

Wood County Park District

Rules and Regulations



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Board of Park Commissioners
of the
WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO.:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT, that in accordance with authority granted in Section 1545.09 of the Revised Code of Ohio, the use of the parks, reservations, parkways, boulevards, and other lands and areas owned or controlled by the Wood County Park District shall be under and subject to the rules and regulations, as set forth and adopted herein: and any person violating any of such rules or regulations shall be deemed guilty of a minor misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for the first offense, nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each subsequent offense.

The following terms as used in the rules and regulations herein shall mean:

“Park” or “Parks” or “Preserves” means any and all land owned or controlled by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Park District.

“Board” means the Board of Park Commissioners of the Wood County Park District, or its designated representative.

“Director” means the Director of the Wood County Park District or his or her designated representative.

“Person” includes any person, persons, members of partnerships and/or members or officers of corporations and/or their employees.

“Ranger” means an employee of the Board who: 1) has been designated by the Board to act as a Ranger, 2) received a training course certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, 3) taken an oath and 4) given bond to the State of Ohio for proper performance of his or her duties. Ohio law (Section 1545.13 O.R.C.) provides he or she may exercise all the powers of a police officer within and adjacent to lands under the jurisdiction and control of the Park Board.

“Vehicle” means any device in, upon or by which any person or property may be transported drawn upon a path, roadway, or highway.

“Motor Vehicle” or “Motorized Bicycle” means any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.

Said Rules and regulations are as follows:

RULES AND REGULATIONS
WOOD COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

1.0 DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL or DISTURBANCE OF PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, and NATURAL FEATURES.

1.1 Defacement, Destruction, Removal

No person shall injure, deface, destroy, or remove any part of the Park or building, sign, equipment, or other property found therein, nor shall any tree, flower, shrub, or other vegetation, or fruit or seed thereof, rock or stone rip-rap, or mineral be removed, injured destroyed, or disturbed.

Exceptions to this may include collection and removal of edibles such as mushrooms, berries, nuts and fruits for individual consumption and minor leaf and flower collection for school projects etc.

Visitors must remain on improved trails where provided (see Park Rule 1.3) (2909.05)

1.2 Aerosol Paint Cans

No Person in a Park 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.

1.3 Use of Nature Trails

No person shall leave the official or improved trails while visiting natural areas of the Park unless involved in Park District program requiring off-trail activity. Activities not in keeping with the intended use of the nature trails are prohibited except by special permit from the Director.

1.4 Criminal Damaging or Endangering

No person shall cause, or create a substantial risk of physical harm to any property owned by the Wood County Park District, or within the jurisdiction of the Park District:

Knowingly, by any means;

Recklessly, by means of fire, explosion, flood, poison gas, poison, radioactive material, caustic or corrosive material, or other inherently dangerous agency or substance.

(2909.06)

1.5 Criminal Mischief

(A) No person shall, without privilege to do so, knowingly move, deface, damage, destroy, or otherwise improperly tamper with any property owned by the Wood County Park District or within the jurisdiction of the Park District;

- (B) With purpose to interfere with the use or enjoyment of the Park, employ a tear gas device, stink bomb, smoke generator, or other device releasing a substance which is harmful or offensive to persons exposed, or which tends to cause public alarm;
- (C) Knowingly move, deface, destroy, damage, or otherwise improperly tamper with a bench mark, triangulation station, boundary marker, or other survey station, monument or marker;
- (D) Knowingly move deface, damage, destroy or otherwise improperly tamper with any safety device, when required or placed for the safety of others, so as to destroy or diminish its effectiveness or availability for its intended purpose.
(2909.07)

2.0 LITTERING, DUMPING GARBAGE, SEWAGE, and NOXIOUS MATERIAL, RELEASE of PLANTS and ANIMALS

2.1 Littering, Dumping, Rubbish or Garbage

No person, without the specific written consent of the Director, shall bring into, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind in the Park except the refuse, ashes, garbage, and other material arising from the normal use and enjoyment of a picnic, camp, or other permitted activity and such material shall be deposited in receptacles or pit provided for such purposes. Nor shall the same be left or deposited outside or near the Parks so as to pollute the waters or air coursing through or over the Parks or otherwise to interfere with proper use and enjoyment of all the Parks. No bottles, cans, refuse or foreign material of any description shall be deposited or thrown in any of the streams, waterways, ponds, or lakes located in any Park. (1531.29)

2.2 Sewage and Noxious Material

No person shall either within or outside the Park, place or permit to be placed in any river, brook, stream, ditch, or drain that flows into or through Park lands, any noxious or deleterious material which may render Park waters harmful or injurious to the public health, or to animal, vegetation, or aquatic life, or which may prevent, limit, or interfere with the use of such waters for domestic, industrial or agricultural purposes, or which may lessen to an unreasonable degree the use and enjoyment of such waters for Parklands for recreational or other Park uses. No person shall, either within or outside of the Park discharge into any pipe, drain, sewer, ditch or natural tributary watercourse that flows into, through, or onto Parklands, any liquid or aqueous waste which shall fail to comply with the following minimum requirements:

- A. Where provision is made for the treatment of industrial waste, no sanitary sewage shall empty into the industrial waste.
- B. Temperatures of effluent as it leaves the treatment plant shall not exceed 90 degrees Fahrenheit.
- C. Turbidity, not over j.c.u.
- D. Color, not over 50 p.p.m.
- E. Dissolved oxygen, not less than 6.0 p.p.m.

- F. Biochemical oxygen demand (5 day at 20 degrees Centigrade) not over 10 p.p.m.
- G. Coliform Bacteria not over 1000 per 100 ml.
- H. Suspended organic solids, not over 15 p.p.m.
- I. Free Acid, none.
- J. pH, not less than 6.5 or over 10.
- K. Visible oil, none.
- L. Ether soluble matter, not over 15 p.p.m.
- M. No inflammables.
- N. No bulk solids produced in solid or semi-solid form.
- O. No sludge or trash of any kind.
- P. Upper limits of metals as follows:
 - Iron as Fe.....5 p.p.m.
 - Chromium as Cr (hexavalent).....3 p.p.m.
 - Zinc as Zn.....4 p.p.m.
 - Copper as Cu.....1 1/2 p.p.m.
- Q. Cyanides, not over 0.15 p.p.m.
- R. Phenols, not over 50 parts per billion
- S. Chlorides as Cl., not over 250 p.p.m.
- T. Sulfates as (SO4) not over 300 p.p.m.

2.3 Air Pollution and/or Damage

No person, occupant, owner, or person in charge, by himself, his agent, or employee, shall cause suffer or allow burning of garbage, waste material, trash, refuse, vehicle or any part thereof or other combustibles within or adjacent to the Park so as to cause smoke, odor, sparks, dust, dirt, etc., to come upon, pass through or over the Park which would cause air pollution nuisance or damage.

2.4 Releasing of Plants and Animals Prohibited

No person shall release any wild or domestic animal or plant, or culture of seed, or vegetation of any type, in any Park without the written permission of the Director.

2.5 Deposit of Dead Animals upon Land or Water.

No person shall put the carcass of a dead animal or the offal from a slaughterhouse, butcher's establishment, packing house, or fish house, or spoiled meat, spoiled fish, or other putrid substance or the contents of a privy vault, upon or into a lake, river bay, creek, pond, canal, road, street, alley, lot, field, meadow, or public ground owned by the Wood County Park District, or within the jurisdiction of the Park District. (3667.16)

2.6 Stream Littering

No person shall place, dispose of garbage, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, parts of automobile, furniture, glass, and oil, or anything else of an

unsightly or unsanitary nature, into or upon the bank of any river, stream, pond, or lake, owned by the Wood County Park District or within the jurisdiction of the Park District, where the same is liable to be washed into the water by ordinary flow or floods.
(1539.29)

3.0 Firearms, Fireworks, Weapons, Explosives, etc.

3.1 Firearms or Weapons

No person, except Rangers, other law enforcement officers, and those persons in compliance with state law regarding concealed or openly carried weapons, shall possess or conceal any weapon or dangerous ordinance while in the Park.

No person shall engage in the hunting or fishing of wildlife, either with a gun or with a bow and arrow, or participate in any type of target practice; nor shall anyone carry any hunting, fishing or target practice gun or bow and arrow on lands or waters operated by the Park District, except on park lands or waters that are exempted by the Park Board. A special use permit may be obtained from the Director or his/her agents in writing to allow firearms or weapons on park district property for special events, programs, functions, organizational events, or in certain designated areas.

3.2 Discharging of Firearms or Weapons

No person, except Rangers, other law enforcement officers, or those participating in the managed hunting program shall discharge any firearm within or onto park property.

3.3 Bows and Arrows

No person shall release an arrow from a bow, crossbow or longbow within the Park, or cause an arrow to enter the Park while hunting adjacent property other than in areas designated by the Director as archery ranges or designated hunting areas.

3.4 Fireworks and Explosives

No person except Rangers or other law enforcement officers shall possess or set off any fireworks or other explosive substances in and upon park grounds. A special use permit may be obtained from the Director or his/her agents in writing to allow fireworks for special events, programs, functions, organizational events, or in certain designated areas.

3.5 Shooting upon, over, or near a Cemetery

No person shall discharge a firearm upon or over a cemetery or within one hundred yards thereof, unless such person is upon his own land, within or adjacent to the Park.

3.6 Discharge of Firearm over Highway Prohibited

No person shall discharge a firearm upon or over a public road or highway, within or adjacent to the Park.

3.7 Using Weapons while Intoxicated

No person, while under the influence of alcohol or drug of abuse, shall carry or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance, within or adjacent to the Park.

3.8 Paint or Water Balling

No person shall possess or discharge any device capable of propelling a capsule which upon impact with a person or object will release a dye or colorant or water within or on park property.

4.0 REQUIRED GAME SAFETY

4.1 Horseshoes and Play Equipment

Playing of horseshoes or other games with play equipment shall, for the safety and welfare of all other persons using the Parks, be confined to the areas set aside and designated for such purposes and with due regard for the safety of others.

4.2 Golf

No person shall hit golf balls or practice golf while on park property.

5.0 INDECENT CONDUCT, EXPOSURE, and SOLICITATION

5.1 Indecent Conduct and Exposure

No person shall appear in the Park in a state of nudity, or commit, perform, engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene or indecent act or behavior and no person shall make any indecent exposure of his or her person. (2907.09)

5.2 Solicitation

No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit another to engage in an act of sexual perversion or solicit or ask anyone to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene or indecent act or behavior. (2907.07)

6.0 DISORDERLY CONDUCT

6.1 Disorderly Conduct

- (A) No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another, by doing any of the following:
 - (1) Engaging in fighting, in threatening harm to persons or property, or in violent or turbulent behavior;
 - (2) Making unreasonable noise or an offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display, or communicating unwarranted and grossly abusive language to any person;
 - (3) Insulting, taunting, or challenging another, under circumstances in which such conduct is likely to provoke a violent response;
 - (4) 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 that serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender.
- (B) No person while voluntarily intoxicated shall do either of the following:
 - (1) In a public place or in the presence of two or more persons, engage in conduct likely to be offensive or to cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to persons of ordinary sensibilities, which conduct the offender, if he were not intoxicated, should know is likely to have such effect on others;
 - (2) Engage in conduct or create a condition that presents a risk of physical harm to himself or another, or to the property of another.
- (C) Violation of any statute or ordinance of which an element is operating a motor vehicle, locomotive, watercraft, aircraft, or other vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug of abuse, is not a violation of division (B) of this section.
- (D) When, to an ordinary observer, a person appears to be intoxicated, it is probable cause to believe that the person is voluntarily intoxicated for purposes of division (B) of this section.
- (E) Whoever violates this section is guilty of disorderly conduct. Except as otherwise provided in this division, disorderly conduct is a minor misdemeanor. If the offender persists in disorderly conduct after reasonable warning or request to desist or if the offense is committed in the vicinity of a school, disorderly conduct is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

6.2 LOUD SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS PROHIBITED

- (A) No person operating or occupying a motor vehicle on a street, highway, alley, parking lot or driveway shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system from within the vehicle so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 or more feet from the vehicle.

- (B) “SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM” means any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loudspeaker, or other electronic device used for the amplification of musical instruments, sound effects of the human voice.
- (C) “PLAINLY AUDIBLE” means that any sound is clearly audible by the human ear so as to enable the hearer to know that the sound is being produced, including bass reverberations. Words or phrases need not to be so distinct or clear that they can be understood, only audible.
- (D) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section that the operator was not otherwise prohibited by law from operating the sound amplification system, and that any of the following apply:
 - (1) The system was being operated to request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition;
 - (2) The vehicle was an emergency or public safety vehicle;
 - (3) The vehicle was owned and operated by a political subdivision or a gas, electric, communications or refuse company;
 - (4) The system was used for the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures, or transmitting music to any persons or assemblages of persons in compliance with Park District Regulations;
 - (5) The vehicle was used in authorized public activities, such as parades, fireworks, sports events, musical productions and other activities which have the approval of the Park District Director, or person authorized to give such approval.

6.3 FAILURE TO DISPERSE

Where five or more persons are participating in a course of disorderly conduct in violation of section 2917.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, and there are other persons in the vicinity whose presence creates the likelihood of physical harm to persons or property or of serious public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, a Ranger or law enforcement officer or other public official may order the participants and other such persons to disperse. No person shall knowingly fail to obey such order.

6.4 SOLICITING - UNLAWFUL SALES

No person shall beg, hawk, peddle, or solicit within the Park without prior written approval of the Director.

6.5 USE OF INTOXICANTS

- (A) Prohibition against consumption in a motor vehicle.

No person shall consume any beer or intoxicating liquor in a motor vehicle while within or adjacent to the Park. (4301.64)

- (B) Prohibitions; minors under age 21 years.

No person under the age of twenty-one years shall consume or possess any beer or intoxicating liquor within or adjacent to the Park. (4301.632)

(C) Open Container Law

No person shall have in his possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor while:

- (1) On Park District property or,
 - (2) Operating or being a passenger in or on a motor vehicle which is in an area open to the public for the purpose of vehicular travel or parking or,
 - (3) Being in or on a stationary motor vehicle which is in an area open to the public for the purpose of vehicular travel or parking. (4301.62 {B}{3,4,5})
- (D) No person shall sell or offer for sale any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage with the Park. No person shall have in his possession or consume (drink) any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage within the Park except in designated areas with possession of a valid alcohol permit signed by the Director for the appropriate month, day and year.
- (E) No person shall have in his possession or consume (drink) any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage within the parks except in designated areas with possession of a valid alcohol permit signed by the Director for that appropriate month, day, year.

6.6 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

No person shall knowingly use, or possess with purpose to use, drug paraphernalia as defined under Section 2925.14(A) of the Revised Code. In determining if an object is drug paraphernalia a court or law enforcement officer shall consider, in addition to other relevant factors, those listed in Section 2925.14(B) of the Revised Code.

6.7 ABUSING HARMFUL INTOXICANTS

Except for lawful research, clinical, medical, dental or veterinary purposes, no person, with purpose to induce intoxication or similar physiological effects, shall obtain, possess, or use a harmful intoxicant within or adjacent to the Park. (2925.31)

6.8 USE OF TOLUOL AND ETHERS (GLUE)

No person shall sniff, breathe, or otherwise use in any way other than the intended use by the manufacturer, any type of glue, hair spray, spray paint, or any other commercial material or product which contains Toluol or ethers, or be found under the influence of such chemicals or products within and adjacent to Park areas.

6.9 DRUG ABUSE

No person shall ingest in any manner or otherwise use or possess any type of narcotic drug, opiate, or hallucinogen within or adjacent to the Park, or be found therein under the influence of such narcotics, opiates or hallucinogens. (2925.11)

6.10 LOITERING, VAGRANCY

No person or groups of persons shall loiter in or near any building, toilet, or structures, or loiter in or near a motor vehicle or vehicles, on or about a motorcycle or cycles, or on or about bicycles within the Park.

6.11 ENTERING TOILET FACILITIES

No person, except Park maintenance employees on duty or Rangers, shall enter a toilet room set aside for the opposite sex. (2907.08)

6.12 PUBLIC GAMING

- (A) No person shall establish, promote, or operate or knowingly engage in conduct that facilitates any scheme or game of chance conducted for profit.
- (B) Engage in betting or in playing any scheme or game of chance, except a charitable bingo game, as a substantial source of income or livelihood.

7.0 ADVERTISING and SIGNS

7.1 Posting or Displaying Signs

No person shall expose, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement circular, notice or statement, or display any banner, emblem or design within the Park without specific permission the Director or Ranger.

8.0 COMPLIANCE with ORDERS of PARK DISTRICT RANGERS

8.1 Failure to Obey

No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any order relating to the regulation, direction or control of traffic, or to any other order lawfully given by any Ranger or law enforcement officer, or restrict, obstruct or abuse any Ranger or law enforcement officer, or any other official in the execution of his office. (2917.13, 2921.33, 4511.78)

8.2 Interference or Abuse of a Park Ranger or Others

No person shall resist, obstruct, abuse or address in a profane or obscene manner any Park Ranger, law enforcement officer, employee or agent of the Board. (2921.13)

8.3 Falsification

No person shall knowingly make a false statement or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made to a Park Ranger, law enforcement officer, employee or agent of the Board, when the statement is made in any official proceeding, the statement is made with purpose to mislead a public official in performing his official function, or the statement is in writing on or in connection with a report or return which is required or authorized by law. When the offender makes contradictory statements relating to the same fact within the period of the statute of limitation for falsification, it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove which statement was false, but only that one or the other was false. (2921.13)

9.0 COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES

9.1 Concessioning Without Permits

No person shall sell, offer for sale, any article, thing, privilege, or service within the Park without a permit from the Board.

10.0 FIRES

10.1 Rules for Using Fires

No person shall start a fire in the park except for a small fire for culinary purposes in Park grills, or privately owned grills, or fires in the places or designated areas as approved by Park Rangers, except that the Director may at his discretion, prohibit fires for any purpose when necessary for the protection of Park property. The person, or persons, starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire shall put out all Fires.

10.2 Portable Stoves or Grills

No portable stoves or grills shall be permitted in shelters, on picnic tables or on any combustible material.

10.3 Lighted Matches, Cigars etc.

No person shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigar, or cigarette or deposit burning material or hot ashes on grass or plants, or in refuse receptacles within or adjacent to any Park.

11.0 FEES/PERMITS

11.1 Camping, Lodging or Sleeping Without Permission

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within the park without a specific written permit from the Director or other official of the Park designated by the Director.

11.2 Reservation of Shelters - Special Facilities

Picnic Shelters are open on a first come, first served basis unless reserved. No person shall use shelters posted as "reserved", reservable portions of picnic areas, certain designated parking areas, camping areas, and or reserved field areas without a permit. A permit may be issued to persons upon their application, approval by the Director, and payment of a fee, if any, as required by the Board.

11.3 Preservation of Good Order in the Parks

No individual or organization shall conduct, sponsor, or promote any public meeting, concert, theater, athletic event, or other public activity in the Parks of the Park District without prior written authorization of the Director.

No event or activity sponsored or promoted by any individual or organization shall be permitted if, in the opinion of the Director, it constitutes hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other Park visitors, endangers peace and good order in the Parks, interferes with the regular and normal use of the facilities and activities by Park visitors, or which is inconsistent with the use of the Park lands for Park purposes.

11.4 Residence at Campgrounds

No person shall remain or make residence at any Park District controlled campgrounds for more than 14 days with in any 30 day period without the prior approval of the Director or their designee.

12.0 PARK HOURS

12.1 Parks Shall Be Open for Public Use and Enjoyment as Designated and Posted

(A) No person shall be permitted to remain, stop or park within the confines of the Park between the time 1/2-hour after sunset and 8 a.m. except in an emergency or as part of a paid rental or park district sponsored program.

(B) No person shall be permitted to remain on park property no more than one half hour after stated rental end time if after normal park closing hours.

12.2 Special Curfew during Open Hours

No person shall be permitted to remain, stop or park within the confines of the Park which has been closed by the Director, a Park Ranger or other official of the Park during time of special curfew.

13.0 HUNTING, FISHING, AND MOLESTING WILDLIFE

13.1 Hunting, Trapping or Molesting Wildlife

No person within the confines of the Park shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any other way molest any wild bird or animal found within the confines of the Park or rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird, except in areas designated by the Board, with a special permit.

13.2 Sportsman's License Required

(A) State of Ohio Hunting, trapping and fishing license is required where such activity is permitted by the Board.

(B) State of Ohio Hunting Regulations as well as Park District Hunting Rules and Regulations shall be followed by all hunters participating in the Hunting by Permit program on park property.

(C) Issued Park District Hunting Permit shall be displayed on the rearview mirror or front dash of the vehicle when hunting at approved Park District properties.

13.3 Fishing Hours and Prohibited Fishing Equipment

The Board may cause such Park waters as it deems advisable closed to fishing, and shall so post them. In all other Park waters, fishing shall be permitted subject to the statues of the State of Ohio, except that the use of hooks left unattended, traps, spears or gigs, or bows and arrows for fishing are prohibited. Fishing shall not be permitted during the hours the Park is closed except in designated sportsmen's access sites. (1533.32)

13.4 Prohibited Fishing

No person shall fish in Park waters in violation of any sign or signs prohibiting fishing. Fishing is permitted in designated areas where posted and /or with special permit.

13.5 Ice Fishing

Ice fishing permitted as regulated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources at designated areas and times only. Any person on the ice must be 18 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. All structures must be removed at completion of a fishing day.

13.6 Migratory Game Birds

No person shall take migratory game birds, including mourning dove, with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.

13.7 Tree Stands for Hunting Wild Animals

It is unlawful to construct, place or use a permanent-type tree stand, or to place spikes, nails, wires or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on any Park property.

13.8 Prohibited Hunting Devices

No person shall use the following devices for pursuing game on Park District property:

- (A) Handguns of any caliber, this includes deer hunting,
- (B) Rifles of any caliber, this includes .22 caliber for squirrel, raccoon or woodchuck. This section does not include primitive black powder weapons.

13.9 Hunter Orange

No person shall during any season; hunt any species without visibly wearing a vest or jacket that is colored hunter orange.

14.0 DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS

14.1 Prohibited Household Pets

No person shall bring, permit, have or keep in the Park any dog, cat, household pet, or other animal destructive to birds and other wildlife, except that dogs or cats are permitted if they are controlled at all times on a leash not more than eight feet in length. No pets or other animals shall be allowed to become obnoxious or disturbing to the other users of Park facilities. The owner of such a pet or animal shall be responsible at all times for the observance of this regulation whether or not the pet or animal is under the care or control of the owner or another.

Pet owners shall clean up all waste generated by their pets on park property and shall dispose of the waste in receptacles provided. (955.01, 955.12, 955.22)

14.2 Areas Pets Not Permitted

Household pets are not permitted in nature preserves, playground and picnic areas, or other areas so designated.

15.0 HORSEBACK RIDING

15.1 Horseback Riding Permitted in Designated Areas Only

Horseback riding is not permitted on any lands owned or controlled by the Park District unless the area is designated as open to horseback riding, or a special permit has been obtained from the Director.

16.0 BOATING

16.1 Boating Safety Regulations

No boats shall be operated upon any rivers under the control of the Board that do not meet the safety standards, or carry safety equipment as described in the provisions of Sections 1547.01 to 1547.99 of the Revised Code of Ohio relating to watercraft and regulations of Division of Watercraft of the State of Ohio, or shall be operated one half (1/2) hour after sunset without lighting as described by the aforesaid Ohio Revised Code. Boat trailers must be parked in designated areas and exit as indicated. (1547).

17.0 SWIMMING, SWIMMING AREAS

17.1 Swimming and Wading Prohibited at Inadequate or Unguarded Areas

Swimming or recreational wading in waterways on land owned or controlled by the Park District is prohibited.

18.0 MINIATURE MODELS AND TOYS

18.1 Model Toys Prohibited

Engine-powered or self-propelled model and toy airplanes, rockets, boats, cars, sirens or other noisemaking devices are not permitted to be operated within the confines of the Park, except at designated areas and upon approval of the Director.

19.0 AVIATION

19.1 Aircraft, Balloon, Parachute, etc.

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 by the Board, any airplane, balloon, parachute, or other apparatus for aviation.

20.0 GO-KARTS, SWAMP BUGGIES, AND NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

20.1 Operation of Non-Registered Vehicles

No person shall operate within the Park a go-kart, swamp buggy, mini-bike, or motor vehicle normally considered a racecar, or any other type of motor vehicle which is not customarily registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Ohio.

20.2 Sledding, Skiing, and Skating Restricted Areas

No person shall sled, ride, ski, or ice skate within the Park in areas designated by the Director as unsafe or other than in areas so designated for such purpose.

21.0 TRAFFIC

21.1(A) Driving Without a License

No person shall drive a motor vehicle within the Park unless such person has been licensed as an operator or chauffeur, or cause or permit a minor under eighteen years of age to drive a motor vehicle within the Park unless such minor has first obtained a license or permit to drive a motor vehicle. (4507.02)

21.1(B) Prohibition Against Permitting Minor to Operate Vehicle

No person shall cause or knowingly permit any minor under eighteen to drive a motor vehicle upon a highway as an operator, unless such minor has first obtained a license or permit to drive a motor vehicle under Sections 4507.01 to 4507.39, inclusive, of the Revised Code. (4507.31)

21.1(C) Display of License

The operator or chauffeur of a motor vehicle shall display his license, or furnish satisfactory proof that he has such license, upon demand of any peace officer or of any person damaged or injured in any collision in which such licensee may be involved. When a demand is properly made and the operator or chauffeur has his license on or about his person, he shall not refuse to display said license. Failure to furnish satisfactory evidence that such person is licensed under Sections 4507.01 to 4507.30, inclusive, of the Revised Code, when such person does not have his license on or about his person shall be prima-facie evidence of his not having obtained such license. (4507.35)

21.1(D) Prohibition Against False Statements

No person shall knowingly make a false statement to any matter or thing required by Sections 4507.01 to 4507.39, inclusive, of the Revised Code. (4507.36)

21.1(E) Driving Without License Plates

No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall operate, cause or permit such motor vehicle to be operated within the Park unless such vehicle displays the distinctive number and registration marks of license plates, legally issued for the current year, securely fastened to the vehicle. (4503.21)

21.1(F) Use of Unauthorized Plates

No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle upon any roadway, within or adjacent to the Park if it displays a distinctive number or identification mark which is:

- (1) Fictitious
- (2) Counterfeit or an unlawfully made copy of any distinctive number or identification mark
- (3) Belongs to another motor vehicle. (4549.08)

21.2(A) Purpose of Way - Unlawful Entry

No person shall use any portion of the Park for purposes of way except drives, roadways, walks, and trails established for such purposes. Paths established as foot paths or bicycle paths shall not be used for motor vehicle traffic. Persons shall not make entrance to park except by the established ways. Driving on grass is prohibited.

21.2(B) Purposes of Way - Self-Propelled, Animal Drawn or Human Propelled Vehicles

No person shall operate or cause to operate any type of vehicle, motor vehicle or motorized bicycle over or upon any footpath or bridle path within the Park.

21.2(C) Driving on Closed Roads or Drives

No person shall drive upon or along any Park road or drive, which has been closed and posted with appropriate signs or barricades.

21.2(D) Reckless Operation

No person shall operate a vehicle along or over any road or drive within the Park in a reckless manner or without due regard for the safety and the rights of pedestrians and drivers and occupants of all other vehicles, so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person while in the lawful use of said Park drives or roads. (4511.20)

21.2(E) Reckless Operation - Off Road

No person shall operate a vehicle on any public or private property other than the street or drives without due regard for the safety of persons or property. (4511.201)

21.2(F) Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Reasonable Control

No person shall operate a motor vehicle on any street, highway, or property open to the public for vehicular travel without being in reasonable control of the vehicle. (4511.202)

21.2(G) Defacement of Surface

No person shall accelerate a motor vehicle causing the rubber tires to spin, mark or deface the park roadway or parking lot.

21.2(H) Speed Limit

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or be propelled along or over any road or drive within the Park, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than twenty (20) miles per hour or at a greater speed than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead. (4511.21)

21.2(I) Space Between Moving Vehicles

The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the roadway. (4511.34)

21.2(J) Driving Upon the Right Side of Roadway

Upon all roads and drives of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or when otherwise directed by a traffic control device, Ranger or other official within the Park. (4511.25)

21.2(K) Overtaking and Passing of Vehicles

The operator of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall signal to the vehicle to be overtaken with an audible signal, shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance, and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle. The vehicle overtaken shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle at the latter's audible signal and he shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle. (4511.27)

21.2(L) Overtaking and Passing in a Hazardous Zone

No vehicle shall be driven to the left of center in overtaking and passing traffic when approaching the crest of a grade, upon a curve in the roadway, or where the operator's view is obstructed within such a distance as to create a hazard in the event traffic might

approach from the opposite direction or when approaching within one hundred (100) feet of traversing any intersection. (4511.31)

21.2(M) Driving to the Left of Center

No vehicle shall be driven to the left of center or center line of the roadway in overtaking passing traffic proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe operation of any traffic approaching from the opposite direction or any traffic overtaken. (4511.30)

21.2(N) Turning in the Roadway

No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve, or upon the approach to or near the crest of a grade, if such vehicle cannot be seen within five hundred (500) feet by the driver of any vehicle from either direction. (4511.37)

21.2(O) Signaling, Starting, Backing, and Turning Movements

No person shall start, back, or change from a direct course upon a roadway until such person has given a clear and discernible signal before exercising such movement and having first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety. (4511.38 and 4511.39)

21.2(P) Right-of-Way yielded by Pedestrian

Every pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles, trackless trolleys, or streetcars upon the roadway. (4511.48)

21.2(Q) Stop Signs and Other Traffic Control Devices

All public highways, crossing or intersecting Park roads or drives, and all main Park roads or drives are declared to be through highways or through Park roads or drives, as the case may be, and shall be posted with "STOP" signs or with a red and green traffic control signal. Such signs shall bear the word "STOP" in letters not less than six (6) inches high and shall be erected as near as practicable to the line of the highway or to the line of the main Park road or drive. All operators of vehicles shall stop at all posted "STOP" signs or when the traffic control signal is indicating the color "RED". (4511.12)

21.2(R) Tampering with a Traffic Control Device

No person shall without lawful authority attempt to or willfully alter, deface, injure, knock down, or remove any traffic control device, sign or signal, or any inscription shield, or insignia thereon, or any part thereof. (4511.17)

21.2(S) Riding on Outside of Vehicle, Motor Vehicle and Motorized Bicycle

No person shall hang onto or knowingly permit others to ride on the outside of any vehicle, motor vehicle or motorized bicycle while it is moving upon a roadway, drive or parking area.

No person under the age of 16 years shall ride in the back of a pickup not properly equipped at speeds in excess of 25 miles per hour. (4511.51 {D}, {E})

21.2(T) Prohibition Against Attaching Bicycles and Sleds to Vehicles, Motor Vehicles, and Motorized Bicycles

No person riding upon or knowingly permitting others to ride a bicycle, sled, toboggan, skis, inner tube, skates or other toy vehicles shall attach the same or himself to any vehicle, motor vehicle, or motorized bicycle upon a roadway or parking area. (4511.54)

21.2(U) Driving a Vehicle in an Unsafe Condition

No person shall drive or move or knowingly permit to be driven or moved within the Park, any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in an unsafe condition as to endanger any person. This includes the provisions of Section 4513.01 to 4513.37 inclusive of the Revised Code of Ohio and Section 4513.99, paragraph A.

21.2(V) Operation of Motorcycles

No person shall operate a motorcycle, motorbike or moped over or upon any roadway within the Park without having a muffler in good working order and a fender covering each tire. (4513.22, 4513.13)

21.2(W) Trucks and Vehicles

Except by authority of special permission granted by the Director, or his designee, no person shall operate a truck, tractor or a vehicle designed and used for the transportation of goods and materials, as defined in ORC 4501.01 (C), (D), (J), or (P), with a gross vehicle weight of five tons or more whether loaded or empty, over any road or drive within the park, park reservation or parkway.

21.2(X) Motorcycles and Bicycles

No person shall operate a motorcycle within the Park without having and wearing safety equipment as prescribed in Sections 4511.53 of the Revised Code of Ohio and without having his operator's license endorsed for motorcycles. No person shall operate or be a passenger upon a bicycle or motorcycle other than upon a permanent and regular seat attached thereto, facing forward with one leg on each side of the vehicle. (4511.53)

21.2(Y) Paths Exclusively for Bicycles

No person shall operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, motorized bicycle, snowmobile, or all-purpose vehicle upon any path set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. (4511.713)

21.2(Z) Multi-Use Trail Right of Way

When trail conditions require a right of way for safe passage, horse riders have the primary right of way, hikers next and then cyclists while on park district property trails. (MM)

21.3(A) Lights on Vehicles, Motor Vehicles, and Motorized Bicycles

Every vehicle, motor vehicle, and motorized bicycle operating upon any road or drive, or within any part of the Park during the period from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise shall be equipped with and use the following minimum lights:

Automobiles:

1. Headlights - Two headlights in the front (and not more than two) one on either side of the vehicle and emitting a white light.
2. Taillight - One taillight emitting a red light positioned in the rear.
3. White light on license plate visible at 500 feet (4513.05)

Motorcycles, Motorbikes, Snowmobiles

1. Headlights - One headlight in the front emitting a white light.
2. Taillight - One taillight in the rear emitting a red light plus a white light to illuminate vehicle license.

21.3(B) Spotlights

No person shall use or shine spotlights or unnecessarily or continuously shine automobile headlights onto Park lands, except under the direction of a Park Ranger or Park employee, or except where necessary for the preservation of life or property. (4513.12, 1533.161)

21.3(C) Occupant Restraining Devices - Seat Belts

No person shall do any of the following:

- (1) Operate an automobile on any street or highway, in or adjacent to the Park, unless he is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device installed for use in its operator's seat.

- (2) Operate an automobile on any street or highway, in or adjacent to the Park, unless each passenger in the automobile is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.
- (3) Occupy, as a passenger, a seating position on the front seat of an automobile being operated on any street or highway, within or adjacent to the Park, unless he is wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device.
- (4) Divisions (A), (B), and (C) of this section do not apply to those persons exempted in Section 4513.263 (C) of the Revised Code.

21.3(D) Child Restraint System Required

When any child who is less than four years of age or weighs less than forty pounds is being transported in a motor vehicle, and the motor vehicle is required by the United States Department of Transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, the operator of the motor vehicle shall have the child properly secured in accordance with the manufacture's instructions in a child-restraint system that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. (4511.81)

21.3(E) Mufflers

Every motor vehicle with an internal combustion engine shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order so as not to produce excessive noise, smoke, or gas and be in constant operation, and no person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass, or similar device upon a motor vehicle in the Park. (4513.22)

21.3(F) Restrictions on use of Tinted Glass

- (A) The Director of Highway Safety, in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, shall adopt rules governing the use of tinted glass, and the use of transparent, nontransparent, translucent and reflectorized materials in or on motor vehicle windshields, side windows, sidewings, and rear windows that prevent a person of normal vision looking into the motor vehicle from seeing or identifying persons or objects inside the vehicle.
- (B) No person shall operate, on any highway or other public property open to the public for vehicular travel or parking, within or adjacent to the Park, unless the vehicle conforms to the requirements of this section and of any applicable rule adopted under this section.
- (C) No reflectorized materials shall be permitted upon or in any front window, side windows, sidewings, or rear window. (4513.241)

21.3(G) Signal Devices on Bicycles

Every bicycle when in use, in any park, during the time, from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall display:

- (1) A lamp on the front that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front;
 - (2) A red reflector on the rear of a type approved by the Director of Highway Safety that shall be visible from all distances from 100 to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle;
 - (3) A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector;
 - (4) An essentially colorless reflector on the front of a type approved by the Director of Highway Safety;
 - (5) Either with tires with retroreflective sidewalls or with an essentially colorless or amber reflector mounted on the spokes of the front wheel and an essentially colorless or red reflector mounted on the spokes of the rear wheel. Each reflector shall be visible on each side of the wheel from a distance of 600 feet when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. Retroreflective tires or reflectors shall be of a type approved by the Director of Highway Safety.
- (B) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one-hundred feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.
- (C) Every bicycle shall be equipped with an adequate brake when used on a street or highway. (4511.56)

21.3(H) All Loads to be Properly Secured

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway adjacent to, or on any road, street, or drive owned and maintained by the Park District, unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any of its load from dropping, shifting, leaking, or other wise escaping therefrom, except that sand or other substance may be dropped for the purpose of securing traction, or water or other substance may be sprinkled on a roadway in cleaning or maintaining such roadway. (4513.31)

21.3(I) Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices

No person shall operate electric personal assistive mobility devices (“EPAMDs”), as defined in ORC 4501.01(TT), on property owned and/or managed by the Park District. However, EPAMDs are permitted for use by District employees and emergency service personnel in the performance of their official duties and by persons with disabilities when used as a mobility device. (MM)

21.4(A) Parking

Parking shall be restricted to designated areas maintained as “A Parking Area” except in an emergency. (4511.66, .67, .68, .69)

21.4(B) Handicapped Parking

No person who is not handicapped or operating a motor vehicle to transport a handicapped person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle at special parking locations provided for the handicapped within or adjacent to the Park. Motor vehicles using handicapped parking areas must display the handicapped symbol in the window, or on the license plate.

21.4(C) After Hours Parking

No person shall leave any motor vehicle, motorized bicycle or other vehicle within a Park after closing hours except in an emergency and only after obtaining permission from the Director or Park Ranger. Any vehicle left within the Park after closing without permission shall be removed from the Park upon order of a Park Ranger at the owner’s expense.

21.5 Littering from Motor Vehicle

- (A) No operator or occupant of a motor vehicle shall, regardless of intent, throw, drop, discard, or deposit litter from any motor vehicle in operation upon any street, road or highway, except into a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away or deposited by the elements.
- (B) No operator of a motor vehicle in operation upon any street, road, or highway shall allow litter to be thrown, dropped, discarded, or deposited from the motor vehicle, except into a litter receptacle in a manner that prevents its being carried away or deposited by the elements.
- (C) As used in this section, “litter” means garbage, trash, waste, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, automobile parts, furniture, glass or anything else of unsightly or unsanitary nature.

21.6 Prohibition Against Placing Injurious Material on Highway

- (A) No person shall place or knowingly drop upon any part of a trail, lane, road, or street, owned and maintained by the Park District, any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails, or other articles which may damage or injure any person, vehicle, or animal within or adjacent to the Park.
- (B) No person, with the intent to cause physical harm to a person or a vehicle, shall place or knowingly drop upon any part of a trail, lane, road, parking lot, or street, owned and maintained by the Park District, any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails, or other articles which may damage or injure any person, vehicle, or animal within or adjacent to the Park. (4511.74)

21.7 Willfully Abandoning Junk Motor Vehicle Prohibited

No person shall willfully leave an abandoned junk motor vehicle as defined in Section 4513.63 of the Revised Code on Park District property for any period of time without the permission of the Park District and without notifying the Park District as to the reasons for the motor vehicle being left in such place. (4513.64)

22.0 SNOWMOBILES AND ALL PURPOSE VEHICLES AND WINTER ACTIVITIES

22.1 Snowmobiles and All Purpose Vehicles in Restricted Areas

No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-purpose vehicle (APV) within the Park other than in areas designated by the Director. Vehicles and their operation shall conform to all applicable provisions of Ohio Revised Code 4519 under this section as the same and part of Wood County Park District Rules and Regulations adopted in accordance with Revised Code Section 4519.48.

22.2 Operators of Motorized Bicycles to be Licensed: Rules Concerning Equipment and Area of Use

- (A) No person shall operate a motorized bicycle upon a highway or any public or private property used by the public for purposes of vehicular travel or parking unless both of the following conditions are met:
 - (1) The person is fourteen (14) years of age or older and holds either a valid operator's license issued under Chapter 4507 of the Revised Code or a valid motorized bicycle license issued after the person has passed the test provided for in Chapter 4501.23;
 - (2) The motorized bicycle is equipped in accordance with the Ohio Administrative Code and is in proper working order. Motorized bicycles shall be operated on paved road surfaces only and no person shall operate a motorized bicycle over or upon any paths, walks, or trails within the Park. (4511.521, 4501-23-01 to 4501-23-33)

23.0 MISCELLANEOUS

23.1 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.

23.2 Revised Code Cross-Reference

Cross references to the Revised Code are intended for the convenience of Rangers 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.

23.3 Areas/Activities Closed - Special Use Permits

Whenever, and for the proper management of parklands, or for the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, the Director determines that certain parks or park areas, or certain public activities therein, should be closed to the general public, they may be designated as closed by the Director. No person shall enter, remain, stop, or park within any area designated as closed or conduct any activity therein except by a special use permit issued by the Director. The Director shall report any such closing to the Board at the next regular meeting following the closing, it shall remain in effect until the Board is notified that the Director intends to discontinue such closing.

23.4 Baldwin Woods/Cricket Frog Cove closed to non hunters

The Baldwin Woods Preserve area and the Cricket Frog Cove area are closed to all activities OTHER THAN HUNTING during the current hunting season set and posted by the Park District. All the Ohio hunting regulations apply, with the exception of legal hunting times and days, which may vary in each park.

23.5 Metal Detecting Prohibited

No person shall use a metal detector within Park District Property.