

Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners

RULES & REGULATIONS

Summary

This condensed listing is taken from the official "Rules & Regulations" which are enforced for the conservation of the parks and the safety of park visitors. A complete list can be obtained at the HPD office, or downloaded at HancockParks.com.

Further information:

Hancock Park District Headquarters
1424 East Main Cross Street
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IT IS UNLAWFUL TO...

1. Park Hours

- Remain within the confines of the Park between dusk (½ hour after sunset) and dawn (½ hour before sunrise) except in an emergency, designated sportsmen's access sites when fishing or launching watercraft for licensed sportsmen's activities, camping, or with prior HPD permission.

2. Household Pets

- Bring into playgrounds, restrooms or picnic areas any cat, dog, or other household pet.
- Bring pets into any area unless controlled on a leash not more than 6' in length.

3. Alcohol, Illegal Drugs and Misuse of Chemicals

- Bring illegal substances.
- Be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or substances that have been used in any way other than the intent of the manufacturer.
- Consume or have alcohol in any area other than the one designated by HPD.

4. Disorderly Conduct

- Engage in any form of noisy, disorderly or indecent conduct, or in any manner disturb the peace and good order.
- Interfere or refuse to comply with any order given by a Park Ranger or other law enforcement officer.
- Fail or refuse to comply with any of the Rules & Regulations governing the Parks.
- Beg, peddle, or solicit.
- Engage in games of chance.
- Loiter in or near any buildings or vehicles.
- Assault or intentionally injure any person.
- Enter toilet facilities intended for the opposite sex.
- Conduct, sponsor, or promote any public activity without written permission from the Director.

5. Preservation of Property and Natural Features

- Injure, deface, destroy or remove any part of the Park or its' buildings, signs, equipment or other property.
- Remove, collect, injure or destroy any part of a tree, flower, shrub or other vegetation, wildlife or natural resources.

6. Hunting, Fishing, and Molesting Wildlife

- Disturb or molest any animal, its' nest or habitat.
- Hunt or pursue any animal unless authorized.
- Fish without an Ohio fishing license in any waters.

7. Littering, Refuse Disposal, Pollution

- Deposit any material in any place other than receptacles provided for such purpose.
- Bring and deposit any private refuse.
- Discharge or throw any substance into air, lands or streams which may result in pollution.

8. Nature Trails

- Leave the official trail while visiting natural areas.

9. Fires

- Start fires without a fire permit, except in a small charcoal or gas fire for cooking purposes in grills placed on non-combustible materials outside of structures.
- Discard any burning object or material.

10. Release of Plants and Animals

- Release or deposit any animal or plant, alive or dead.

11. Firearms, Weapons, Explosives, Harmful Devices

- Have any firearms, weapons, explosives, or harmful devices, except those being carried by law enforcement officers, hunters participating in a HPD hunting program or Concealed Carry Permit holders.

12. Games, Model Devices

- Play games requiring equipment (e.g. horseshoes, golf, baseball) outside of designated areas or without due regard for other Park visitors or property.
- Operate engine-powered or self-propelled devices (e.g. model vehicles, boats, airplanes, rockets) without written permission.

13. Signs and Advertising

- Post or circulate any printed text, materials, or banners without written permission.

14. Camping

- Establish any lodging or sleeping place without written permission.

15. Reserved Shelters/Areas

- Occupy or use any shelter or area that has been officially posted as "Reserved".
- Fail to vacate an area or facility upon notification of a previously made reservation.

16. Traffic, Parking, Recreational Vehicles

- Drive any vehicle in a reckless manner, or without due regard to persons and public or private property.
- Fail to obey signs or other traffic control devices.
- Drive or park any vehicle in an area other than one so designated.
- Operate any recreational vehicle (pedal or motorized bicycle, snowmobile, or all terrain vehicles) in an area other than one so designated.

17. Horseback Riding

- Ride horses in the Parks except on designated trails.

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.

Fines for Violations

Park District Rules & Regulations are state laws according to O.R.C. 1545.09 as adopted April 25, 2006, by the Board of Park Commissioners Resolution 2006-6. Fines and damages payable and/or imprisonment are determined by Findlay and Hancock County Courts.

