

TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION
PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

Section 1: Authority

- 1.1 The authority to make and enforce these rules is granted through township Ordinance No. 593, of the township codification, Ordinance No. 553; Chapter 11, Article III, Section 11-21.
- 1.2 All persons that enter a Township of Derry Park where notice of Park Rules and Regulations is posted, do hereby acknowledge these provisions by their mere presence in the park.

Section 2: Hours of Operation

- 2.1 All Township parks are closed sunset to sunrise with the exception of Shank Park. Shank Park shall be open until 9:00 p.m. for sledding, cross-country skiing, and other winter sports from December 15 to March 15.
- 2.2 In the event of hazardous conditions endangering life or property, any township park or facility may be closed at the discretion of the Township Manager.
- 2.3 Persons found on park property after park is closed are subject to trespassing provisions under the Pennsylvania Crimes Code.

Section 3: Permits and Fees

- 3.1 Scheduled use of park facilities including organized and unorganized instruction, exhibition, competition, demonstration or camping events requires a Facilities Use Permit, and may require a fee, prior to such events being conducted.
- 3.2 Facility Use Permit Applications may be obtained at the offices of Township of Derry Department of Parks & Recreation at 605 Cocoa Avenue, Hershey, PA. Phone (717) 533-7138.
- 3.3 The Township of Derry reserves the right to deny an application for a facility use permit if, in the opinion of the Township, the health, safety and welfare of the public is endangered.
- 3.4 Groups or individuals requesting reserved exclusive use of park facilities may be subject to a reservation or rental fee.

Section 4: Activities Prohibited or Restricted

- 4.1 Open fires and disposal of hot coals from grills are permitted only in facilities provided. Open fires are restricted to camp fire rings only. Grilling is permitted only in facilities provided.
- 4.2 Soliciting or distributing flyers or advertisements, except as expressly authorized by the Township, is prohibited.
- 4.3 Hunting, trapping or the possession of firearms or hunting equipment is prohibited. Duly appointed law enforcement officers of the Commonwealth or its political sub-divisions (or retired officers with a permit) are exempt from the firearms possession provision.
- 4.4 Horseback riding is prohibited.
- 4.5 Golfing is prohibited.
- 4.6 Disposal of trash or recyclables is restricted to containers provided. No trash or refuse generated outside the park system may be deposited in any trash receptacles provided on township recreation facility property.
- 4.7 Disorderly conduct, the use of profane language or the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- 4.8 Removal or tampering of any vegetation on nature trails or other park property is prohibited.
- 4.9 Abuse or misuse of athletic fields and surfaces is prohibited. Refer to Athletic Turf Guidelines Provided By the Parks and Recreation Department.
- 4.10 Ice skating, swimming and feeding of fowl are prohibited at Bullfrog Valley Pond.

Section 5: Boating and Fishing

- 5.1 Fishing is permitted with appropriate State issued licenses.
- 5.2 Boating is permitted with small boats and canoes at parks located adjacent to the Swatara Creek. Fishing and boating regulations of the Commonwealth apply to all parks.

Section 6: Motor Vehicles

- 6.1 The operation of licensed motor vehicles is restricted to roads and parking areas. Parking on grass is strictly prohibited unless permission is granted by an authorized township official.
- 6.2 Operation of any other motor vehicles, such as mini-bikes and/or off-road vehicles is prohibited
- 6.3 Vehicles shall park only in designated parking spaces.
- 6.4 The motor vehicle speed limit, except as otherwise posted, shall be 15 miles per hour.
- 6.5 Shank Park Nature Trail is for foot traffic only. Motorized or non-motorized means of transportation are strictly prohibited.

Section 7: Restrictions on Pets

- 7.1 Pets are permitted in parks provided they are on a leash, attended to and under their owner's control at all times.
- 7.2 Pets shall be kept off athletic fields and playgrounds.
- 7.3 Owners shall clean up all waste from their pets and deposit in appropriate receptacles.

Section 8: Commercial or Promotional Activities Restricted

- 8.1 Commercial or promotional activities in parks defined: they shall include, but not be limited to catering to groups or parties, sale of food or beverage, tours and travel, use of park property for video or other media productions, sale of merchandise and any other special or individualized recreation program or service unless scheduled and authorized through a facility rental contract.
- 8.2 Commercial or promotional activities are permitted only when they are clearly not in conflict with any Township-sponsored program, if the activity can be conducted without restriction of public use for Township-sponsored program, if the activity can be conducted without restriction of public use for a reasonable time and only if they meet a legitimate public need, in the Township's opinion.

- 8.3 Use of public facilities, including use of names of structures or facilities, will not be authorized if such use constitutes an express or implied endorsement of commercial products, services or activities.
- 8.4 The sponsors of commercial activities conducted on park property must pay the Township ten percent (10%) of the event's gross receipts of the event or activity in addition to the prevailing facility reservation or rental rate.
- 8.5 Charitable, non-profit community service organizations conducting events at parks for fundraising purposes not sponsored by or directly benefiting any Township program or activity must pay the facility rental rate, maintenance fee, if any, or ten percent (10%) of the event's gross receipts, whichever is greater.
- 8.6 Charitable groups sponsoring fundraising activities at parks shall provide written evidence of comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per incident.

Section 9: Violations

- 9.1 Township employees shall have the authority to give direction to the public and to enforce these rules and regulations.
- 9.2 Violations of these rules and regulations shall constitute a violation of Derry Township Ordinance No. 593 of the Derry Township Codification Ordinance No. 553, Chapter 11, Article III, section 11-21. Any person or firm or corporation who shall violate any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this article, upon conviction thereof in an action brought before a District Justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation continues or each rule or regulation which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.
- 9.3 Anyone in violation of Park Rules will be subject to the provisions of Township Ordinance 553 and the provisions of Title 18 Pa. C.S. section 3503 (b) Defiant Trespassing.

