

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC USE OF COUNTY  
PARK LANDS AND PROPERTIES AS ADOPTED BY THE MONMOUTH  
COUNTY BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS ON  
DECEMBER 4, 2023, BY RESOLUTION NO. R-23-12-4=473**

*Be it resolved by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners that the following Rules and Regulations be adopted for the protection, regulation, and control of parks, roads, driveways, sidewalks, paths, lakes, pools, fountains, trees, flowers, shrubs, statuary, buildings, and other things contained within and upon property controlled by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners.*

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. CANNABIS. DRUGS**

1. No person shall possess, or consume, or be under the influence of alcoholic beverages, cannabis, or controlled dangerous substances within any County park, recreation area, conservation area, hunting area or other real property under the control of the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "Park Land"). The Board of Recreation Commissioners may designate special use areas or special events where alcoholic beverages may be consumed.

**GROUP USE. MEETINGS. EXHIBITIONS**

2. No organized group or group of fifty (50) or more persons shall use Park Land without first having obtained a group use permit not later than seven (7) days before the proposed date of use. Group use shall be limited to designated areas. Adult supervision is required at all times for groups of minors.
3. No person shall call or hold any meeting or host an entertainment event of any kind within Park Land without first having obtained written permission in advance from the Board of Recreation Commissioners no later than seven (7) days before the proposed date of use.
4. No person shall use loudspeakers, public address systems, amplifiers, or any other device which projects sound within Park Land without first having obtained written permission in advance from the Board of Recreation Commissioners no later than seven (7) days before the proposed date of use. Sound shall be kept at a level that cannot be heard more than 150 feet from the source. Nor shall audio device, video device, or musical instrument, two-way radio, communication device, or cellular telephone be used in such a manner as to create a nuisance.

**ANIMALS**

5. Domestic animals must be kept on a leash and under control at all times. Domestic animals are not permitted to run at large within Park Land, either with or without a handler, except in those areas designated for that purpose by the Board of Recreation Commissioners. Domestic animals shall not be allowed in areas indicated by signage. Handlers of domestic animals must clean up, remove, and properly dispose of their animals' excrement discharged within Park Land.
6. No person shall ride, drive, lead, or keep a saddle horse, or other animal within Park

Land, except on such roads, trails, or other areas, unless it has been designated or posted for this purpose by the Board of Recreation Commissioners. Riding, driving, or leading a horse across formal turf areas is prohibited. No horse or other animal shall be hitched to any tree or shrub in a manner that may cause damage.

7. No person shall bring, release, relocate, abandon, or dispose of any other type of animal into or upon Park Land.

### **REFUSE. POLLUTION**

8. No person shall litter or leave other rubbish within Park Land, except in a receptacle designated for that purpose.
9. No person shall throw or place any dirt, stone, rock debris, foreign substance, or waste substance into or upon Park Land or in any lake, river, creek, stream, pond or lagoon within or bordering upon land of any Park Land.
10. No person shall throw, cast, lay or drop, discharge into, or allow to remain in the water of any Park Land, or in any river, creek, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into said waters, any substance, matter, or thing which may result in the pollution of said waters.

### **NATURAL AND PARK FEATURES**

11. No person shall pick flowers, foliage, berries, or fruit, or cut, break, dig up, climb upon, or in any way mutilate, deface, or injure any tree, shrub, plant, fern, grass, alive or dead, within any Park Land.
12. No person shall bring into or upon Park Land, any tree, shrub, plant, grass, or seed, or any branches, leaves, grass clippings, or other natural debris.
13. No person shall dig up or remove any dirt, stone, rock, or other substance, make any excavation, quarry sand, or lay or set off any blast within Park Land, unless it has been specifically designated and posted for this purpose or written permission has been granted by the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
14. No person shall, add to, change, cut, deface, destroy, install, mark upon, remove, or otherwise damage any structure or fixture, including but not limited to, benches, boundary markers, bridges, buildings, drains, equipment, fences, foundations, gates, landscape features, materials, monuments, paths, posts, signs, trails, trail markers, trail structures, survey markers, walls, or any other object within Park Land.
15. No person shall remove or cut firewood, regardless of whether the tree or wood is dead, fallen diseased, or otherwise, from Park Land without written permission from the Board of Recreation Commissioners.

### **FIRES. FIREWORKS**

16. No person shall build, light, or maintain a fire within Park Land, except in a fire ring or a fireplace, provided, maintained, or designated for such purpose by the Board of Recreation

Commissioners. Propane grills may be used in established camp sites or picnic areas where other picnic grills are permitted. Only charcoal fires are allowed in designated picnic grills.

17. No person shall possess, discharge, or set off within Park Land any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, or other fireworks.

### **HUNTING. FISHING**

18. No person shall discharge any weapon, firearm, or bow and arrow within or into Park Land. A bow with a nocked arrow is prohibited except in portions of Park Land open to hunting in accordance with the Monmouth County Deer Management Program and in other locations designated for archery. Any firearm or crossbow must be cased or socked while being transported or carried within Park Land.
19. No person shall molest, trap, capture, hold, remove, injure, or kill any animal, or disturb any habitat within Park Land, except in those portions of Park Land designated and open to hunting and/or fishing. The use of portions of Park Land open to hunting and/or fishing is subject to applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to those issued by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Hunting is subject to guidelines and permitting requirements promulgated by the Director of the County Park System.

### **RESTRICTED USES AND AREAS**

20. No person shall enter upon any portion of Park Land where persons are prohibited from going as indicated by sign or notice. Nor shall any person participate in an activity that is prohibited as indicated by sign, notice, or guidelines, or applicable law.
21. No person who has been convicted of a violation of any crime against a minor, as listed in N.J.S.A. 2C:7-2, "Registration of Sex Offenders," and who as a result of said conviction is required to register with the proper authorities pursuant to applicable law shall be permitted to enter or use any Park Land.
22. No person shall use any tobacco or cannabis products, which include, but are not limited to smoking (e.g., cigarettes, joints, pipes, blunt, cigars, e-cigarettes, bongs, hookah, or vaporizers, dabs, etc.) and/or using smokeless tobacco or ingestible cannabis (e.g., snuff, chew, edibles, sprays, capsules, tinctures, oils, etc.) on any Park Land. The Board of Recreation Commissioners may set different rules and regulations with respect to tobacco use at County golf courses in accordance with law.
23. No person shall operate any motorized vehicle along or over any trail, on Park Land, except for class I and class II electric, pedal-assisted bicycles and electric scooters that meet the provisions of N.J.S.A 39:4-14.16. Other permitted exceptions are small wheeled recreational devices, which are defined as any wheeled recreational object designed to propel a person using that object, which includes but is not limited to; bicycles, skates and skateboards whether powered by gravity, hand, foot, pedal power, or electric motor.
24. No person shall operate any permitted motorized vehicle or human powered vehicle, along or over any trail, in a careless manner or in a manner to endanger the life, limb, or property of any other person or animal, on Park Land.

25. No person shall use any remote-controlled device such as, but not limited to, boats, aircraft, drones or cars within Park Land, except in areas designated or posted for this purpose by the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
26. No person shall throw, cast, catch, kick, or strike any baseball, golf ball, football or basketball, or any object on Park Land, except in areas designated or posted for this purpose by the Board of Recreation Commissioners. The discharge of paintball guns or similar equipment is prohibited.
27. No person shall enter, swim, dive, wade, or bathe in any body of water within or bordering Park Land, unless it has been designated or posted for this purpose by the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
28. No person shall erect or use any shade structure, tent, inflatable amusement device, or other temporary structures, on Park Land, except in areas designated or posted for this purpose by the Board of Recreation Commissioners. The Board of Recreation Commissioners may designate special use areas or special events where temporary structures may be used.
29. No person shall launch or use personal boats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, or any other watercraft on any body of water within or bordering Park Land, unless it has been designated or posted for launching watercraft by the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
30. The use of manned or unmanned, powered or powerless flying objects or devices, either for landing or taking off, shall not be permitted on Park Land, unless it has been specifically designated and posted for this purpose or written permission has been granted by the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
31. No person shall leave, store, dump, abandon, or discard personal property, which includes, but are not limited to, trail cameras, tents, shelters, chairs, tables, grills, hammocks, watercraft in or upon Park Land, unless it has been specifically designated and posted for this purpose or written permission has been granted by the Board of Recreation Commissioners.

### **COMMERCIAL USES**

32. No person shall engage in any commercial enterprises, including but not limited to the offering of services, soliciting, selling, or peddling any liquids or edibles for human consumption, or conducting any private lessons, tours, classes, camps, clinics, sports practices and games, or distribute circulars or to hawk, peddle, or vend any goods, wares, or merchandise on Park Land, except as provided by written permission of the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
33. No person shall cut, carve, paint, mark, paste, or fasten on any tree, fence, wall, building, monument, or other object on Park Land any bill, advertisement, or inscription. Nor shall any person distribute, cast, throw, or place any handbill, pamphlet, circular, advertisement, or notice of any kind on Park Land.

34. No person shall tell fortunes, play games of chance, or use any gambling device, on Park Land, except as provided by written permission of the Board of Recreation Commissioners.

### **VEHICLES. PARKING**

35. No person shall use any portion of Park Land for purpose of way, except drives, parking areas, and roadways, established for such purpose by the Board of Recreation Commissioners. Trails, footpaths, or walks established for pedestrian, bicycle or equestrian travel shall not be used for vehicular travel. The use of motorized bikes (moped) shall be limited to roadways, drives, and parking areas as established and open to all other vehicular traffic and shall be in compliance with applicable law.
36. No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any road on Park Land, any vehicle at a rate of speed greater than twenty- five (25) miles per hour or the limits as established by the Board of Recreation Commissioners and indicated by speed limit signs.
37. No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any road, parkway, drive, or parking area on Park Land any vehicle in a careless manner or in a manner that is inconsistent with applicable law or poses a endanger the life, limb, or property of pedestrians, or the drivers or occupants of other vehicles, or any other person on Park Land.
38. No person shall park or store any car, truck, motorcycle, bicycle, wagon, trailer, or other vehicle on Park Land, except in areas designated or posted for such purpose. Parking areas and thoroughfares are limited to use by park patrons only.
39. No person shall cause travel on Park Land to be obstructed.
40. No person shall enter any part of Park Land with a commercial vehicle, except for the purpose of personal park use, or recreation, or in the service of or by permission of the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
41. No person shall use any road, parkway, drive, or parking area on Park Land for the purpose of demonstrating any vehicle, or for the purpose of instructing another to drive or operate any vehicle, or for learning to drive or operate any vehicle.
42. The cleaning, waxing, or repairing of motor vehicles is not permitted on Park Land.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

43. No person shall, without permission from a park agent or officer, enter into, remain or allow their vehicle to remain on Park Land, except during the hours the Park and Recreation area is open to the general public.

### **DISORDERLY PERSONS**

- 44.1 No person or group of persons shall engage in loitering conduct on Park Land, including but not limited to loitering which will:
  - (a) obstruct, molest, or interfere with any person lawfully in or enjoying the park;

- (b) clearly cause an immediate, actual physical violent reaction from any person or persons, which violent action will cause a threat to the peace and order of the public;
- (c) disturb a person of ordinary sensibilities as to cause such a person to react immediately in such a way as to threaten by physical violence the peace and order of the public;
- (d) obstruct free passage of pedestrians or vehicle at, in or near any building, parking lot, walkway or pathway;

44.2 Agents or officers of the Board of Recreation Commissioners will not issue a citation to any person(s) who appear to be violating Section 44.1 of these Rules until a command to move or cease engaging in said conduct has been given and disobeyed.

- 45. It shall be a violation of these Rules for any person to resist any agent or officer of the Board of Recreation Commissioners in the discharge of his duty, or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any such agent or officer, or in any way interfere with or hinder or prevent any such agent or officer from discharging his duty, or in any manner assist or give aid to any person in custody to escape or attempt to escape from custody, or rescue or attempt to rescue any person when in such custody.
- 46. No person shall falsely represent or impersonate any agent or officer or pretend to be an agent or officer of the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
- 47. No person shall harass, obstruct, molest, assault, or interfere with any person lawfully on Park Land, or resist, obstruct, molest, assault, or interfere with any agent or officer of the Board of Recreation Commissioners.
- 48. No person shall remain on Park Land who does not abide by conditions adopted and posted by the Board of Recreation Commissioners or the instructions and directions of duly authorized officers or agents of the Board of Recreation Commissioners in the lawful performance of their duties. Any person directed by an agent or officer of the Board of Recreation Commissioners must leave Park Land promptly and peaceably.
- 49. No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any agent or officer of the Board of Recreation Commissioners while engaged in constructing, repairing, or caring for any park property, or interfere with any improvements being made on Park Land.
- 50. No person shall use threatening, abusive, boisterous, insulting, vulgar, wanton, or indecent language or gesture, nor shall any person engage in any violent, abusive, vulgar, wanton, or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to disturb the peace, or to disturb or annoy others, or to create a nuisance on Park Land.
- 51. No persons visiting Park Land shall appear in a state of nudity.
- 52. No person shall possess any prohibited weapon or device capable of lethal use or of inflicting serious bodily injury on Park Land except for use in areas open for hunting in accordance with the rules and guidelines governing same and as otherwise permitted by law.

53. The Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners may establish supplementary rules as they deem necessary. Supplemental rules and regulations govern specific areas, facilities, events, programs and activities. No person shall violate any supplemental rule and regulation as adopted by the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners.

**Employees of the Board of Recreation Commissioners are vested with police authority and empowered to make arrests for violations of County Park rules and regulations. Rules applying to special conditions or situations within an individual County Park Lands and Properties may be supplemental to the above. When special rules apply, they will be posted in the affected areas. These rules and regulations are promulgated in accordance with provisions of New Jersey**

Revised Statutes Title 40, Chapter 12-6 which reads as follows:

*The Board of Recreation Commissioners shall have full control over all lands, playgrounds and recreation places acquired or leased under the provisions of Sections 40:12-1 to 40:12-9 of this title and may adopt suitable Rules, Regulations and By-Laws for the use thereof, and the conduct of all persons while on or using the same, and any person who shall violate any of such Rules, Regulations, or By-Laws shall be deemed and adjudged to be a disorderly person.*