

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS



**General Information
& Regulations**

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The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing quality recreation experiences that encourage healthy lifestyles, support economic prosperity, and promote the protection of natural resources.

Oakland County is a better place to live because its parks system not only provides open green areas, but also offers many opportunities for leisure time and recreational activities.

Most people use the Oakland County Parks thoughtfully, but there are always those who lack the understanding, willingness, or appreciation to protect natural treasures and leave them for others to enjoy.

These rules and regulations have been established to benefit the large majority of people who appreciate the parks owned and operated by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission. These rules are enforced in compliance with State of Michigan PA 1965, NO. 261.

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Pursuant to Act 261 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1965, as amended, the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission herewith promulgates and publishes the following rules for use, protection, regulation and control of all of its services, facilities and parks, recreation, conservation, education, historic, and scenic areas and preserves and parkways. Revised 01/12.

Section 1. GENERAL PUBLIC

Any group or gathering may use certain designated areas within Commission property to the exclusion of others by making application, depositing a fee, and being granted a permit by the supervisor or his designated representative of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Section 2. HOURS

No person shall remain upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission between darkness (30 minutes after sunset) and 7 a.m., except at designated park areas. Provided, however, that upon application to the Commission or its authorized agent said hours may be extended. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter any portion of park lands or waters which have been designated as closed to public use or entry.

Section 3. FEES AND CHARGES

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility, land or area for which a fee/charge has been established by the Commission without payment for such fee or charge, unless authorized in writing by the Commission.

Section 4. PERMITS

1. Application for a permit for reserved park space shall be made upon forms furnished by the Commission.
2. In the event more applications for reserved park space are received than space is available, such applications shall be considered in the chronological order received.
3. Nothing contained herein shall operate to exempt the users of reserved space from full compliance with all rules of the Commission relating to use and conduct on Commission property.
4. No erection, construction or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath the Commission property by any person, firm or corporation without first having obtained written permission from the Commission authorizing such installation or

- construction and a permit specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled to the terms of such approval.
5. Notwithstanding any of the provisions hereof, the Commission or its agent may, upon written application, grant specific use permits for special uses when in the opinion of the Commission or its agent's special consideration is warranted.

Section 5. EMERGENCY POWERS

Nothing in these rules shall:

1. Prohibit or hinder duly-authorized agents of the Commission or any peace officers from performing their official duties.
2. Prohibit the Commission, Executive Officer, or park supervisor from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare, and safety of park visitors, protect park property, and maintain order.

Section 6. SWIMMING, BATHING AND WADING

1. No person shall:
 - a. Swim, bathe, wade or scuba dive in any of the watercourses, lakes, ponds, or sloughs located within or upon the properties administered by or under the Commission's jurisdiction except at such times and places as may be provided or designated for such purpose. Persons must abide by posted swim rules.
 - b. Carry any food or beverage of any kind or have in their possession any glass or metal container on any beach or in the water adjacent thereto.
 - c. Use any flotation devices, inflatable or otherwise, in any watercourses, lakes, ponds, or sloughs under the Commission's jurisdiction except in specifically designated areas where posted.
2. Public indecency is prohibited on property under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Persons on property or facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission (including but not limited to lands, water and beaches) shall not intentionally or recklessly do any of the

following under circumstances in which his or her conduct is likely to be viewed as an affront to others.

- a. Expose his or her private parts, including buttocks, with less than a full opaque covering;
- b. Engage in any actual or simulated sexual conduct; or
- c. Violate any Michigan statute provision relating to nudity and/or public indecency.

3. General Waterpark Rules and Information

- a. Waterpark patrons shall follow all rules governed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Commerce and Carnival & Amusement.
- b. Waterparks are smoke-free and alcohol-free facilities. Alcohol is also not permitted in waterpark parking lots.
- c. Glass or metal containers are prohibited inside the waterparks.
- d. Service animals are the only animals permitted in the waterparks.
- e. Lifejackets, tubes, chairs, shaded areas, and charcoal grills are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Tubes must remain in the pool area and may not be taken to picnic areas. Chairs may be used by guests who are present in the waterparks. They may not be held for anticipated guests.
- f. Outside inflatables, chairs, umbrellas, tents, and/or grills are prohibited.
- g. Guests may bring their own personal flotation devices; however, they must be United States Coast Guard approved with the stamped seal.
- h. Ball and/or Frisbee throwing/kicking are not permitted inside the waterparks.
- i. Only personal radios are allowed in the park and may only be listened to via headphones. Playing a stereo/radio with speakers is not allowed.
- j. Proper swim attire must be worn in all water features. Proper swim attire is defined as commercial swimsuit with a built-in liner.
- k. Waterpark patrons must follow all other posted rules and procedures.

Section 7. CAMPING

A. FAMILY AND SINGLE CAMPS

- 1. Registration**–Upon arrival, the head of the family must register. (A family consists of father and/or mother and unmarried children of the same household.)
- 2. Permits**–Issued for not more than 31 consecutive nights, but may be renewed. Only one permit per campsite is issued.
- 3. Camper Vehicle Permit**–Every vehicle registered must display the vehicle permit on the driver’s side of the windshield while the vehicle is in the park.
- 4. Assignment of Sites**–All campers are assigned a site. Site changes must be approved by the park supervisor.
- 5. Parking of Trailers**–The tongue of camping trailer hitch must face the road. This permits removal in case of fire or to prevent “boxing in” trailers.
- 6. Off-Road Recreational Vehicles**—prohibited in all parks.
- 7. Occupancy**–
 - a. Limited to immediate family or up to four single persons ages 18 years or older.
 - b. Any child under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
 - c. Not more than one camping trailer and one tent OR two tents and no trailer will be permitted per campsite. No more than two vehicles are allowed per campsite.
 - d. Campers must erect their shelter immediately after registration and occupy the site.
 - e. Campers shall not leave their children unattended.
 - f. Campers shall not sublet camping sites, register a site for another person, or transfer permits and equipment.
 - g. Campsites shall not be left unoccupied more than 48 hours after initial registration.

8. **Reservations**–Select campsites are available for reservations. Campsites are also available on a “first–come, first–served” basis based upon registration activity.
9. **Check-Out Time**–3 p.m. on the date of camping permit expiration. Campers desiring to remain in the park after this time must break camp and move all equipment from the campground to the day–use parking lot.
10. **Renewals**–Must be made at the contact station by 10 a.m. on the date the camping permit expires.
11. **Rain checks**–Must be approved by the park supervisor. They will be honored any day during the same year issued.
12. **Visitors**–All visitors must pay the day–use entrance fee. Vehicles will be parked in the day–use lot or designated parking areas. No visitors will be allowed in the park between darkness (30 minutes after sunset) and 8 a.m.
13. **Quiet Hours**–Observed 11 p.m.–7 a.m. All campers must stay at their own campsites after 11 p.m. No walking or driving through the campgrounds after 11 p.m. will be allowed except directly to/from the restrooms. No power generators shall be operated 10 p.m.–8 a.m.
14. **Pets**–Household pets are permitted if confined on a leash not exceeding six feet in length. No pets will be permitted in the beach area, picnic ground or any building, pavilion or waterway. Dogs are allowed on trails on a six–foot leash. All pets must have proper vaccinations. Pets must not be left unattended or left in a car or trailer. Owners must clean up pet waste.
15. **Dog Bites**–All dog bites must be reported immediately to the park supervisor or Oakland County Sheriff Office deputy who will contact Oakland County Animal Control. The dog must then be confined in the trailer or vehicle.
16. **Water Outlets**–Available to obtain water for use at campsites only. Washing of vehicles, dishes, clothes, pets or your person at these outlets is prohibited. No hose will be permanently attached to any water outlet.

17. **Waste Water**–All grey/waste water must be disposed of at the designated dump station(s).
18. **Emergencies**–If you are expecting an emergency message, register your name and campsite number.
19. **Clotheslines**–Must be removed at sundown. At no time shall a clothesline or any other line be attached to any electrical or lot posts, trees, fences, etc.
20. **Conduct**–It is prohibited to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct; to disturb or annoy other persons; to become intoxicated or possess, use, deliver or sell controlled substances; or to lie upon walks, roads or paths obstructing the free passage of other persons.
21. **Trash**–Garbage is to be placed in receptacles provided for that purpose. Campsites are to be kept clean. Trash will be picked up each morning. Check with the park staff to find out the exact time.
22. **Excessive Noise**– Sound–amplifying equipment, loudspeakers, or public address systems are prohibited unless written permission is given by the Parks Commission. It is also prohibited to operate a motor vehicle, radio, television, large electrical appliance, refrigerator, or any device in a manner that produces excessive noise.
23. **Large Electrical Appliances**–Refrigerators, etc. are not permitted outside trailers.
24. **Speed Limit**–Maximum vehicle speed is 20 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

B. CABIN RENTAL

1. No pets or smoking allowed in any cabin.
2. Cooking is not permitted inside cabins.
3. Gas or electric portable heaters are not allowed.
4. Cabins must be cleaned before leaving and left in the same condition as found.
5. The parks staff may remove from a cabin any individual or party who is in violation of any Oakland County Parks rules and regulations. If there is no damage to county property by an evicted group, a

cancellation fee will be deducted from a refund for the unused time, at the discretion of the park supervisor.

6. No tents allowed at cabins.
7. Occupancy limited to cabin capacity.

C. ORGANIZED CLUBS/GROUPS

1. All campers must follow all the above camping rules.
2. Campers will be assigned to designated group areas only through advance reservation.
3. Any club member wishing to stay longer than the club's expiration day must first check with the park supervisor to be sure another club will not be coming into the area, then register individually at the control station.
4. Visitors–Must pay the day–use park fee and leave by sunset.
5. Water Outlets–Available to obtain water to fill water tanks only. Washing of vehicles, dishes, clothes, pets or your person at these outlets is prohibited. No hose will be allowed to be permanently attached to water outlet.
6. Campers will be required to share pavilion with group in same area.

D. YOUTH ORGANIZATION CAMP

1. An organization camp is a group of youth under the age of 17, who are members of a recognized organization, camping with their adult (age 18 years or older) leaders.
2. Camping area must be reserved in advance.
3. Campers will be placed in an organized campground area. Each group must have one adult leader for every five youths.
4. Tent camping only, unless a trailer or camper will be used as a first aid station or headquarters.
5. No trenching around tents. No ground fires are permitted unless in designated fire circles.
6. Grey/waste water should be deposited in designated receptacles. All garbage shall be placed in plastic bags and deposited in a central pick-up spot each evening. No clothesline will be left up after sunset.

7. All persons will be restricted to their campsites after dark. There is a curfew after dark. Quiet hours (11 p.m.–7 a.m.) will be observed.
8. It is unlawful to cut, injure, destroy or pick any plant, tree, and flower or shrub; or to damage any property operated by the Commission.

Section 8. BOATING

No person shall bring into, use or navigate any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other watercraft upon any watercourse, lagoon, lake, reservoir, pond or slough located within or upon the properties administered by or under the Commission's jurisdiction, except at such time or place as may be provided or designated for such purpose. All watercraft shall comply with and be used in compliance with Public Act 303 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan, of 1967 as amended, and such regulations as may be adopted under the authority of the act. Air mattresses, inner tubes and other flotation devices are prohibited except in designated swimming areas. Belly boats and other specialty flotation equipment may be used. United States Coastguard approved individual flotation jacket or vest must be properly worn by all occupants. No gasoline powered watercrafts are allowed on any Commission waterway unless authorized by the Commission. Electric motors are not to exceed 24 foot pounds of thrust/24 volt system.

Section 9. MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind or nature, including but not limited to any motor driven sled, toboggan, or snowmobile, trail bike, or all-terrain vehicle, except on designated roads and parking areas.
2. Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour or at any speed greater than that posted.
3. Violate provisions of Motor Vehicle Act 300 of the Public Acts of 1949.
4. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its regulations, the Commission will authorize persons with mobility

disabilities to use certain types of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) on park trails. To determine if any particular OPDMD is approved, visit DestinationOakland.com or call 1.888.OCPARKS.

Section 10. PARKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS

Standing for loading or unloading in certain places:

1. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or for the unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials.
2. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.
3. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any area not designated for such purposes.

Section 11. OPERATION OF BICYCLES

1. Bicycles shall be operated as closely to the right-hand side of the path, trail or roadway as conditions will permit and not more than two bicycles shall be operated abreast.
2. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any bicycle whereupon any path, trail or roadway to carry any person upon the handlebar or frame of any bicycle, or for any person to so ride upon such bicycle.
3. Bicycles may be operated upon such paths, trails, or roadways as may be posted allowing such use; provided, however, no such use shall be allowed between sunset and sunrise.
4. Personal safety items, such as a helmet, are recommended. Failure to wear protective equipment while using the facility may result in serious injury or death. The Commission does not assume any responsibility for injuries.

Section 12. SKATING AND COASTING

1. No person shall use roller skates, in-line skates or skateboards within or upon Commission property, except at such times and upon such places as may be designated or maintained therefore. Personal safety items, such as a helmet, wrist pads and knee pads are recommended.
2. No person shall skate, sled, walk or go upon any ice, or snowshoe, or ski, except at such times and upon such places as may be designated or maintained therefore.
3. No person shall within or upon Commission property coast with hand sleds, bobs, carts, or other vehicles on wheels or runners except at such times and places as may be designated or maintained therefore.
4. The skateboarding area at Groveland Oaks is open to children and persons of all ages. Use at your own risk. Skateboarding and skating are hazardous recreational activities. Parents should be in attendance and supervise their children at all times.
5. Be courteous to others. Users must be under control at all times. Uncontrolled skating activities that endanger others will result in ejection from the skateboarding area. NO bicycles allowed inside the skateboarding area. This area is for the use of skateboarding only. All other uses prohibited.
6. NO food or beverages allowed inside fenced area.
7. It is recommended that all participants should use protective equipment while using this facility. Failure to wear protective equipment while using the facility may result in serious injury or death. Commission does not assume any responsibility for injuries.

Section 13. PERSONAL CONDUCT

It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants, narcotics, or other mind-affecting drugs, or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace, or disturb or

annoy others, while in or on any Commission property.

8. It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery or game of chance upon Commission property except as permitted by state law and approved by the Commission.
9. Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages. Except for the waterparks, alcoholic beverages may be brought onto Commission property to be consumed in moderate amounts in conjunction with picnics, camping, and reserved group functions.
10. Keg beer is not allowed except by special permission from the park supervisor.
11. All beverages, whether alcoholic or otherwise, must be served in unbreakable containers.
12. Sale of Alcoholic Beverages. The sale of alcoholic beverages will be permitted under regulation and approval of the Commission in accordance with its written and approved policy. Such regulation shall include the hours of the day and where the sale will occur. Such sales of alcoholic beverages shall be made only for sale in individual drinks (not in original packages or otherwise bulk) and shall be served for consumption on the immediate premises.

Section 14. METAL DETECTORS

Metal detectors will be allowed in the picnic, campground, and general park area. With permission from the park supervisor, metal detectors will be allowed in the beach area when the beach has been closed to the public. The use of metal detectors in the water will be done by a group of volunteers approved through the Commission's Chief of Operations and Maintenance—North or South District.

Section 15. USE OF LOUDSPEAKER

It shall be unlawful to use a loudspeaker, public-address system, or amplifier within or upon Commission property without a written permit issued by the Commission or its representative.

Section 16. PUBLIC EXHIBITION

No person shall exhibit any machine, display, animal, perform any acrobatic exhibitions, carry on any performance, or do anything whatsoever in or upon any property of the Commission which shall cause persons to congregate so as to interfere with the proper use of such property by the general public or to obstruct the passage of vehicles or persons, without first having obtained written permission from the Commission.

Section 17. FISHING

1. Fishing will be permitted within or upon Commission property in accordance with the laws of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in such areas designated for such purposes. All shanties must comply with the State of Michigan Fishing Laws.
2. Upper Bushman Lake at Independence Oaks–North County Park has been designated as a Special Regulation Catch-and-Release Only Fishery by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Fisheries order 244, which became effective April 1, 2012.

Section 18. DESTRUCTION OF PLANT LIFE AND NATURAL SURROUNDINGS

No person shall:

1. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass without the Commission's written approval.
2. Remove or cause to be removed any seeds, sod, earth humus, peat, boulders, gravel or sand, firewood without the Commission's written permission.

Section 19. LITTERING AND POLLUTION OF WATERS

It shall be unlawful:

1. To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon the property of the Commission except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.
2. To throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission any substance, matter of thing, liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.

Section 20. FIRES

1. No person shall willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brush land, grassland or meadow upon any land under the jurisdiction of the Commission unless authorized.
2. No person shall build any fire upon Commission property except within the fireplace, receptacles or open spaces approved and designated by the Commission for such purposes.
3. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, paper or other flammable material within or upon any land under the jurisdiction of the Commission unless authorized.
4. No pallets, treated wood or other noxious materials are to be put in campfires.

Section 21. DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS, MARKERS, MONUMENTS AND OTHER PROPERTIES

No person shall upon Parks Commission property:

1. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post, or blaze, marking or designating any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
2. Cut breaks, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge, or other structure.
3. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether

permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon Commission property.

4. Appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historical or pre-historical ruin or any object of antiquity, without the Commission's permission.

Section 22. CONTRABAND

All game animals, fowl, birds, fish and other aquatic life, hunted, killed, taken or destroyed, bought, sold, bartered or had in possession, contrary to any of the provisions hereof, shall be declared to be contraband and shall be turned over to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for disposal. Provided further, any weapon or object carried or used by any person in violation of these rules, shall be subject to seizure by the Commission or its agents to be disposed of according to law.

Section 23. FIREARMS

The use, possession, and carrying of firearms on Commission property shall be governed by federal, state and local law.

Section 24. FIREWORKS

No person shall fire, discharge or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecrackers, sparklers, torpedo, squib or other fireworks or any substance of an explosive or dangerous nature within or upon the Commission property unless the Commission or its authorized agent shall have authorized same by the issuance of a permit therefore. Any permit issued hereunder shall not relieve a person desiring to use fireworks from obtaining the necessary permits as required by law from the local governing authority wherein this park is located.

Section 25. PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, or to distribute handbills or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs on any lands, waters, structures, or property

administered by or under the Commission's jurisdiction or to use such lands, waters, structures or property unless first authorized in writing by the Commission or its authorized agent.

Section 26. CONTINUOUS WALKING OR CRUISING IN OR NEAR CAMPGROUNDS

It shall be unlawful to continuously walk into or cruise in any motor-driven vehicle in, through and around campgrounds for the purpose of attracting or distracting persons or visitors using campsites; or for the purpose of using a boat ramp, beach building or other camping facility, except registered campers or bona fide visitors to a specific registered camp.

Section 27. ANIMALS AND BIRDS

1. It shall be unlawful for any persons while on Commission property to:
 - a. Cause any animal or fowl to run at large.
 - b. Torture, ill-treat or neglect any animal or fowl.
 - c. Bring, drive or lead any animal onto Commission property; except horses and other beasts of burden and draft animals may be ridden by persons in charge thereof or driven before a vehicle attached thereto, on such portions of Commission property as may be designated for riding or driving by the Commission and except dogs may be brought on trails on a six-foot leash, where posted, or to dog parks.
 - d. Cause or permit any horse or other animal to stand on any Commission property unless securely hitched or in the charge of some competent person.
 - e. Lead their dog or pet to enter any public building or to be upon any designated beach or picnic area, except a trained and working Leader Dog.
 - f. Exotic mammals, birds, fish, and reptiles will not be allowed on Commission property without the Park Supervisor's permission. Exotic wildlife prohibited from parks includes, but is not limited to

monkeys, snakes, lizards, birds (including birds of prey), fish, and insects.

- g. Dispose/set free any wild or domestic animal upon Commission property unless authorized by the Commission or the Park Supervisor.
2. Dog Parks – Dog Parks have been designated by the Commission for the purpose of exercising dogs off leash. While in the areas, all dogs and guardians must obey the posted rules, including:
 - a. Keep dogs on leash until inside enclosure;
 - b. Maximum of two dogs per visitor;
 - c. Dogs must have current license, up-to-date vaccinations, and respond to voice commands;
 - d. No dogs under four months of age;
 - e. Dogs must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) at all times, even inside enclosures;
 - f. Owners are responsible for pets at all times;
 - g. Those creating problems will be asked to leave. Off-leash does not mean out of control;
 - h. Owners must clean up pet droppings; bags provided on site;
 - i. Lake Sixteen access at Orion Oaks is for dogs only; and
 - j. The owner will assume full responsibility for all pets brought lawfully or unlawfully onto park property.

Section 28. TREATMENT OF ANIMALS AND BIRDS

1. No person shall hunt any animal in or upon any land or waters under the jurisdiction of the Commission unless authorized.
2. No person shall trap, catch, wound, kill, attempt to trap, catch, wound or kill any bird or animal, molest or rob any nest of any bird or lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land or waters under the jurisdiction of the Commission unless authorized.
 - a. **Hunting**– The use of firearms is prohibited unless authorized by the Commission. All hunting will be in accordance with the laws of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. All hunters must also

abide by any additional rules established by the Commission.

- b. **Trapping**– Permitted on Commission property in specific areas at selected parks. All trapping will be in accordance with the laws of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. All trappers must also abide by any additional rules established by the Commission.
- c. **Snake Bites**– Snakes shall not be harmed, killed, or otherwise dispatched. All snake bites must be reported immediately to 911. Bite victims must seek immediate medical attention and provide bite incident details to the Park Supervisor or Park Natural Resources Planner.

Section 29. HORSES

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead or cause a horse to be upon any property administered by or under the Commission's jurisdiction except on specifically designated and posted areas or bridle paths or by permit on field trial areas.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property or persons of others on any lands administered by or under the Commission's jurisdiction.
3. The driver of any vehicle shall yield the right of way to any person riding a horse on marked bridle paths where such bridle paths cross streets or roadways.

Section 30. LIVESTOCK

No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across any property administered by or under the Commission's jurisdiction without written permission.

Section 31. HOT AIR BALLOONS, AIRPLANES AND PARACHUTES

No person shall make any ascent in any hot air balloon, airplane or ultra light, or any descent in or from any hot air balloon, airplane or parachute

on any lands or waters administered by or under the Commission's jurisdiction unless authorized in writing by the Commission.

Section 32. UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTION

No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidations, unlawful fencing, enclosing or by other means, prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any property administered by or under the Commission's jurisdiction.

Section 33. HINDERING EMPLOYEES

No person shall interfere with, or in any manner hinder, any employee or agent of the Commission while performing his official duties.

Section 34. RESISTING PARK EMPLOYEES

No person shall interfere with any park employee in the discharge of his duties; or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any park employee.

Section 35. IMPERSONATION OF PARK EMPLOYEES

No person shall impersonate any employee or contracted employee of the Commission for any reason whatsoever.

Section 36. FINES AND IMPRISONMENT

Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$100 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the Oakland County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days, or both, for each offense.

Section 37. SPECIAL USE AREAS

Special use areas will have posted Commission rules and regulations specific to the area's use and users conduct. Areas include, but are not limited to: beaches; waterparks; bicycle motocross track; dog parks; disc golf course; golf; driving range; cross-country ski trails; mountain biking; etc.

Section 38. FREE SPEECH

Parks are traditional public forums that citizens may use for purpose of assembly, communicating thoughts, discussing public questions and protests. Peaceful assemblies, public demonstrations and other types of protests are permissible except where such activity will do the following:

1. Disrupt scheduled events at the parks or facilities;
2. Create a hazard to park property, facilities or resources;
3. Physically interfere with other park visitors' use of park property or facilities; or
4. Block traffic or block the path of others using the park or facilities.

“Disrupt,” as used above, does not include peacefully holding a protest sign at a public meeting or acting in a manner that does not prevent others from participating in a scheduled event at a park or facility, or that does not create a hazard to the health, welfare and safety of park visitors, or that does not destroy park property, facilities or resources.

If a planned assembly or public demonstration on parkland can be reasonably anticipated to disrupt, create a hazard, physically interfere, or block traffic or the path of other visitors, as specified above in numbered paragraphs 1–4, organizers of such activities shall provide two business days' notice to the Commission.

Speech may not be restricted based on content or views expressed, except that the speakers may not:

1. Use fighting words, which are words that their very utterance tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
2. Threaten to physically harm others; or
3. Engage in obscene speech or conduct as that termed is defined by MCL 752.362(5).

Organizers must also comply with all other governmental requirements, including these Parks Rules, for conducting such assemblies or public demonstrations.

Section 39.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING

Photography and Recording Requiring a Permit: Persons may take still photographs or video or audio recordings within the parks without first obtaining a written permit from the Commission unless any of the following apply:

1. the photographs or recordings are being taken for the purpose of advertising a product or service;
2. the photographs or recordings involve professional or amateur casts, props, models, or crews, other than bona fide news media personnel covering a news event that cannot be covered at any other time or at any other location;
3. the project requires access to an area that is closed or restricted to the general public; and
4. the project carries substantial risk of damaging park resources, disrupting park visitors, disrupting park operations, or compromising public health and safety regulations already covered by law.

IMPORTANT—violations of any of the above rules and regulations may cause for removal from the park. Violators may also be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

DEFINITIONS

1. “Commission” shall mean the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission or its Executive Officer.
2. “Commission property” shall mean all lands, waters and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.
3. “Person” or “persons” shall mean individuals, male or female, singular or plural; firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
4. “Camping” means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons in a tent, trailer-coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises within any park or recreation area administered by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. “Rules” shall mean the rules adopted by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission applicable to all property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the said Commission and all amendments thereto. These rules are enforced in compliance with State of Michigan Public Act 261.

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