

BURLINGTON COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Burlington County Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter, the "Board") has adopted these rules and regulations for the protection of all visitors to the County Parks System. These rules and regulations shall apply to all facilities, structures, and natural resource areas managed by the Burlington County Parks System. At its discretion, the Board may modify or waive any of the Parks System Rules and Regulations.

HOURS OF OPERATION

2. All Parks System properties will open at approximately 7:00 AM and will close at approximately one-half hour after sunset as defined by the National Weather Service for the Mount Holly area, unless otherwise permitted by the Board. The Board reserves the right to limit or close to the public any Parks System property or specific area therein whenever such action is deemed necessary for proper management and operation of that park or area, and/or when it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the public.

USER FEES

3. The Board may establish user fees for Parks System properties. Such user fees shall be adopted by the Board as needed and be known as "User Fees- Schedule 1". Changes to User Fees are made at the discretion of the Board.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

4. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

5. No person shall possess or consume alcoholic beverages, drugs, or narcotics, or possess drug paraphernalia in any Parks System property nor shall any person be permitted within a Parks System property under the influence of intoxicating beverages, drugs, or narcotics.

SMOKING AND TOBACCO

6. Smoking and the use of tobacco and tobacco products are prohibited on or in all Parks System properties, whether indoors or outdoors, including, but not limited to parking lots, playgrounds, trails (park, regional and canoe trails), buildings, exhibits, programs or festivals.

GROUP USE. FACILITY RENTAL. MEETINGS. EXHIBITIONS. PERMITS

7. Certain Parks System facilities and areas may be reserved for private group use in accordance with the County's Facility Use Policies (see Appendix A – Burlington County Fairgrounds Facility Use Policies and Appendix B - Events at County Parks Facilities, Facility Use Policies).

PARK USE

8. Park visitors/users must obey all posted park and trail use regulations. Use of Parks System property is done at the visitor's/user's own risk. All visitors/users shall comply with all applicable laws with regard to the activities they are conducting within a Parks System property.
9. No person shall use any portion of Parks System property for motorized travel, except drives and parking areas established for such purpose. The use of ATVs or other motorized off-road vehicles on Parks System property is strictly prohibited.
10. As determined by the County, no equipment may be used and/or activity be permitted to be conducted in such a manner as to create a public safety hazard and/or nuisance.
11. Metal detecting is not permitted.
12. There shall be no commercial uses of any Parks System property except as permitted in writing by the Board. No signs or notices may be posted, nor advertisements distributed, nor shall there be any begging, soliciting, selling or attempts to commit such acts, without the written permission of the Board.
13. No person shall engage in any behavior, conduct, noisemaking or use of language which disrupts, interferes with, is unduly annoying to, or prevents the enjoyment of any Parks System property by other visitors or the maintenance of any Parks System property by Park personnel. No public address/loudspeaker systems may be used without written permission from the Board.
14. No person shall block, obstruct or interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any road, parking area, trail, walkway, pathway or common area, nor shall occupy or interfere with access to any Park structure or lavatory in a manner that interferes with its intended use by visitors of Park personnel. Vehicle parking must be in designated parking areas only.
15. All persons on Parks System properties shall be clothed sufficiently to conform with commonly accepted standards of dress or recreational wearing apparel. No person shall change clothes or disrobe except in the privacy of authorized Parks System bathroom facilities. Public urination and defecation are prohibited.
16. No person shall use the public restrooms located on Parks System properties in an unreasonable manner, including but not limited to regular bathing, washing of hair, shaving, or washing of clothes.
17. No person shall store or leave unattended items or personal belongings within or adjacent to any park property.
18. No person shall engage in camping, or erect or maintain a tent, shelter, or camp in any park without express permission from the County. "Camp" includes but is not limited to bedding, sleeping bags or other material for bedding purposes that are placed to provide a temporary place to live and/or sleep during non-business hours of the Park.

PETS, HORSES

19. Dogs and cats must be kept on a physical leash up to six (6) feet in length and under the owner's control at all times. No domestic animal shall be permitted to run at large within any Parks System property, either with or without a keeper, except in those areas designated for that purpose by the Board.

20. Keepers of domestic animals must promptly clean up, remove, and properly dispose of their animals' excrement discharged within any Parks System property.

21. No horses or other animals are allowed within a Parks System property, except on such roads, trails, or areas specifically designated for this use.

22. Pet or horse owners shall be responsible for their animal's behavior, and shall be strictly liable for any nuisance, noise, damage or injury caused by their animal.

WILDLIFE

23. No animal, reptile or bird, wild or domestic may be released onto or into a Parks System property. Only licensed wildlife rehabilitators, after receiving written permission from the Board, shall release wildlife within or into Park System property. Exotic, non-native species are strictly prohibited.

VEGETATION

24. No person shall plant, pick, dig, mutilate, injure, destroy or remove any vegetation, soil or water from Parks System property without written authorization to do so.

REFUSE. POLLUTION. VANDALISM

25. Certain Parks System properties or areas are designated as Carry In/Carry Out for the purpose of refuse removal. Visitors are required to remove all refuse that is generated by their use from these Parks System properties or areas for proper disposal.

26. Please recycle cans and bottles where receptacles are available and carry them out where receptacles are not available.

27. No person shall in any Parks System property or waters therein, deposit or dump, or cause to deposit or dump any litter, trash refuse, garbage, bottles, pollutants, or any other substances or liquids.

28. Parks System property and natural features shall not be vandalized, polluted, defaced, removed, disturbed, interfered with or destroyed.

FIRES. FIREWORKS

29. No person shall build, light, or maintain a fire within Parks System property, except in a fireplace, fire ring, or grill provided, maintained, or designated for such purpose unless fire restrictions are in effect.

30. No person shall possess, discharge, or set off within Parks System property any firecrackers, rockets, or other fireworks.

HUNTING. FISHING. FIREARMS.WEAPONS

31. Bow hunting of deer is allowed on specified Parks System properties as provided for in the "Deer Management Program Rules and Regulations" appended hereto as Appendix C.

32. No person shall carry nor discharge any weapon or firearm within or into a Parks System property, including, but not limited to: air guns, slingshots, paint ball guns and blank guns, or any other weapon capable of injuring persons or wildlife. Archery equipment may be carried into Parks System properties by permitted hunters only when approved under the Deer Management Program Rules and Regulations.

33. The building, erecting, or use of any hunting-type tree stands or blinds is prohibited except when permitted under the Deer Management Program Rules and Regulations.

34. Fishing on Parks System property is subject to NJ State Fish and Game Laws. Ice and spear fishing are prohibited.

COMMERCIAL USES

35. No person shall engage in any commercial enterprises, including but not limited to the offering of services, soliciting, selling or peddling any liquids or edibles for human consumption, or to distribute circulars or to hawk, peddle, or vend any goods, ware, or merchandise within Parks System property without being authorized by the Board to do so.

DISORDERLY PERSONS

36. No person shall remain within a Parks System property who does not abide by conditions adopted and posted by the Board for the preservation of good order and the protection of property within the Parks System property.

37. Violators of the Parks System Rules and Regulations will be considered disorderly persons and will be escorted from the park.

38. Violators who refuse to leave the park upon request or demand will be considered disorderly persons and/or defiant trespassers and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

- Appendix A: Burlington County Fairgrounds Facility Use Policies
- Appendix B: Events at County Parks Facilities – Facility Use Policies
- Appendix C: Deer Management Program Rules and Regulations

Schedule 1: Burlington County Parks System Fee Schedule

First Adopted on May 14, 2008 by Resolution No. 328
Amended on February 9, 2011 by Resolution No. 72 to include a fee schedule
Amended on August 8, 2012 by Resolution No. 2012-00411 to incorporate Fairgrounds Facility Use Policies
Amended on May 22, 2013 by Resolution No. 2013-00224 to ban smoking/tobacco products
Amended on February 11, 2015 by Resolution No. 2015-00053 to incorporate Facility Use Policies and modify the fee schedule
Amended on December 27, 2016 by Resolution No. 2016-00691 to modify the fee schedule
Amended on May 24, 2023 by Resolution No. 2023-00320 to incorporate Deer Management Program Rules and Regulations
Amended on April 23, 2025 by Resolution No. 2025-00249 to incorporate language regarding use of Parks facilities and encampments