

## **MILL CREEK METROPARKS**

### **Fellows Riverside Gardens Regulations**

Fellows Riverside Gardens is a free public garden located at the northern end of Mill Creek Park. This twelve-acre display garden features a landscape of remarkable beauty with diverse and colorful plant displays, roses of all classes, seasonal displays of annuals, perennials, and flowering bulbs, and scenic vistas. As one of Ohio's finest public gardens it attracts over 400,000 visitors a year.

In order to keep the Gardens beautiful for generations of visitors, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The outdoor areas of the Gardens are open to the public dawn to dusk.
2. Please, no pets on Fellows Riverside Gardens grounds, and for their safety, there are no pets permitted in parked cars. Service dogs are welcome.
3. Placing blankets on the ground for any reason is not permitted. Picnicking may take place only at the provided tables and benches. Sunbathing is prohibited. Bicycles are encouraged to be used in the MetroParks, however they are not permitted within the Gardens. Please use the bike rack provided near the parking lot.
4. We think of our plant and tree collections as a museum without walls. Our staff works hard to take great care of our collections. Climbing, carving, cutting, digging, injuring, walking through or standing in garden beds, and removing any part of a plant, including picking of flowers is prohibited.
5. The use of any athletic equipment or the playing of any type of sports or athletic games is prohibited.
6. The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the grounds of the Gardens. An exception occurs inside the Davis Center during scheduled rentals.
7. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.
8. Walking on or being in any fountain is prohibited. Cross-country skiing is prohibited. We have many low-growing shrubs and flower beds that could be damaged.
9. Blocking walkways, fire lanes, and doorways is not permitted.
10. On the Gardens grounds all commercial photography and filming, including those taken for media promotion, requires prior permission.
11. Photography of wedding parties, senior photos and family portraits are permitted outdoors in the Gardens at any time. Please be considerate of the plants, garden areas and other visitors.

12. Commercial photography in the Davis Center is prohibited, except during scheduled rentals in that designated area.
13. Playing of music, musical instruments, radios or other devices that interfere with offering a pleasant garden experience to visitors is prohibited. An exception to this policy may occur during a ceremony at a scheduled rental.
14. The Board of Park Commissioners or their representative may remove any person or groups of persons who act in a disorderly manner and impair or hinder the use and enjoyment of the Gardens by the general public.

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Policy on Horse-drawn Carriages**

1. Horse drawn carriages are permitted within the parking lot of Fellows Riverside Gardens, Mill Creek MetroParks, for the purpose of transporting bridal parties holding a permit for either a wedding to take place in Fellows Riverside Gardens or a reception to be held in the D.D. and Velma Davis Education and Visitor Center. A permission must be obtained from the Visitor Services Manager not less than 14 days before the date of the wedding or reception.
2. Horse drawn carriages must enter from McKinley Avenue, discharge or pick up passengers, travel around the nearby traffic circle and exit directly through the same McKinley Avenue entrance. Access to the rest of the parking lot, or other areas of Mill Creek MetroParks, is not permitted.
3. Parking of the horse drawn carriage in the parking lot beyond time required for unloading and loading is not permitted. The horse drawn carriage may not be left unattended in the parking lot.
4. Only horses with non-scuffing horseshoes are permitted. Wagon wheels must have rubber tread. Any damage caused to the parking lot will be billed appropriately.
5. The operator of the horse drawn carriage must remove from the premises any litter or debris directly attributable to the use of the carriage.
6. A current copy of the operator's liability insurance certificate must be on file at the Davis Education and Visitor Center.
7. Horse drawn carriages may only be used during daylight hours.