



**RULES AND REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE USE OF CITY OF GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS
WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS**

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Reference: City Ordinance 19-1 (CO 19-1)

The following rules shall regulate the use, occupancy and the conduct of persons in or upon all parks or park property within or outside the city limits of Greensboro, North Carolina. Failure to adhere to any rule or regulation may result in expulsion from the facility for the day and/or for an extended period of time. Failure to abide will result in violators being subject to arrest for trespassing.

1. VEHICLES IN PARKS

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on any trails or walking paths. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle anywhere in any park, except upon the regularly established roadways; it shall be unlawful for any person to park or permit to be parked any vehicle anywhere except upon designated parking areas authorized by the Park Manager or designated official. Persons operating a licensed vehicle must possess a valid driver's license or learner's permit (and be accompanied by required licensed operator) to operate a vehicle on park property. A Segway (Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device) is allowed in parks, gardens, paths, sidewalks and trails as prescribed by North Carolina law; however the Park Manager reserves the authority to regulate the time, place and manner of use.

Motor vehicle is hereby defined to include mini-bikes, go-carts, motorbikes, golf carts, ATV's or any other self-propelled motorized vehicle.

2. BICYCLES IN PARKS

Cyclists shall observe all NC Bicycle Statutes including, but not limited to the NC Helmet Law (ref. Appendix pgs. A-L). All cyclists are encouraged to wear helmets in City of Greensboro Parks.

Bicycles shall be allowed only on designated paths and trails, and on public roadways.

3. SKATES, ROLLERBLADES, AND SKATEBOARDS

The use of skates, rollerblades and skateboards is prohibited on park roads, walkways and parking lots. (Roller skates and skate boards are not allowed because they do not have brakes and can endanger the safety of the individual).

Exception: Roller Blades are allowed in Country Park during times designated by the Park Manager.

4. ADVERTISING

It shall be unlawful for any person to place or erect any structure, sign, bulletin board, post pole, or advertising device of any kind whatsoever in any park, or to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod, or cord to any tree, shrub, fence, railing, post, or structure within any park, except by such persons as are authorized by the Park Manager or designated official.

5. PRESERVATION OF PARK PROPERTY

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any City/County structure, monument, planter, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, trees, plants, or any other property in any park.

Any persons committing any unlawful action above will be subject to fines and/or arrest.

B. GEOCACHING

1. A cache must be registered with the Parks and Recreation Department. Contact person Mitzi Dew. Ms. Dew can be reached at (336) 373-2578.
2. A detailed map including the exact location of the cache must be provided to the park or land manager for approval. A detailed list of the cache contents must be provided to the appropriate park or land manager.
3. The person applying for the cache permit must provide valid contact information to include name, address, phone number and email address.
4. A specific time frame for the cache should be determined if possible to avoid abandoned articles. Recommended: three months. The applicant is responsible for removing the physical cache from public property. Abandoned or illegal caches will be removed and discarded.
5. The applicant agrees to remove the cache from any website or other promotional means at the completion of the cache event period.
6. Caches are of a manner not so to threaten or encourage wildlife usage such as nesting.
7. Virtual caches are encouraged when possible.
8. The cache must not be buried, disturb vegetation, placed in water, placed using nails, screws or fasteners or provide an imminent hazard.
9. The applicant agrees to reimburse the City of Greensboro for any replacement or repair costs associated with any damage or theft caused by the placement of a cache.
10. Metal detectors may not be used to search for a cache.
11. Permits will not be granted for areas not accessible to the general public.
12. Changing the location of an existing cache will require a new permit.
13. If for any reason it is determined a cache is causing adverse impacts to the park, facility, environment, staff or public the cache will be removed by the park manager and held for ten days to be picked up by the permit holder. Caches not retrieved after ten days will be discarded.
14. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to regulate the number of caches within any facility or grounds under the supervision of the department.

C. EXCAVATIONS

It shall be unlawful for any person to make an Excavation or use a metal detector in any park for any purpose without written permission of the Park Manager or designated official. Approved excavations will follow Archaeological Site Protocol for the City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department (ref. Appendix pg. BB-MM).

D. PLANT MATERIAL

It shall be unlawful for any person to dig, cut bruise, mutilate or cause to be transplanted, cut, bruised, debarked or mutilated any plant material of all and any description within any park land without written permission of the Parks Manager or designated official. All new plant material to be added to park property must adhere to the Invasive Plant Policy PR-P30 (ref. Appendix pg. M-N) and be approved by the Park Manager or designated official.

6. WEAPONS, FIREARMS AND INCENDIARY DEVICES

It shall be unlawful for any person, at any time or under any circumstances within any park to carry, display, discharge, forcibly hurl, or cause to be discharged or forcibly hurled any edged weapons, including but not limited to archery equipment, sling shots or other similar devices.

It shall also be unlawful for any person, at any time or under any circumstances within any park to carry, display, discharge, shoot, fire or explode, or cause to be discharged, shot, fired, or exploded any firearms, including, but not limited to air rifles, toy pistols, toy guns or other toy arms designed to forcibly hurl a projectile or missile.

Open fires and consumer fireworks of any type are expressly prohibited except at City of Greensboro approved and permitted events. Must comply with City of Greensboro Fire Marshall, National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards, and Chapter 33 of the International Fire Code.

Exceptions with Park Manager's approval include but are not limited to:

- Displays and/or use of historic or reproduction weapons are allowed subject to approval of the Park Manager and must comply with the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department Safety Regulations for Historical Reenactments and Programs.
- Animal control devices used by professionals or park staff.
- Approved devices must adhere to the Black Powder and Edge Weapons Policy (ref. Appendix pgs. NN-SS).

7. ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or permit any horses, dogs or other animals to run at large in a park and it shall be unlawful to ride horses in any park except upon designated and marked bridle trails or at a special event or activity approved by the Park Manager. Pet owners are required to clean-up pet excrement prior to leaving the area. No animals are allowed to enter the lakes or ponds on or off the leash.

The Guilford County Leash Law (ref. Appendix pg. O) is enforced in all parks, trails, and greenways.

The Bark Park at Country Park will allow dogs to run off-leash within a fenced, designated area only. Pet owners must clean-up after their pets. Only 2 pets allowed per handler at any given time within the fenced area. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a caregiver to enter the fenced Bark Park areas. Additional rules and regulations are posted at the site and must be obeyed by all patrons using the Bark Park (ref. Appendix pg TT-UU).

8. MOLESTING ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any person to trap, catch, wound or kill, or cause to be injured, treat cruelly, or tease, or attempt to trap, catch, wound, kill, injure, or tease any bird or animal, or insect or molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land owned by the City and administered by the Park Manager or designated official. The feeding of wildlife is strictly prohibited.

It shall also be unlawful to release or place any animal onto land owned by the City and administered by the Parks Manager or designated official.

Exception with Manager's approval:

- Animal control devices used by professionals or park staff.

9. DISTURBANCE OF FISH AND AQUATIC LIFE IN PROHIBITED AREAS

It shall be unlawful to fish in any waters other than areas designated by the park manager for fishing. NC Wildlife Resources Commission Fishing Rules & Regulations, in addition to park fishing rules apply. It shall be unlawful for any person to attempt to or actually harass, remove, capture or harm by any means, any amphibian, reptile, bird, waterfowl, mammal or aquatic life from any pond, lake, stream, stream buffer, wetland, bog on any lands under the management of recreational fishing that are under the enforcement of Wildlife Resources Commission or park management.

10. PROFITEERING

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in soliciting, peddling, begging or selling, or ply the vocation of a solicitor, agent, peddler, beggar or salesman of any description in any part, and it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, hawk, or vend fruits, candies, popcorn, peanuts, ice cream, soft drinks, clothing and apparel, or other items of merchandise within any park.

Special events approved and exhibition shows as permitted under Rule 12 below, or at a sponsored or co-sponsored event, activity or operation in a staffed Regional Park from which the department receives an agreed upon rental or percentage, as specified in a signed contract, lease or agreement by the Park Manager are not subject to this rule.

11. POLITICAL SPEECHES

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to make political speeches of any kind in any park or other Parks and Recreation facilities without first securing written permission from the City Manager or County Manager dependant on the facility location/ownership.

12. EXHIBITION SHOWS

Exhibition shows may be permitted in city-staffed Parks with the permission of the Parks and Recreation Director or designated official. Such shows shall have a written contract, lease or agreement specifying a rental or percentage of sales to be received by the department.

Applications shall be filed with the department to reserve the site; and if the streets are closed due to the event or outside areas are impacted, permits shall be filed and issued by the City's Special Events Manager. The sponsoring non-profit organization obtaining the permit shall be responsible for payment of all license fees as may be applicable. Flea market operations or rummage sales are prohibited.

13. FARMER'S CURB MARKET

Refer to Vendor Participation Guidelines (ref. Appendix pgs. P-X).

14. GAMBLING

It shall be unlawful for any person to conduct or carry on any game of chance at which any money, property or other thing of value is bet, whether the same be in stake or not, in any park.

15. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any boisterous or insulting language or to be guilty of disorderly conduct of any kind in any park. "Tobacco Free Zones," have been established in areas of youth activity. No tobacco use is allowed in the areas where signs are posted.

16. SEX OFFENDERS

No person registered with the State of North Carolina and/or any other state or federal agency as a registered sex offender shall enter into a public park or recreation facility. Violators will be prosecuted. Each offense is punishable by a fine of \$500 and/or incarceration for up to thirty (30) days. Refer to the City of Greensboro Ordinance Sec. 18-29 (ref. Appendix pgs. Y-AA).

17. BEER, WINE, ALE, AND OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess consume or to display publicly any beer, wine, ale or any alcoholic beverages in any park; and it shall be unlawful for any person under the influence of intoxicating beverages to enter or remain in any park.

However, irrespective of other provisions in the Greensboro Code of Ordinances, upon standards established by the City Manager and subsequent issuance of "on premises" beer shall be permitted only within certain designated enclosed facilities located on any of the municipal golf courses. Only beer sold or dispensed from such facilities shall be displayed or consumed on the premises of a municipal golf course and only in containers approved by the City Manager.

In addition, where an appropriate ABC license is in place, and with the approval of the Parks Manager or designated official, the sale and dispensing of beer, wine and/or ale shall be permitted within staffed tennis complexes at Barber, Hester, J. Spencer Love and Latham Park and also in the designated areas of Bryan and Bur-Mil Parks. Beer, wine and/or ale sold must be consumed within the designated complex or building. Beer, wine and /or ale purchased off-site may not be brought on the premises, except for specially sponsored events, tournaments, or rentals as approved by the Parks Manager or designated official.

18. GAMES AND SPORTS

It shall be unlawful for any person to play football, golf, baseball or other games of like character in any area in any park where signs are posted in such area specifically prohibiting such games. At no time, under no circumstances shall such games be played in such proximity to playground equipment or park structures as to threaten harm to persons using the park or damage to the park structures. The hitting of golf balls is strictly prohibited in all facilities except those facilities that have established driving ranges or golf courses.

Exception: Fields at Bur-Mil Park are scheduled directly through the Bur-Mil facility. Sports Fields can only be used if scheduled through the Departments Athletic section.

19. FIRES and GRILLS

It shall be unlawful for any person to make or kindle a fire in any park, trail, or greenway, except in a stationary charcoal grill as provided at the park, or a gas grill approved by the Park Manager or in an area specifically designated by the Park Manager. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any fire unattended, or to fail to completely extinguish a fire and all the embers thereof before leaving such fire. The use of any type of grease fryer (deep fryer) is strictly prohibited due to the potential for personal and facility damage from fire and the harmful slippery conditions the grease develops on floors, tables and benches.

Provision, use and disposal of any cooking materials or supplies are the responsibility of the park visitor.

20. DUMPING

No person shall deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place, or cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, soil or earth, paper, garbage, oil, refuse, debris, plant clippings or limbs or leaves in or upon any park or park lands or in any watercourse, lake, pond or slough within said park lands. The use of confetti is strictly prohibited.

21. USE OF PARKS AT NIGHT

It shall be unlawful to use all parks classified as Neighborhood Parks between the hours of dusk and dawn.

The staffed Parks are closed from sunset until 8am or other posted opening hour.

Exceptions are limited to P&R Dept. sponsored after-hours events and registered campers at Hagan-Stone Park (campers are required to remain in the campground area after sunset and are not allowed in any other part of the park until 8am the following day). Individuals using park facilities during the hours the parks are closed will be subject to arrest for trespassing.

22. AMPLIFIED MUSIC

Musical devices that produce a sound that carries more than 50 feet or is loud enough to disturb other patrons using the park are prohibited. Cars are not to be used as outdoor stereo systems. The judgment of the level of disturbance is up to the Park Manager or designated official. Special events approved by the Park Manager are not subject to this rule.

23. REMOTE CONTROL TOYS

Remote control toys such as cars, boats, airplanes, (battery or gas) are prohibited unless participating in a special event or activity approved by the Park Manager.

24. FEES

All fees and charges associated with the operation of facilities owned by the City of Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department shall be subject to the recommendations and approval of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission. Facilities operated by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department for Guilford County Parks and Open Space shall be subject to the recommendations and approval of the Guilford County Parks and Recreation Commission.

25. PICNIC SHELTER USE

Groups of 20 or more are required to pay for use of the shelters. Reservations are recommended for any large group. Groups renting shelters reserve the right to use the shelter exclusively for the time period specified on the rental agreement. Picnic shelters must be left clean and free of excessive debris or patrons will be excluded from renting another shelter for one (1) year. Park Managers can request that a group be banned due to violation of rules and regulations and/or loose rental privileges for the day reserved. Patrons refusing to leave the facility due to rules and regulations violations are subject to arrest for trespassing.

26. USE OF LAKES AND PONDS

The following rules and regulations shall govern the use of bodies of water in the Regional Parks of Country, Hagan-Stone, Hester, Keeley and the Watershed Parks of Brandt, Higgins and Townsend:

(A) PERMITS

1. No person age 13 or older shall fish in any lake or pond except by permit issued by the Park Staff.
2. Permits are nontransferable. Every permit shall be issued subject to revocation or cancellation if the holder violates any of the rules and regulations governing the use of Regional Parks of Country, Hagan-Stone, Hester, Keeley and the Watershed Parks of Brandt, Higgins and Townsend.
3. Annual permits are for fishing or boating only and do not apply to the use of rental sailboats, canoes or kayaks.
4. Private boats, canoes, kayaks or other personal floatation crafts are not allowed in park lakes or ponds. Exception: Watershed Parks.

(B) PARK STAFF POWERS AND DUTIES

1. The Park Staff shall be the official custodian and officer in charge of the park and all its property. It shall be the duty of Park staff to enforce all ordinances, rules and regulations adopted by the City Council and all applicable state and federal laws and regulations. Staff shall also be responsible for collecting all fees and properly accounting for them.

2. The Park Staff shall deny permission to use park facilities to any person having beer, wine, ale or any alcoholic beverages in their possession or who show evidence of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
3. Violation, by any person(s), of any rules and regulations specified herein may be grounds for the denial of the use of the park facility by the person(s) committing the violation. The Park staff may suspend all privileges to use City of Greensboro operated Parks and Recreation facilities for a period of up to one (1) year. Patrons that violate the suspension period will be subject to arrest for trespassing.
4. The Park staff at each facility shall keep posted at all times copies of these rules and regulations at a conspicuous place. The staff shall call attention to all permit holders of these rules and regulations, and shall provide copies upon request.

(C) GENERAL RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL LAKES AND PONDS

1. Fishing at all Watershed Parks shall be from boat or pier only. No bank fishing is allowed at any of the Watershed Parks. Fishing at all other Park facilities shall be from banks or fishing pier except at facilities that rent rowboats. No person shall be allowed to leave their boat except at the marina dock area.
2. Fishing in the parks is governed by the State of North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Regulations for Inland Fishing and all creel limits are set by the same rules and regulations. Facilities may enforce more stringent creel limits but the limits must be posted. All anglers 16 years and older must possess a valid North Carolina Fishing License.
3. No swimming is allowed in the lakes or ponds managed by the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department.
4. All boats shall meet Coast Guard and State regulations and shall pass a safety inspection by the City Manager or authorized representative and the City Manager or authorized representative must be satisfied that the person in charge of the boat is qualified.
5. Personal flotation devices (PFD) approved by the United States Coast Guard will be provided for each person using a pedal boat, rowboat, canoe or kayak provided by the Parks. A PFD must be worn by all persons of any age using a City owned rented kayak or canoe.
6. Hours of operation for all lakes will vary with the season and the activity permitted. The hours shall be set by the Park Manager and shall be posted in a conspicuous place around the boat dock area. There shall be no activity on the lake except as published. All persons must be off the marina property by the designated closing time.
7. Park owned watercraft shall be governed by the following occupancy regulations:
 - A. Rowboats: 3 adults or 2 adults and up to 2 children under 48 inches tall not to exceed maximum weight capacity.
 - B. Canoe: 2 adults or 1 adult and 1 child (life jackets must be worn at all times)
 - C. Kayaks: 1 adult or 1 child that has successfully completed a kayak class (life jackets must be worn at all times)

- D. Pedal Boats: 2 passenger boats-2 adults or 2 children or 2 adults and 1 child under 3 years of age or maximum weight capacity.
4 passenger boat-4 adults or any combination of adults and children up to 4 passengers or maximum weight capacity
 - E. Sailboats Aqua Fin-2 persons
Lazer Pico-2 persons
Capri-3 persons
8. All children under 13 years of age must wear a personal floatation device or PFD at all times while on the water. Children must be accompanied by an adult (16 years of age or older). Exceptions: Children between the ages of 12-15 may operate a pedal boat without an adult but MUST wear a life jacket at all times; Children ages 13-15 may be allowed to kayak or operate a sailboat alone provided they are under the direct supervision of a parent, legal guardian or approved sailing instructor.
 9. The facility is not responsible for any items dropped or lost during use of the watercraft.
 10. No pets are allowed on any type of watercraft rented from the park.
 11. Any patron found guilty of littering any lake, pond or surrounding property will be fined and/or suspended from the facility for a period of 30 days. Failure to adhere to the suspension period will subject the violator to arrest for trespassing.
 12. Reckless activity on the waters of any Parks and Recreation facility shall not be tolerated and any offender shall be apprehended, removed from the water and be subject to the full penalty of the law.
 13. No seines, traps or other special devices shall be allowed in the lakes or ponds to take either game or non-game fish.
 14. At the request of Park staff each person shall submit their catch for inspection.
 15. Inflatable boats or rafts are not allowed.

27. SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATERSHED PARKS

The following rules and regulations are specific to the use of Watershed Park property at Brandt, Higgins and Townsend for purposes other than water supply.

1. Annual permits are for fishing and specific boating only. Annual permits can be purchased in the registered boat number and are good for that boat only. Annual permits for fishing piers are valid only for registered individual. Senior citizens may not buy an annual permit in the registered boat number at the senior citizen rate.
2. No fishing will be allowed within the boundaries on the City-owned property on the Reedy Fork Creek, Horsepen Creek or Brush Creek drainage area except from boats on Lake Higgins, Lake Brandt or Lake Townsend. Pier fishing is allowed at Lake Higgins, Lake Brandt and Lake Townsend. No person shall be allowed to leave their boat except at the marina dock area.
3. Hours of operation for all Watershed Parks will vary with the season and the activity permitted. The hours shall be set by the Lake Manager and shall be posted in a conspicuous place around the boat dock area. There shall be no activity on the lake except as published. All persons must be off the marina property by the designated closing time.

4. The City Manager or designee shall have the authority to close any or all lakes or restrict hours of operation for special activities.
5. No person shall be allowed to swim or enter the water by person on Lake Townsend, Lake Brandt or Lake Higgins.

A. LAKE BRANDT WATERSHED PARK

1. No pleasure motor boating or testing motorboats shall be permitted on Lake Brandt. Outboard motors will be permitted on Lake Brandt only when the water elevation is 741.00 above sea level or higher. City owned and privately owned boats are allowed on Lake Brandt.
2. Lake Brandt is closed on Tuesday.
3. There shall be no fishing allowed within 100 yards of the water intake for the Lake Brandt Pumping Station. No boats will be allowed within the area except when operated by authorized Parks and Recreation, NC Wildlife Resources Officer or Public works employees on their assigned duties.
4. No boats are allowed within 150 feet of the fishing pier.

B. LAKE HIGGINS WATERSHED PARK

1. No pleasure motor boating or testing motor boats shall be permitted on Lake Higgins except on those days designated by the Watershed staff. City owned and privately owned boats are allowed on Lake Higgins.
2. Lake Higgins is closed Monday.
3. No boats are allowed within 150 feet of the fishing pier.

C. LAKE TOWNSEND WATERSHED PARK

1. Pleasure motor boating shall be confined to Lake Townsend. City-owned boats and privately-owned boats shall be permitted on Lake Townsend.
2. Lake Townsend is closed on Wednesday.
3. Outboard motors will be permitted on Lake Townsend only when the water elevation is 710.00 above sea level or higher.
4. There shall be no fishing allowed within 100 yards of the water intake for the Townsend low lift pumping station. No boats will be allowed within the area except when operated by authorized Parks and Recreation, NC Wildlife Resources Officer or Public Works employee on their assigned duties.
5. No boat or sailboat is allowed between buoy and pier.

28. ENFORCEMENT

These Rules and Regulations may be enforced by any and all remedies authorized by applicable law. In addition, anyone violating any of these provisions may be asked to leave immediately and may be subject to prosecution for trespassing for failing to do so. Park Managers or designated official and law enforcement personnel are charged with enforcement of these rules and regulations.

APPENDIX

<u>NC Bicycle Statutes</u>	<u>pgs. A-L</u>
<u>Invasive Plant Policy</u>	<u>pgs. M-N</u>
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<u>Archaeological Site Protocol</u>	<u>pgs. BB-MM</u>
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<u>Bark Park Rules</u>	<u>pgs. TT-UU</u>