

UNION COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

VEHICLES: All motorized vehicles, cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles and bicycles shall be confined to designated roads and parking areas. No person shall operate a vehicle on any path, trail, service road, or in any other area of the Park not designated or customarily used for that purpose. No vehicles except authorized maintenance equipment will be allowed on any athletic field. No golf carts or ATV's allowed on Park property without written permission. No motorized or electronic recreational vehicles, including, but not limited to, electric scooters, electric bicycles, or electric skateboards, shall be permitted on Park property without written permission.

PARKING: No owner or driver shall cause or permit a vehicle to remain parked in any area of the Park outside of designated parking areas.

SPEED LIMIT: No vehicle shall be operated at a rate of speed in excess of ten (10) miles per hour inside the Park.

CAMPING: No camp shall be set-up or maintained in the Park, except as specifically designated, and with written permission only.

BOATING: Boating of any kind is prohibited on Park waters, except as specifically designated, or with written permission.

SWIMMING/WADING: Swimming/Wading is permitted in designated swim areas, only when Park lifeguards are on duty. Children 12 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times.

FLORA, MINERALS AND STRUCTURES: No person shall cut, injure, deface, remove or disturb any tree, shrub, building, fence, bench, table, or any other structure, apparatus or property; or pick, cut, or remove any tree, shrub, flower or rock; or mark, write or carve upon any building, fence, bench, table or any other structure in the Park.

ANIMALS: No person shall cause or permit any animal owned by him or under his control, except when on a leash not exceeding six feet in length to enter the Park. Dogs and other animals shall not be allowed within the fenced ball field, swim areas, or inside buildings. Where animals are found to be disturbing or dangerous, their owners will be asked to remove them from the Park.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited on Park property, except as specifically designated, or with written permission only.

HUNTING: Union County Parks are designated WILDLIFE Refuge. No person within the confines of the Park shall hunt, pursue, trap, shoot, injure, kill, or molest in any way any animal.

FISHING: No person shall fish in any waters of the Park, except as specifically designated, or by written permission at such times as designated by Park authorities. North Carolina Inland Fishing Regulations must be complied with at all times. Night fishing from boats is prohibited in designated waters without written permission.

FIREARMS: Unless otherwise provided by law, no person shall possess, carry, use or discharge any type of firearms, air guns, or any other weapon within the Park; authorized Park personnel or law enforcement officers exempted.

FIRES: No person shall make, kindle or tend an open fire other than in grills or in designated places provided for such. All fires shall be under the direction and care of a responsible adult continuously from the time it is kindled until it is permanently extinguished by person or persons building same.

FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES: No person shall have, bring or set off in the Park any fireworks or explosives of any type, without written permission or proper county permit.

LITTER: No person shall deposit any garbage, refuse, sewage, foodstuffs, boxes, cans, paper or any other types of litter or waste material, except in receptacles provided for such purposes.

POLLUTION: No person shall bathe self, dogs or any other animal, wash vehicles or clothing in any waters of the Park. No person shall throw, deposit or discharge any substance, liquid or solid, which may result in the pollution of the streams, ponds, or other waters of the Park.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: No person shall use abusive, profane or insulting language, unreasonably disturb or annoy others, or do any act amounting to or with the intent to a breach of peace or conduct himself in any disorderly manner.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: As per the County Ordinance Pertaining to Public display of Alcoholic Beverages on Property Owned by Union County: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on any property owned by Union County; any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

GAMBLING: Gambling or betting in any form is prohibited.

COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES: No person shall, without a written permit, offer, sell or solicit for sale, lease or rent any goods, merchandise or services within the Park.

ADVERTISING: No person shall distribute any circulars, cards or written matter; or post, paste or affix any placard, notice or sign within the Park, without written permission.

HOURS OF OPERATION: The Park will be open throughout the year during posted hours of operation. No person, except authorized Park personnel shall be allowed within the Park prior to or after these posted hours without written permission.

ATHLETIC FIELDS: Use of athletic fields is by reservation only. For information call 704.843.3919, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DRONES: No person within the confines of any Union County Park may voluntarily launch, take off, land, or cause to descend or take off any airplane, flying machine, unmanned aircraft system, balloon, parachute, or other apparatus of aviation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Aircraft"). The term "Aircraft" also includes radio-controlled airplanes, helicopters, rockets, etc. As used in this Policy, "voluntarily" shall mean any action other than a forced landing.

ENFORCEMENT: Failure to abide by posted regulations governing Union County Park's will subject offender to temporary or permanent exclusion, or criminal prosecution. In the event of revocation of any permit, all monies paid shall be forfeited by the offender and retained by Union County.