

City of Germantown Parks and Recreation Department

General Park Rules and Regulations

1. Park operating hours: No person shall remain within the confines of a park or use any part of the facilities of a park during times that the park is closed, unless by special written permit of the Director of Parks and Recreation. Park hours vary depending on park type, season and lighting availability. Hours are posted at each park.
2. No person shall engage in any conduct that is harmful or hazardous, or may be harmful or hazardous to park property, to any person, or to the property of any person.
3. Possessing, injuring, destroying, removing, breaking, severing, digging, harvesting or disturbing from its natural state any natural, cultural or archeological resource is strictly prohibited in all park areas.
4. Hunting, trapping, killing, wounding, molesting, touching, teasing, chasing, frightening, taking, feeding or intentionally disturbing wildlife or wildlife nesting is strictly prohibited in all park areas.
5. No person shall park or operate a motor vehicle in a park area except on improved or paved roads and parking areas.
6. The operation of off-highway vehicles, ATVs, snowmobiles and motorized dirt bikes is prohibited in park areas.
7. No person shall repair, renovate, paint or wash any vehicle within a park area, unless the repairs performed are of an emergency nature and they are required in order to permit the vehicle to be moved.
8. No person shall permit animals owned or controlled by said person to go at large in a park area except at such times and under such conditions and in such areas as may be expressly designated as off-leash areas for domestic animals. A domestic animal may be brought into a park area, provided that such animal shall be continually restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet in length.
9. Engaging in or soliciting any business, including but not limited to, the selling or offering of goods or services of any nature, in park areas is prohibited except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, instructor contract or other written agreement with the Parks and Recreation Department.
10. No person shall possess or otherwise carry on or about his person, any weapon, including but not limited to firearms of any description, bows and arrows, crossbows, air or gas guns, missiles, slingshots or other missile throwing devices in a park area.
11. No person shall build, start, maintain or use a fire in a park area except in designated areas using park grills.
12. No person shall camp or establish or maintain any tent, camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place, including motor homes, in any park.
13. No person shall swim, wade, bathe or enter into waters in a park area.
14. No person shall operate a boat, canoe or raft of any kind on any park area lake or pond.
15. No person shall use aircraft, helicopters, hang gliders, air balloons parachutes or similar apparatus or take off or land such apparatus from or on a park area except in an emergency.
16. Bicyclists must stay on designated roads, parking areas and trails.

17. No horse shall enter into any park except in parks that have been specially designated.
18. Fishing in a park area shall be in accordance with applicable state, county and municipal laws and at designated park lakes.
19. No person shall enter onto or otherwise tread upon a field, pavilion or other park area that is closed for maintenance, including but not limited to turf maintenance, aeration, mowing, repairing or painting.
20. No person shall dump, deposit, or leave any bottles, broken glass, cans, boxes, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, refuse or other trash in a park area except such items that result from a picnic, recreational activity or other permitted activity which must be deposited in receptacles and/or dumpsters provided by the Parks and Recreation Department for disposal of same.
21. Sports tournaments and events, parades, pageants, reenactments, entertainment and the like, and other special events, are prohibited unless the organizers have secured a special events permit from the City of Germantown pursuant to Section 12-97 of the City of Germantown, Tennessee, Code of Ordinances.
22. No person can be in possession of, or consume any beverage with alcoholic content in any of the public parks except in accordance with the provisions of a temporary beer permit properly issued by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.