

225.010 Purpose

General. In order to provide for maximum use and enjoyment by the citizens of Platte County, Missouri of the parks and recreational facilities available through Platte County Parks and Recreation Department, the Platte County Commission hereby establishes the following rules and regulations for use of the County's parks, open space, trails, greenways and recreational facilities (park facilities).

225.020 Rules and Regulations for Use of County Parks, Trails, and Recreational Facilities

1. Observances. All visitors to County park facilities shall:
 - a. Observe sport field and shelter reservations posted at park facility information kiosks. Persons holding reservations for sport field and shelter amenities shall have priority over any and all "walk up" facility visitors.
 - b. Observe all warning, caution, advisory and ordinance signage posted at park facilities.
 - c. Persons seeking special use of park facilities shall secure a special-use permit from the Parks and Recreation Department and comply with all County insurance and indemnification requirements.
2. Prohibited Activities. Unless otherwise permitted by the Parks and Recreation Department under the direction of the County Commission, no person shall:
 - a. Destroy, damage or alter any portion of any real or personal property or park equipment located within the boundaries of the County's park facilities.
 - b. Be in County park facilities at any time between dusk and dawn. All park facilities shall be open from dawn to dusk unless otherwise posted or scheduled by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - c. Litter or deposit trash, debris or unwanted items in any area other than the designated trash receptacles or deposit trash, debris or unwanted items generated at an off-site location in a park facility dumpster or trash receptacle.
 - d. Deposit brush, yard waste, or rubble in any area of a park facility or in a park dumpster.
 - e. Possess illegal drugs in park-facilities or bring illegal drugs onto park facility properties.

- f. Possess alcoholic beverages in park facilities without a permit. Permits may be issued by the Parks and Recreation Department for shelter and sports field rentals.
- g. Set a fire in any location other than a designated cooking grill.
- h. Operate motorized vehicles, including All Terrain Vehicles or snow mobiles, in any area of a park facility, other than paved areas designated for roads or parking.
- i. Use bicycles, roller blades or skateboards on picnic facilities, playgrounds, within sports complexes or in the shelter houses.
- j. Fail to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians while using bicycles, roller blades or skateboards on park facility sidewalks or trails.
- k. Hit a golf ball unless otherwise permitted at designated golfing areas.
- l. Play music or create sounds at a volume that is offensive to other park facilities patrons or persons on property near park facilities.
- m. Use abusive or obscene language at park facilities.
- n. Fail to yield the use of athletic fields, courts or shelter houses to waiting patrons on an hourly basis unless in possession of a reservation card for use of those facilities.
- o. Use any portion of any park facility for toilet purposes except designated public restrooms or portable toilets.
- p. Ride or bring horses onto park facilities property unless otherwise permitted in designated areas.
- q. Bring or possess a dog in park facilities off-leash unless otherwise permitted in designated areas. The dog owner or possessor shall keep control of the dog at all times and remove any solid waste deposited by the dog within all park facilities.
- r. Bring to or possess on County owned park facilities any animal other than those permitted in subsections 2.p and 2.q
- s. Hunt wildlife or game unless otherwise permitted in designated areas.
- t. Take fish or other aquatic life from ponds, lakes, streams or other waterways unless otherwise permitted in designated areas.
- u. Be in possession of or discharge a firearm, firework, or any other high velocity projectile device within the designated boundaries of park facilities, unless otherwise permitted in designated areas.
- v. Remove flora or fauna within the designated boundaries of park facilities, without the prior written consent of the County.

- w. Boat, swim, or skate on ponds or lakes within park facilities unless otherwise permitted in designated areas.
 - x. Leave vehicles overnight at park facilities.
 - y. Place or locate at park facilities any scavenger hunt “geocache” type containers or items without prior authorization from the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - z. Smoke in or around playgrounds, sports complex dug outs, bleachers and spectator areas, concession areas or restrooms.
 - aa. Place commercial, advertising, or political banners, signs or handbills at park facilities without permission from the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - bb. Charge admission, registration fees, or utilize park facilities for personal financial gain without a permit from the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - cc. Bring large personal recreation devices to park facilities such as inflatables, climbing devices or stages without a permit from the Parks and Recreation Department.
3. Enforcement. Rules and regulations for the use of county parks, trails and recreational facilities shall be enforced by officers of the Sheriff’s Department and staff of the Parks and Recreation Department. Officers and staff shall utilize discretion in the communication of rules and regulations and take every opportunity to educate the general public regarding the rules and regulations including the issuance of verbal and written warnings before issuing citations for violations.

225.030: Penalty

Any violation of the Rules and Regulations set forth in this Section shall be classified as a Class A misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to one year, or by a fine of up to \$1,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.

(Adopted by County Commission Order #54-98 on December 10, 1998; amended by County Commission Order #19-03 on March 13, 2003; amended by County Commission Order 2011-CO-151 on September 13, 2011)