

# PARK RULES

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

All possession or use of alcohol is **prohibited** at Frederick County Parks, **except at Ballenger Creek, Kemptown, Loys Station, Middletown, Pinecliff, Old National, Othello Regional Park, Rose Hill, Urbana District and Utica Parks**, where alcohol is allowed **by permit only within designated areas** of those parks.

## **BALL FIELDS**

Reservations take priority. Any regular use of sports fields requires a reservation.

## **CAMPING**

No person shall camp on park grounds except with permit and only in designated areas.

## **DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**

Damaging, defacing or removing County-owned property and/or natural features is prohibited.

## **DISORDERLY CONDUCT/DISTURBING THE PEACE**

No person shall disturb the peace or engage in disorderly or indecent behavior.

## **FEES AND CHARGES**

- Use of facilities for which a charge has been established, without payment, is not permitted.
- No one may charge a fee in the parks without permission from the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation.

## **FIRES**

No fires permitted except in fireplaces and grills provided or by permit.

## **GRILLS**

Grills must be at least 20 feet from shelter and any combustible materials. No grease is to be dumped on park grounds. Trailered grills require a completed Special Request Permit.

## **HINDERING EMPLOYEES**

No one may interfere with any employee or agent of the Division in the performance of official duty.

## **HORSES AND RIDING ANIMALS**

No one may ride a horse, pony or other animal on park property except in designated areas.

## **HOSE BIB/WATER SPIGOT**

Access to hose bib/water spigot is permitted April – October. Water usage is not to exceed 2 hours, please conserve water whenever possible.

## **HUNTING**

No hunting, harming, removing or frightening wildlife.

## **LITTERING**

No littering. Deposit trash in receptacles provided. Where no receptacles are available trash shall be removed from the park by persons creating such trash.

## **OPERATING & PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

- Vehicles are only allowed on designated roads and parking lots.
- Vehicles are not allowed on grass.
- Any vehicles left in the park after hours will be towed at owner's expense.
- No vehicles may block roads, boat ramps, fire trails, or hiking trails.
- Mini bikes, trail bikes, all terrain vehicles, snowmobiles and any other vehicles that cannot be registered for operation on the public highways, are not allowed in Frederick County Parks.

## **PEDDLING AND SOLICITING**

Per County Code:

§ 1-12-42. Peddling and Soliciting. No person shall peddle or solicit business of any nature, collect any funds for any service, charity or any purpose, distribute handbills or other advertising matter, unless by permit.

## **PETS**

Pets are permitted only if attended and on a leash of 9 feet or less.

## **POP-UP/ACCORDIAN TENTS**

Tents are to be anchored in grass areas only at all times and should not block access to paths, trails or walkways. Tents must be set up and removed on same day. Frederick County will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the tents or related equipment. Requests for tents 240 square feet and larger require a completed Special Request Permit and Certificate of Insurance.

## **PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS**

No performance or exhibition is allowed without a permit.

## **RECYCLING**

Events at this facility serving food or drink AND expecting 200 or more persons in attendance must comply with State of Maryland Special Event Recycling legislation. For more information, please visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/EventRecycling](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/EventRecycling).

## **SHELTER RESERVATIONS**

Shelters are available on a first come first serve basis unless reserved. Reservations are posted on signage at shelters and on bulletin boards at the park. All reservations are on a daily basis.

## **SKATING, COASTING & WINTER SPORTS**

- No skating, sledding or walking on ice.
- No use of hand sleds, bobsleds, or other devices on wheels or runners except in designated areas and at designated times.
- No one may skate, sled or ski in a negligent manner.
- Downhill skiing or use of snowmobiles is not permitted.

## **TRESPASSING**

No one shall remain upon park property at any time between closing time of park and opening time the following morning except by permit.

## **USE OF LOUDSPEAKER, RADIO, AMPLIFIER, OR PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

- No amplified music, use of a loudspeaker or any public address system except by permit.
- Sound volume must be kept to a level so as not to create a nuisance.

## **WEAPONS**

Firearms or other weapons are prohibited.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ALLOWED EXCEPT BY PERMIT:** Swimming or boating in non-designated areas, activities for profit, advertising, erecting any structure, entering or exiting park by vehicle except at designated locations, moonbounces, pony rides, cutting/removal of firewood, digging or trenching, introduction of any plant/animal/agent.

**THIS IS A SUMMARY OF PARK RULES BASED ON FREDERICK COUNTY CODE SEC. 1-12. VIOLATIONS OF THIS CODE ARE MISDEAMEANORS AND SUBJECT TO FINE!**

**PENALTIES:** It shall be a misdemeanor to violate any of the provisions of this article, any person so convicted of a violation shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or be sentenced to sixty (60) days in jail, or both, at the discretion of the court before whom the person shall be tried.

If there are any problems with your park reservation, please call the reservationist during normal business hours Monday thru Friday (8am-4pm) at 301-600-1646. **If it is after business hours, weekends and holidays, for assistance or to reach a Park Ranger on duty, please contact 301-748-6987 or 301-748-5657.** If it is a true emergency, please contact 911. You can also call the Central Alarm Non-Emergency number at 301-600-0311.