

Syracuse Parks Usage Policy

Care of Parks and Park Facilities: In any park owned or operated by the city, it shall be unlawful to cut, break, move, take or otherwise injure, destroy or deface any trees, shrubs, plants, turf, rock or any building, fence, bridge, sign or other structure, or pollute any spring or stream. No person shall dump any earth, rubbish or other substance or material in or upon any park without written permission from the city. No person shall throw or deposit litter in any park within the city except in public receptacles and in such a manner that the litter will be prevented from being carried or deposited by the elements upon any part of the park or upon any street or other public place. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such letter shall be carried away from the park by the persons responsible for its presence and property disposed of elsewhere. All persons and groups reserving park facilities shall leave the park clean and in good repair. Persons violating this section may be barred from further reservation of the facilities, at the discretion of the city council. It shall be unlawful to scratch, cut injure or deface any of the buildings, fences, structures or other property or pollute any of the fountains, ponds or any other improvements; or to cut or injure flowers or flowerbeds within a park; to walk upon turf or seeded areas where posted; or for the owner of any dog to allow the same to run at large within the parks.

Alcoholic Beverages, Drug or Gambling: The sale, consumption or possession of intoxicating liquors or beverages and dangerous or narcotic drugs, or gambling of any kind, is prohibited in all parks and on all trails.

Open Fires: No person shall make or kindle any open fire except in designated fireplaces, fire pits, and grills provided for this purpose or in private portable commercially manufactured grills. Grills provided for public use shall be on a first come, first served basis. After use, all coals shall be drowned, cooled and removed from the park.

Nuisances: It shall be unlawful for any person to use threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language; to commit any obscene or indecent act; to fight; or to create a public disturbance or alcohol or drugs or who otherwise disturbs the peace of park users by begging, soliciting, making undue noise or engaging in disruptive activities shall be deemed to create a nuisance. It is unlawful for any person or persons to create any nuisance or commit any offence that is in violation of state law or city ordinance or fail to obey the lawful directives and/or orders from any law enforcement officer or their designated city official.

Motor Vehicles and Speed Limit: No person shall ride in or drive any motor vehicle upon any park land except upon roads, parking areas or other hard-surfaced areas designated for motor vehicle operation. This shall not apply, however, to motorized equipment used within the park by officers or employees of the city, the Department of Wildlife Resources, or other county or State agency in the performance of their official duties. It is prohibited for any person to commit any act, by use or operation of any motor vehicle on any park land, which if committed upon a public highway or street in the state, would be prohibited and unlawful.

Speed Limit: Speed limits within all parks shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour unless otherwise posted.

Manner of Operation: No motor vehicles shall be operated in a careless or reckless manner to such an extent that it will endanger the peace, health and safety of any other person or animal within the park area.

Parking: There shall be no parking at any time except in areas designated for such purposes. Abandoned vehicles shall be towed at owner's expense. No one shall test or repair any vehicle or mechanical device in any park.

Animals: Except in the City's Equestrian Park, horses, cattle, and livestock of any kind are prohibited in any park. Domestic animals, i.e., dogs, cats, on a leash no more than six feet (6') in length and under the control of a person may be brought into parks. It is unlawful for any person to hitch or fasten any animal to any tree, shrub, fountain, monument, lamppost, or any other ornament growing or situated in any public street, public park or place within the corporate limits of the city. It is unlawful for any person to allow any animal under his control to stand near enough to any such trees or shrubs to bite, rub against or otherwise injure the same. No person shall annoy, interfere with, injure, release from confinement, or abandon any fowl, or animal, wild or domestic, in a city park or on a trail. No person shall, in any park, set a trap or snare, or shoot, injure, or poison any wild animal or bird, or injure or destroy any nest except as authorized by an animal regulatory officer.

Golf and Archery: Practicing, playing or using public park areas for golf and archery is prohibited.

Athletic Games: Permits are required for organized athletic events. Permits will be issued by the city and shall not interfere with City sponsored athletics or other events. A valid permit shall be displayed upon request in order to avoid conflicts in the use of facilities. Persons failing to honor a valid permit may be denied future permits to use the facilities.

Personal Profit of Financial Gain: Reservations for park areas or facilities shall not be granted for personal profit or financial gain without written permission from the City.

Hours of Closure: It shall be unlawful for any person, minor or adult, to be on any city park, parking lot or sidewalk within park boundaries during the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and five o'clock (5:00) a.m. except as otherwise posted. The city shall reserve the right to lock any gate or chain any door offering access to any park, facility or building in order to restrict nighttime usage thereof. The following does not apply (1) an individual or group involved in a city-sponsored activity where a city employee or an agent of the city is present. (2) In any areas that may be designated for overnight camping, provided those camping, provided those camping possess a permit therefore. (3) By written permit; provided, that the possessor of the permit strictly complies with the requirements therein. The city administrator or his designee may temporarily close or curtail activities upon any lands or waters, or any portions thereof, when it has been deemed to be in the best interest of public safety, conduct, health or order.

Park Availability: Park facilities may be reserved for use any day between April 15 and October 15. The city reserves the right to withhold reservations for any given day during the period of availability for any City sponsored event or if the city determines there is necessary maintenance, cleanup, repair, or other work of an extraordinary nature that needs to be performed on any city park facility.

Entertainment and Similar Activities: No entertainment, demonstration, exhibition, meeting, concert or tournament, whether public or private, shall be given in any park without having obtained the written permission from the City.

Concessions: No person may sell food, drinks, or other items in the park, except as may be permitted by special contract approved by the city.

Camping or sleeping overnight: Camping or sleeping overnight in city parks is prohibited without first obtaining a permit from the city.

Aquaculture Facilities: Fishing: The use of any park with aquaculture facilities for the purpose of fishing must be in compliance with Title 23 of Utah Code Annotated (wildlife resources code of Utah), the rules and proclamations promulgated there under, order issued pursuant thereto, and the provisions of this section. (1) Ice skating and/or ice fishing shall not be allowed on any lake, pond, reservoir or stream within an aquaculture facility. Swimming: Except by special permit issued by the City Council, no person shall swim, bathe or wade in the waters of any fountain; pond, lake or stream not set aside for the purpose of swimming, bathing or wading or pollute the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, reservoir, or stream in any public park or playground. Domesticated animals are prohibited from swimming in any city park aquatic facility.

The following shall not apply to rescue efforts or the care and maintenance of aquaculture facilities.

Floatation Devices: Motorized boats or floatation devices: No person shall ride in or drive any motorized boat or floatation device which is self-propelled upon any lake, pond or stream within said aquaculture facilities, This shall not apply, however, to motorized or self-propelled boats used within the park by officers or employees of the city or of the Department of wildlife Resources in the performance of their official duties in the care and clean-up of the facilities. Model Boating: No person shall engage in model boating in, on or upon the waters, of any aquaculture facility in the city of Syracuse. Aquatic Animals: No person is to put in or around any lake, pond or stream any type of non-native or domesticated fish, frog, or any other kind of amphibian or aquatic animal including, but not limited to, goldfish, frogs, lizards, snakes, etc.