

RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

- **PARK HOURS:** No person is permitted within the confines of the park between the hours of dark and re-opening.
- Dogs and cats are allowed only in the picnic and parking areas. Pets must be restrained by a leash no longer than 8 feet in length.
- No person shall injure, deface, destroy or remove any property which is owned or controlled by the Park District, including but not limited to: rocks, minerals, stones, sod, sand, earth, trees, wood, shrubs, plants, flowers, mushrooms, nuts or other seeds.
- No person shall leave the official, or improved, nature trails while visiting natural areas of the park.
- No person shall disturb the peace.
- No person shall beg, hawk, peddle, or solicit anything within the park.
- No person shall engage in games of chance within the park.
- No person shall sell, offer for sale, buy, offer to buy, furnish, consume or possess beer, wine, intoxicating liquors, narcotics, opiates, hallucinogens, or be in a state of intoxication or under the influence of drugs within the limits of the park.
- No person shall operate or play a radio, tape recorder, or musical instrument that disturbs the peace and good order within the park.
- No individuals or organizations shall conduct, sponsor, or promote any public activity without prior authorization of the Board.
- No person shall assault or commit bodily injury upon another within the park.
- No person shall loiter in or near any building or vehicle within the park.
- No person shall enter a restroom set aside for the opposite sex.
- No person shall appear in a state of nudity in the park.
- No person shall litter, bring into, or dump any material of any kind in the park. Receptacles are provided throughout the park.
- No person shall possess any firearms, weapons, fireworks, explosives, or harmful devices in the park.
- No person shall start a fire except small fires for cooking purposes in park grills or privately owned grills outside of structures or in fireplaces provided in some shelters.
- No person shall post or circulate any printed text, materials, or banners without the permission of the Director.
- No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within the limits of the park or adjacent to the park, without a written permit from the Director.
- No person shall operate a bicycle or motorized bicycle on any path except areas designated as bicycle paths.
- No person shall drive any vehicle in a reckless manner, or without due regard to persons and public or private property in the park.
- No person shall leave any motor vehicle, wagon, or other vehicle within the park after closing hours, except in an emergency and only after obtaining permission from the Director or Park Ranger.
- No person shall park in any area not designated a "parking area."
- No person shall operate a snowmobile or all-purpose vehicle within any park area.
- No person shall ride any horse within or adjacent to the park, except upon designated and established paths for horseback riders.
- No person shall disturb or molest any bird or animal, its nest or habitat within the park.
- No person shall fish without an Ohio fishing license, or without a Park District permit, in any waters where such permit is required.
- No person shall release any wild or domestic animal or plant in the park.
- No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within the park without a specific written permit.
- No person shall use the park ponds for skating, unless they are posted as safe.
- No person shall swim in any lakes, rivers, ponds or any other body of water, except for areas designated for that purpose.
- No person shall operate any boat, life raft, innertube or like object upon any body of water, except on Lima Lake Reservoir located at Ottawa Metro Park.
- No person shall play games requiring equipment (horseshoes, golf, baseball) outside of designated areas or without due regard for other park visitors or park property.
- No person shall operate engine-powered or self-propelled devices (model vehicles, boats, airplanes, rockets) without permission from the Director, except that model boats are permitted daily in the retention pond near the main drive in Ottawa Metro Park.

SUMMARY

This condensed listing is taken from the official "Rules and Regulations" which are enforced for the conservation of the parks and the safety of park visitors. A complete list is available from a Ranger or may be obtained at the Park District Office.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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TO REPORT ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OR EMERGENCY CALL 221-1232, 911 OR 227-3535

ALL STATE LAWS APPLY

Ohio Revised Code sections, including motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, watercraft, wildlife and environmental protection all apply to park properties and may be enforced by any Ohio law enforcement officer.

**VIOLETORS OF THESE RULES WILL BE PROSECUTED
TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW**