



Town of Jamestown

Uniform Park Rules and Regulations

Adopted April 15, 2014

The following rules shall regulate the use, occupancy and the conduct of persons in or upon all parks or park property owned and/or operated by the Town of Jamestown, North Carolina. The failure of any person to adhere to any rule or regulation may result in expulsion from the park for the day and/or for an extended period of time.

GENERAL RULES

1. VEHICLES

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on any trails or walking paths. It shall be prohibited for any person to drive any vehicle anywhere in any park, except upon the regularly established roadways; it shall be prohibited for any person to park or permit to be parked any vehicle anywhere except upon designated parking areas authorized by the Park Superintendent 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 and gardens, and on paths, sidewalks and trails as prescribed by North Carolina law; however the Park Superintendent reserves the authority to regulate the time, place and manner of use.

Motor vehicle is hereby defined to include cars, trucks, mini-bikes, go-carts, motorbikes, golf carts, ATVs and any other self-propelled motorized vehicle.

2. BICYCLES

Bicycles are allowed only on designated paths, trails and public roadways. All cyclists are encouraged to wear helmets. Cyclists must comply with all NC Bicycle Statutes when riding on public roadways.

3. ROLLER SKATES, ROLLERBLADES, SCOOTERS AND SKATEBOARDS

The use of roller skates, rollerblades, scooters and skateboards is prohibited on park roads, walkways, and parking lots.

4. ADVERTISING

It shall be prohibited 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 Superintendent or designated official. All allowed advertising must be in accordance with the Town's sponsorship policy.

5. PRESERVATION OF PARK PROPERTY

It shall be prohibited for any person to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any Town structure, monument, planter, fountain, wall, fence, railing, vehicle, bench, trees, plants, or any other property in any park. Any persons committing any prohibited action above will be subject to fines and/or arrest.

A. GEOCACHING

- 1) A cache must be registered with the Parks and Recreation Department. Contact Parks Supervisor at (336) 454-1138.
- 2) Requesting parties must submit a written request and gain written approval prior to placing a cache. A detailed map including the exact location of the cache must be provided to the Park Superintendent or Supervisor for approval. A detailed list of the cache contents must be provided.
- 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. The recommended time frame is 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, be placed in water or be placed using nails, screws or fasteners, and must not constitute a hazard to the public or wildlife.
- 9) The applicant agrees to reimburse the Town of Jamestown 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) Permission will not be granted to place the cache in areas not accessible to the general public.
- 12) Changing the location of an existing cache will require submission of a new written letter requesting permission to relocate the cache and must have all required information (see above) included in the new request.
- 13) If for any reason it is determined by the Park Superintendent that a cache is causing adverse impacts to the park, wildlife, any park facilities or the environment, park staff or the public, then the cache will be removed by the Park Superintendent and held for ten days to be picked up by the permit holder. Caches not retrieved after ten days will be discarded.
- 14) The Park Superintendent reserves the right to regulate the number of caches within any park facility or the park itself.

B. EXCAVATIONS

It shall be prohibited for any person to make an excavation or use a metal detector in any park for any purpose without written permission of the Park Superintendent or designated official. Requested excavations must be in writing and include site protocol excavation documentation submitted to the Park Superintendent for consideration.

C. PLANT MATERIAL

It shall be prohibited 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.

9. GUNS, FIREARMS AND INCENDIARY DEVICES

In accordance with N.C. G. S. 14-415.11(c) and N.C. G. S. 14-415.23, carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited in all Town buildings and their appurtenant premises. Carrying a concealed handgun is also prohibited at Town athletic fields and their appurtenant facilities during organized athletic events for which a person or organization scheduled the athletic field for use with the Town Manager or Park Superintendent. The term “during” shall be construed to mean the period of time in which such athletic field is used for the organized athletic event and a one-hour period before and after that athletic event. This prohibition shall apply to all athletic fields at Jamestown Park.

Carrying a concealed handgun is also prohibited at any Town facility used for athletic events, which shall include the Jamestown Park Golf Course and Clubhouse.

See Concealed/Carry Ordinance of the Town of Jamestown.

Open fires and fireworks of any type are expressly prohibited except at those events approved and permitted by the Town of Jamestown. The approved use of a fire or fireworks must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the Guilford County Fire Marshall, the National Fire Protection Association Codes and Standards, and Chapter 33 of the International Fire Code.

Animal control devices may be used by park staff and/or professional animal control experts with the approval of the Park Superintendent.

10. ANIMALS

It shall be prohibited for any person to allow or permit any horses, dogs or other animals to run at large in a park and it shall be prohibited to ride horses in any park except at a special event or activity approved by a Special Event Permit issued by the Town of Jamestown. Pet owners are required to clean up pet excrement prior to leaving the area. No animals are allowed to enter any park 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. (Ordinance for Town of Jamestown with Respect to the Control of Animals, specifically sections 5-9 and 5-10)

11. INTERFERING WITH WILDLIFE

It shall be prohibited for any person to trap, catch, wound or kill, or cause to be injured, treat cruelly, tease, or attempt to trap, catch, wound, kill, injure, or tease any bird, 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 park property. The feeding of wildlife is strictly prohibited.

No animal may be released or placed onto park property unless said release or placement is in connection with animal control devices used by park staff or professional animal control experts with the prior approval of the Parks Superintendent.

12. USE OF LAKES AND PONDS

Fishing and swimming is prohibited in all lakes and ponds located on park property.

13. PROFITEERING

The sale of food and drink products, clothing and any and all other items is strictly prohibited without the prior consent and written permission of the Parks Superintendent. Fees may apply. Admission fees may not be charged by any group or member of the public to attend any event or function taking place on park property unless expressly permitted by a Special Events Permit issued by the Town of Jamestown. Donations at events held on park property may be accepted by those groups designated by the Internal Revenue Service as 501 (c) (3) organizations who have also secured a Special Events Permit from the Town of Jamestown. All events serving food items must comply with Guilford County Department of Health regulations.

It shall be prohibited for any person to engage in soliciting, peddling, begging or selling, or to ply the vocation of a solicitor, agent, peddler, beggar or salesman of any description in any park.

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

14. SHOWS, MARKETS AND EXHIBITIONS

Shows, markets and exhibitions may be permitted in the parks with the issuance of a Special Events Permit by the Town of Jamestown. Applicants must work closely with the Parks Superintendent in determining when and where the event will take place. The sponsoring organization obtaining the Special Events Permit shall be responsible for the payment of all license fees required. Flea market operations or rummage sales are prohibited.

15. GAMBLING

All games of chance at which any money, property or other thing of value is wagered, are prohibited on park property.

16. SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited within all park buildings and structures and within fifty (50) feet of said park buildings or structures. "Tobacco Free Zones" have been established in areas of youth activity, and no tobacco use is allowed in the areas where signs are posted.

17. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

No boisterous or insulting language is allowed to be used in any park or park facility, and disorderly conduct of any kind is not allowed in any park or park facility.

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

No person may possess, consume or display publicly any beer, wine, ale or other alcoholic beverage in any park or on any trail or greenway, except under the following circumstances:

- A. Upon standards established by the Town Manager, beer, wine and ale are allowed within certain designated enclosed facilities located in that part of the park designated as the municipal golf course and clubhouse. Beer, wine or ale sold or dispensed from such facilities shall be displayed or consumed on the premises of the municipal golf course and clubhouse itself, and only in containers approved by the Town Manager.
- B. No person under the influence of alcoholic beverages is allowed to enter or remain in any park, or on any greenway or trail.

19. SPORTS FIELD USAGE

Football, golf, baseball or other games of like character are not allowed in any area of any park where signs have been posted specifically prohibiting such games. At no time 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 areas of any park except those areas established as driving ranges or golf courses.

20. FIRES AND GRILLS

It shall be prohibited 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 Parks Superintendent, or in an area specifically designated by the Parks Superintendent. It shall be prohibited 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. Provision, use and disposal of any cooking materials or supplies are the responsibility of the park visitor. Under no circumstances may any open flame be located inside a shelter or building with

the exception of Sterno type canisters to heat food and ceremonial candles such as birthday, unity and memorial candles. Additional fees may be assessed when trash, flour and grease stains are not thoroughly cleaned.

21. 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 and rice is strictly prohibited.

22. USE OF PARK AFTER HOURS

Entrance and/or use of park premises or facilities after posted park hours of operation will be considered trespassing and offenders may be prosecuted. Exceptions are limited in the case of special events approved with a Special Event Permit and the private rental of clubhouse facilities.

23. AMPLIFIED MUSIC

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

24. REMOTE CONTROL VEHICLES AND TRAJECTORIES

The use and operation of gasoline and electrically operated remote controlled devices, including but not limited to cars, boats, airplanes, jet, helicopters and rockets, is strictly prohibited unless approved by the Parks Superintendent.

25. FEES

All fees and charges associated with the operation of park facilities owned and operated by the Town of Jamestown shall be subject to the recommendations of the Jamestown Parks and Recreation Committee and the recommendations and approval of the Town of Jamestown Town Council.

26. PICNIC SHELTER USE

Advanced reservations for Picnic Shelters is strongly encouraged. Picnic shelter use is based on a first come, first served basis for groups of 20 or fewer at no charge if a shelter is available. Groups of 20 or more are required to pay according to the scheduled posted fees for shelter rental, as allowed. Fees are due at the time of reservation to secure the shelter. Any person renting a shelter must be 21 or older. Shelters must be cleaned and vacated no later than 15 minutes prior to posted park closing hours.

Groups renting picnic shelters reserve the right to use the shelter exclusively for the time period specified on the rental agreement. Shelters must be left clean and free of excessive debris or the person renting the shelter will be prohibited from renting another shelter for one (1) year. The Park Superintendent can request that a group be banned from shelter rental due to excessive violation of these rules and regulations and/or loose rental privileges for the day reserved. Park patrons refusing to leave the park when requested by the Park Superintendent or his/her designee for violation of these rules and regulations are subject to arrest for trespassing.

27. TRAIL USAGE

All trails are open according to posted hours. Trail patrons must adhere to trail designations. Removal of any vegetation is prohibited.

28. INDOOR RENTALS

Rental of indoor facilities is available pursuant to the fee and time schedules posted in the parks.

29. GOLF AND DRIVING RANGE

Rules and regulations for the Jamestown Park Golf Course and Driving Range are posted and available at the Course.

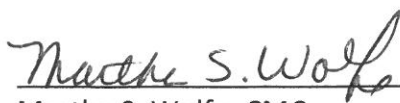
30. ENFORCEMENT

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. The Park Superintendent, Golf Course Manager, or designated official and law enforcement personnel are charged with enforcement of these rules and regulations.

Duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown on the 15th, day of April, 2014.



ATTEST:



Martha S. Wolfe, CMC

Town Clerk

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Mayor Keith L. Volz