except in designated areas or with written permission of the Executive Director.

8.0 FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, BOWS AND ARROWS

- 8.1 No person shall carry, possess, discharge, or have under their control air, gas or pellet guns, paintball guns, sling shots, fireworks, explosives or dangerous ordinance, as that term is defined in Section 2923.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, of any kind on or into Park District lands except with specific written permission of the Executive Director.
- 8.2 No person shall carry or use bows, cross-bows or longbows or arrows on Park District lands except by specific written permission granted by the Executive Director or in areas specifically designated for the use of bows, cross-bows or longbows or arrows.
- 8.3 Firearms may be carried or possessed on Park District lands only in compliance with Sections 2923.12 to 2923.1213 and/or 2923.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

9.0 FIRES, PORTABLE PICNIC GRILLS

- 9.1 No person shall start, maintain, or assist in maintaining a fire on Park District lands, except small fires in Park District grills for cooking purposes or fires in places approved for such purposes with a written permit from the Executive Director. Hot ashes from grills must be doused with water before disposal.
- 9.2 No person shall leave a fire that he or she has started. All fires started shall be fully extinguished by the person or persons starting them before leaving the area.
- 9.3 No person shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigarette or cigar within or adjacent to any Park District property.
- 9.4 No person shall bring a commercial grill, cooker, or spit onto Park District lands except with written permission of the Executive Director.

10.0 FUNERALS, FUNERAL PROCESSIONS

- 10.1 No person or persons shall conduct funeral services or processions on Park District lands. Cremated human or animal remains may not be scattered on any Park District lands or waters.

11.0 HOURS OF CLOSING

- 11.1 Park District lands shall be closed from dark (one-half hour after sunset) until 5 a.m. and no person, except parties holding permits for the use of Park District pavilions and cabins, or participants in Park District operated activities and Park District employees on duty shall remain on Park District lands during these hours.

12.0 HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING, SEINING, MOLESTING WILDLIFE

- 12.1 No person shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any way molest any wild bird or animal or molest any bird or animal nest on Park District lands except with the advance written permission of the Executive Director and the Mill Creek MetroParks Board of Commissioners. The MetroParks Police shall have the ability to put down an animal that is injured, rabid, or other threat to the public, as they judge necessary.
- 12.2 Fishing in Park District waters is permitted in accordance with Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations from March 1st through November 30th of each calendar year. Fishing is permitted in all creeks, streams, lakes and ponds unless otherwise prohibited by the Park District.
- 12.3 The seining of fish or crayfish is prohibited in Park District waters.
- 12.4 The feeding of wildlife, including waterfowl, is prohibited on Park District lands and waters with the exception of song bird feeders at MetroParks facilities with seed, suet, or other appropriate feed.

13.0 LITTERING, GARBAGE, LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, REFUSE AND FOREIGN MATERIALS

- 13.1 No person shall discard or dump, on Park District lands or waters, any paper, garbage, leaves, grass clippings, branches, ashes (including cremated human or animal remains), bottles, cans, refuse or foreign materials of any description.

- 13.2 Refuse, garbage, bottles, cans and other residue of a picnic or other permitted activity shall be deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes.
- 13.3 No person shall discharge into any pipe, drain, ditch, or natural water course that flows into, through, or onto Park District lands, any noxious or offensive materials.
- 14.0 LOUD AND DISTURBING NOISES PROHIBITED
- 14.1 The creation of any disturbing and unnecessary noise on Park District lands is prohibited.
- 14.2 No person shall use any sound amplification device audible more than twenty feet from the device without a specific written permit from the Executive Director or other authorized Park District official.
- 14.3 The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises:
- (A) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobiles, motorcycles, buses or other vehicles while not in motion, except as a danger signal if any vehicle is approaching apparently out of control. If in motion, only a warning signal reasonably necessary for the prevention of accidents will be permissible.
 - (B) The use of any siren upon any vehicle other than police, fire or emergency vehicles.
 - (C) The unnecessary sounding of horns to such extent that would disturb the peace and tranquility of the surrounding environment.
 - (D) The operation of any motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle is equipped with a muffler in good working condition and in constant operation to prevent noise.
 - (E) The use of any muffler cut-out on any motor vehicle.
 - (F) The operation of any motorcycle equipped with a muffler that does not contain baffle plates.
 - (G) The operation of any motor vehicle that would cause a noise level in excess of 80dBa. Such noise level limit of 80dBa shall be based on a distance of not less than ten (10) feet from the noise source.
- 15.0 MOTOR VEHICLES, OTHER VEHICLES
- 15.1 BUSES
- (A) Buses are permitted in specific areas of Park District lands only, and only after receipt of a bus permit from the Park District Police Department.
- 15.2 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES
- "See Buses, Trucks"
- 15.3 TRUCKS
- (A) No person shall drive or operate a truck, tractor or vehicle designed and used for the transportation of goods and materials, either loaded or empty, over any road or drive within the Park District except emergency vehicles, trucks used in Park District contracted services and/or trucks making deliveries or repairs as requested by Park District officials.
- (B) No trucks, including pickups shall haul over Park District drives, rubbish, refuse, leaves, grass clippings, branches or foreign materials of any description without a permit from the Executive Director.
- 15.4 OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
- (A) The operation of any motor vehicle using Park District drives shall, at all times, be in compliance with Park District rules and regulations and the Motor Vehicle Laws of the State of Ohio and local ordinances as applicable.
- (B) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any Park District road or drive which has been closed and posted with appropriate signs, gates, or barricades. The Executive Director shall have the authority to order roads or drives closed during the process of construction, reconstruction, repairs, or when weather conditions render travel either unsafe or unduly destructive of the road area or drive (4511.71).
- (C) No person shall operate any motor vehicle in a manner that will hinder or prevent the movement of other vehicles or pedestrians so as to interfere with the rights of others.
- 15.5 SPEED LIMIT

(A) The speed limit for all motor vehicles using Park District drives is twenty-five miles per hour (25 MPH) or less depending on the conditions of the road or unless otherwise posted.

15.6 MOTOR VEHICLES MUST BE PROPERLY LICENSED

(A) No person shall operate or park a motor vehicle on Park District lands unless such vehicle is properly licensed.

15.7 PARKING

(A) No person shall park a motor vehicle, bicycle, wagon or any other vehicle on the lands of the Park District except in places designated by the Park District Board for such purposes.

(B) No person shall stop or abandon any motor vehicle on Park District drives, parking lot entrance drives, or in any other place not designated for parking.

(C) No person shall park a motor vehicle or any other vehicle on Park District lands between the hours of dark (one-half hour after sunset) and 5 a.m. except when Park District facilities are being used in accordance with the regulations of the facility. Persons shall not enter the Park except by established ways.

(D) No person without privilege to do so shall park in a marked handicapped area.

(E) No person shall park or stop a vehicle in such a way as to occupy more than one provided parking stall or space unless directed to do so by a Park District Police Officer.

15.8 WASHING OR POLISHING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

(A) No person shall wash or polish a car, truck or any other motor vehicle on Park District lands.

15.9 IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLES: REDEMPTION

(A) Park District Police Officers are authorized to provide for the removal of a vehicle under the following circumstances.

1. When any vehicle is left unattended upon any road, bridge, causeway or entrance to any parking lot and is illegally parked within the Park District.
2. When any vehicle has been stolen or operated without the consent of the owner and is located on Park District property.
3. When any vehicle displays illegal license plates or fails to display the current lawfully required plates and is located on Park District property.
4. When any vehicle has been used or connected with the commission of a felony and is located upon Park District property.
5. When any vehicle has been damaged or wrecked so as to be inoperable or violates equipment provisions of the state traffic code whereby its continued operation would constitute a condition hazardous to life, limb or property, and is located on Park District property open for the purposes of vehicular travel or parking.
6. When any vehicle is left unattended on Park District property due to the removal of an ill, injured or arrested operator.
7. When any vehicle has been operated by any person who has failed to stop in case of an accident or collision and is located on Park District property.
8. When any vehicle is operated by any person who is driving without a lawful license or while his license has been suspended or revoked and is located on Park District property.
9. When any vehicle has been abandoned or parked on Park District property after closing hours, and not using a Park District facility that permits its users or participants to use its parking facilities after closing hours.
10. When any vehicle is found for which two or more citations for violations of Park District parking rules and regulations are outstanding and unpaid and the owner or operator has failed to respond to such citations as lawfully required and is located on Park District property.

(B) Any vehicle removed under authority of subsection (A) hereof shall be ordered into storage and/or disposed of as provided under State Law. If the vehicle is ordered into storage, the Park District Police Department shall forthwith notify the registered vehicle owner of the fact of such removal and impounding, reasons therefore and the place of storage. Any person desiring to redeem such vehicle shall appear at the Park District Police Office to furnish satisfactory evidence of identity and ownership or right to possession. Prior to issuance of a release form, the claimant,

owner or operator shall either pay the amount due for any fines for violations on account of which such vehicle was impounded or, as the court may require, post a bond in an amount set by the court, to appear to answer to such violations. The pound operator shall release such vehicle upon the receipt of the release form and payment of all towage and storage charges.

(C) No liability shall attach to the officer or officers ordering the removal and storage of such vehicle or vehicles, or for damage caused thereto or resulting therefrom, and any person or company towing or storing such vehicle at the request of any member of the Park District Police Department shall have a lien on the vehicle for the towing and storage charges incurred as agreed to as usual and customary charges by the Board of Park Commissioners.

(D) No owner or operator shall remove an impounded vehicle from the place of storage without complying with the above procedure. Possession of a vehicle which has been impounded and unlawfully taken from the place of storage, by the owner or operator, shall constitute prima facie evidence that it was so removed by the owner or operator.

(E) Any vehicle parked in contravention of the provisions of Section 15.7 (Parking) Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District General Rules and Regulations is illegally parked.

15.10 TRAILERS

No person shall tow a trailer over any Park drive, except trailers with two wheels or less and used for the purpose of transporting recreational type vehicles or equipment to the Park and in conjunction with the use of Park facilities.

15.11 PURPOSES OF WAY (MOTOR VEHICLES)

No person shall use any portion of Park District lands for motor vehicle traffic that is not designated for such purposes. Vehicles are restricted to paved roadways or drives and designated parking areas.

15.12 PURPOSES OF WAY (SELF-PROPELLED VEHICLES, OR HUMAN PROPELLED VEHICLES.)

No person shall operate or cause to operate any type of self-propelled vehicle or any vehicle which is moved by human power over or upon any foot trail within the Park District.

15.13 FLOTATION TYPE OBJECTS

No person shall use rafts, inner-tubes or any like objects on Park District waters.

15.14 SPOTLIGHTS

No person shall use or shine spotlights or unnecessary or continuously shine automobile headlights in the Park District, except under the direction of Park District Police, or except where necessary for the preservation of life or property.

15.15 HORSEBACK RIDING, ANIMAL DRAWN VEHICLES

No person shall ride any horse or other hoofed animal or use or drive any horse or other animal driven cart, wagon, sled or other conveyance upon any Park drives, trails or property except in specific designated areas, or with specific written authorization of the Executive Director.

15.16 OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES (OPDMD) Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) within Park District is in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II and Title III Revised Regulations. These regulations provide a definition of a wheelchair and other power-driven mobility devices and add additional provisions identifying where they can be used.

OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICE (OPDMD) DEFINITION: An OPDMD is any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel or other engines that is used by individuals with mobility disabilities for the purpose of locomotion, whether or not it was designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities. OPDMDs may include golf carts, electronic personal assistance mobility devices, such as a Segway Personal Transporter (PT), or any mobility device that is not a wheelchair, which is designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes.

OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICE (OPDMD) USE RULES:

(A.) Only electric powered OPDMD are permitted

(B.) OPDMD shall not exceed a width of 36"

(C.) OPDMD shall not be operated at a speed in excess of 5 mph

- (D.) MCMP reserves the right to restrict OPDMD use based upon weather, site conditions and current or anticipated levels of user activity
- (E.) OPDMD are not permitted in indoor facilities
- (F.) OPDMD are not permitted on trails with a width of less than 5'

16.0 MUSIC, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, RADIOS, TAPE DECKS, RECORD PLAYERS, CD PLAYERS

16.1 MUSIC, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The use or playing of musical instruments on Park District lands is permitted only for the enjoyment of the individual using the instrument. Any such instrument must be played in a manner that will not disturb or be offensive to other Park District visitors. No person shall play a musical instrument for the entertainment of the public unless such person is participating in Park District sponsored programs or has obtained a permit from the Executive Director or other authorized Park District official.

EXCESSIVE VEHICULAR SOUND AMPLIFICATION DEVICES PROHIBITED

- (A) No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle upon any public road, street, highway or private property shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so as to disturb the quiet comfort or repose of other persons or at a volume that is plainly audible from outside the vehicle.
- (B) "Sound amplification system" means any radio, tape player, compact disc, loudspeaker, speaker or other electronic device used for the amplification of musical instruments or other sounds.
- (C) "Plainly Audible" means any sound produced by a sound amplification system from within the vehicle that can clearly be heard outside the vehicle at a distance of fifty (50) feet or more. Measurement standards shall be by the auditory senses, based upon direct line of sight. Words or phrases need not be discernable and bass reverberations are included. The motor vehicle may be parked, stopped, standing or moving.
- (D) Warning and/or emergency devices used to call police or signal hazardous conditions, or other sound systems that are used in compliance with proper authorization by Mill Creek Metropolitan Park District are exempted from this section.
- (E) Whoever violates this section is guilty of generating excessive vehicular sound.

17.0 PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

17.1 No person shall in any way injure, deface, destroy, disturb or remove any part of a Park District owned building, sign, equipment or other structure or property, or any tree, flower, shrub, plant or other vegetation, or rock, earth or mineral located therein.

- (A) The use of metal detectors on Park property is prohibited without the express written permission of the Executive Director or his/her designee. Guidelines for permitted use may be developed at the sole discretion of the Executive Director or his/her designee. All permitted users must adhere to the permit guidelines and are subject to having their permit revoked and future permit requests denied if it is determined that they violated the guidelines. Permits are only good for the calendar year; January 1 to December 31 in which they are issued.
- (B) Any artifact/item of archaeological or historical significance or one that exhibits personal identification information that is discovered on park property must be turned in to the Administrative office with the name of the person who discovered it and the location in which it was discovered within 24 hours of being discovered.
- (C) Any item located on park property not of archaeological or historical significance, and without any exhibited personal identification information may be kept by the person discovering the item, unless the item had been previously identified to the MetroParks as being lost by the original owner.

17.2 No person shall trespass upon Park District lands that are posted "No Trespassing" or upon any Park District facilities for which a fee is charged unless the fee has been paid.

- 17.3 No person shall move, remove, damage, deface or disturb in any manner Park District property boundary markers or easement markers.
- 17.4 **AEROSOL PAINT CANS**
No person 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.
- 18.0 **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, SIGNS**
- 18.1 No person shall conduct any special activity upon the lands or waters of the Park District without first obtaining a permit from the Executive Director upon application made not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the day of the proposed special activity. "Special activities" are organized or supervised activities or events involving a number of participants or spectators, which significantly affect the public use, preservation and protection of lands or waters of the Park District. Announcements or notices of special activities as provided in this rule may be displayed in a manner as directed by the Executive Director and removed immediately after the event. Dependent upon the type of activity, liability insurance coverage naming the Park District as an additional insured may be required as a condition to any such permit. In addition, any expense incurred by the Park District as a result of the special activity must be paid by the permit holder. A security deposit may also be required.
- 18.2 Except by contract, or permit issued as provided by Section 18.1 of this Rule, no person shall display, erect, fix, or attach any sign, notice, billboard or poster or similar facsimile to any artificial structure or natural object in any area administered by the Park District. Owners of such signs shall be responsible for the removal at the expiration of the permit or a reasonable time thereafter. The Park District may erect such directional, informational and traffic signs as it deems necessary.
- 19.0 **SNOWMOBILES, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, MINI-BIKES, GO-CARTS, TRAIL BIKES**
- 19.1 No person shall operate a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, mini-bike, go-cart, trail bike or vehicle normally considered a racing car or any other type of motor vehicle not customarily registered or titled with the State Department of Motor Vehicles on Park District lands.
- 20.0 **SPORTS ACTIVITIES** 20.1
BICYCLING
Any person operating a bicycle on Park District lands must comply with the following provisions:
(A) Riders of a bicycle shall obey all traffic signs and signals.
(B) Riders of a bicycle shall not operate or park a bicycle as to interfere or obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
(C) Any rider of a bicycle shall upon making a left-hand turn, give way to any other vehicle or pedestrian traffic.
(D) Any rider of a bicycle shall approach an intersection or road with due regard to the safety of others.
(E) Any rider of a bicycle shall operate the bicycle as close to the right-hand edge or curb, as is possible.
(F) Riders of bicycles shall not ride more than two abreast on Park District drives.
(G) No person riding upon a bicycle shall attach the same or himself/herself to any other vehicle upon a roadway.
(H) No person shall operate a bicycle except on roadways, paved all-purpose trails or trails specifically designated for bicycle use. O.R.C. 4511.52.
- 20.2 **PEDESTRIANS WALKING OR JOGGING ON PARK DISTRICT LANDS**
No one shall walk, jog or run alongside a roadway when there is a sidewalk or trail provided and its use is practicable. When there is no sidewalk or trail available, any person walking, jogging or running along a roadway, shall walk, jog or run only on a shoulder as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway. When neither a sidewalk, trail nor a shoulder is available, any person walking, jogging, or running along and upon a roadway shall walk, jog or run as near as practicable to the outside edge of the roadway, and if on a two-way roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all

- vehicles upon the roadway. Pedestrians are not permitted to walk, jog or run more than two abreast.
- 20.3 **MARATHONS, BICYCLE RACES, WALK-A-THONS, FOOTRACES, SPECIAL EVENTS**
Marathons, bicycle races, walk-a-thons, footraces and other special events are prohibited without a specific permit. This permit can be obtained only by submitting a request to the Recreation and Education Manager on forms provided by the Recreation and Education Manager for such purposes. A permit will be issued only after arrangements and specifics have been approved by Park District officials.
- 20.4 **BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, FIELD HOCKEY, RUGBY, ETC.**
These sporting events are permitted only in designated recreation areas designed to accommodate such activity and only during periods when such activities are deemed safe by Park District officials.
- 20.5 **WINTER SPORTS ACTIVITIES**
Sledding, skiing, and other related winter sports and activities are permitted in designated areas only, and only during periods when such activities are deemed safe by Park District officials.
- 20.6 **RAPPELLING, CLIMBING, BOULDERING**
No person is permitted to climb, rope climb or rappel any hillside, ravine area or rock face on Park District lands, except as described here and in designated areas. Bouldering (low climbing without ropes), along with bouldering specific safety equipment, i.e. helmets and portable bouldering pads, is permitted within the area encompassed by Bears Den Drive, Cross Drive and New Cross Drive. All roped climbing, rappelling, and the placement or use of fixed or removable bolts, anchors, or hardware is strictly prohibited.
- 20.7 **ROLLER-SKATES, IN-LINE SKATES, SKATEBOARDS**
No person is permitted to roller-skate, in-line skate, or skateboard on Park District drives. This activity is restricted to those areas designated for their use.
- 20.8 **SWIMMING, WADING**
No person shall swim or wade in any Park District waters unless authorized by Park District officials.
- 20.9 **AVIATION AIRCRAFT, BALLOON, PARACHUTE**
No person shall voluntarily bring, land or cause to descend or alight upon or adjacent to the Park and/or waters owned, controlled or used in the District, any airplane, helicopter, balloon, parachute or other apparatus for aviation without permission of the Executive Director.
- 20.10 **GOLF**
No person shall hit a golf ball or practice golf except in areas designated for that purpose.
- 21.0 **TRAILS**
- 21.1 No person shall ride or operate a vehicle of any kind, including bicycles, on the foot trails of the Park District. Park District foot trails are for pedestrian use only.
- 21.2 In order to protect environmentally sensitive areas on Park District lands, no person shall leave the designated trails where posted.
- 22.0 **OTHER REGULATIONS**
- 22.1 In addition to these General Rules and Regulations, Park visitors are also subject to the Rules and Regulations of specific Park facilities and activities, as applicable.
- 23.0 **COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS OF PARK DISTRICT POLICE**
- 23.1 No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any reasonable order relating to the regulation, direction or control of traffic or to any other order lawfully given by any police officer acting under the authority of the Board, or willfully resist, obstruct or abuse any police officer or other official in the execution of his office.
- 23.2 No person shall knowingly make a false statement or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made to a police officer, employee or agent of the Park District.

- 24.0 PENALTIES
- 24.1 Violation of any of these General Rules and Regulations or any specific facility or activity regulation is a minor misdemeanor and, upon a finding of guilt or plea of guilty or no contest, the offender shall be fined not more than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for the first offense(s); for each subsequent offense, the violation is an unspecified misdemeanor and, upon a finding of guilt or plea of guilty or no contest, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred (\$500) dollars for each offense.
- 25.0 MISCELLANEOUS
- 25.1 CAPTIONS
Section headings and captions are provided for reference purposes only and shall not be construed to restrict or delineate the meaning of the regulations contained thereunder.
- 25.2 REVISED CODE CROSS-REFERENCE
Cross references to the Revised Code are intended for the convenience of Police Officers and shall not be deemed or construed to limit or restrict the provisions contained in the Revised Code sections to which cross-reference is made.
- 25.3 GENDER AND NUMBER
Wherever the masculine gender appears, it shall be deemed to include the feminine. Wherever reference is made in the singular or plural, it shall be deemed to include the other unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.
- 25.4 SEPARABILITY
Each section of these Rules and Regulations and every part of each section is an independent section and part of a section and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause does not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or part thereof.
- 25.5 EMPLOYEE EXEMPTION: Limited Exemption for Park Employees and Representatives: Acts of employees and duly authorized representatives of Mill Creek MetroParks to the extent necessary for the performance of their authorized duties or in furtherance of programs or events organized and conducted by the MetroParks shall be exempt from the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

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