

Rules and Regulations Governing the use of the Town of Summerfield Parks and Recreation Areas

The following rules shall regulate the use, occupancy, and the conduct of persons in or upon all parks or park property owned or administered by the Town of Summerfield, North Carolina.

1. Hours of Operation

Summerfield parks are open from dawn to dusk with the exception of special events as recognized by the Town Manager or designated official.

2. Vehicles in Parks

A Motor vehicle is defined to include mini-bikes, go-carts, motorbikes, ATV's or any other self-propelled motorized vehicle. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle anywhere in any park, except upon the regularly established roadways; and it shall be unlawful for any person to park or permit to be parked any vehicle anywhere except upon designated parking areas. Motorized vehicles used for park maintenance and duly recognized by the Town Manager or designated official as such are exempt from this rule.

3. Advertising and Signage

It shall be unlawful to attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod, or cord to any tree, shrub, fence, railing, post, or structure within an park except as authorized by the Town Manager or designated official.

4. Destruction of Park Property

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

5. Firearms

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a firearm, sling-shot, archery equipment, or similar device within any park, even if a person is in possession of a permit such as a concealed-carry permit that would normally allow such possession. This rule does not apply to recognized law enforcement officials acting in their official capacity; and further exceptions may be made by the Town Manager or designated official.

6. Animals Running at Large

It shall be unlawful for any person to allow or permit any horses, mules, dogs, or other animals to run at large in any park except upon designated and marked bridle paths or at a special event or activity approved by the Town Manager or other designated official. Horses, dogs, or other animals shall remain in harnesses or on leashes at all times. Designated bark parks may allow dogs to run off-leash within a fenced, designated area only.

7. 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 any attempt to trap, wound, kill, or tease any bird or animal, or to rob the nest of any bird, or the lair, den, or burrow of any animal in or upon any land owned or administered by the Town of Summerfield except as permitted by the Town Manager or designated official.

It shall also be unlawful to release or place any animal onto land owned or administered by the Town of Summerfield.

8. Fishing

Fishing is permitted from pond or stream banks only; and only with the possession of a current fishing license. Seines, traps, or other special devices are not allowed.

9. Commerce

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, or other items of merchandise within any park. Special events and exhibition shows approved by the Town Manager or designated official are exempt from this rule.

10. Disorderly Conduct

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any boisterous, obscene, or insulting language or to be guilty of disorderly conduct of any kind in any park. Persons found guilty of disorderly conduct may, at the discretion of the Town Manager or designated official be banned from further entry into any park owned or administered by the Town of Summerfield.

11. Beer, Wine, Ale, and other Alcoholic Beverages

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

12. Fires

It shall be unlawful for any person to make or kindle a fire in any park, except in a stationary charcoal grill as provided by the park, or a gas grill approved by the Town Manager or designated official. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any fire unattended, or to fail to completely extinguish a fire and all embers before leaving such fire.

13. 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, refuse, debris, plant clipping, limbs, or leaves in or upon any park or park lands or in any watercourse, lake, pond, or slough within any park.

14. Use of Park Lake

Swimming and use of any powered or non-powered boat is prohibited in the park lake. Fishing is permitted from the bank only.

15. Skates, Skateboard, and Rollerblades

Skates, Skateboards, and Rollerblades are permitted on park roads not normally open to vehicular traffic, and is prohibited on walkways and in parking lots.

16. Amplified Music

Devices that produce a sound that carries more than 200 feet or is loud enough to disturb other park patrons or nearby homeowners is prohibited. The judgment of the level of disturbance is at the discretion of the Town Manager or designated official. Special events approved by the Town Manager are exempt from this rule.