

PARK REGULATIONS

Section 1. Application. These regulations shall apply to all park and recreational property owned, maintained, or operated by Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Section 2. Definitions. The following terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning, or there is an expressed provision to the contrary:

- (a) **Park Property.** Any property, whether real or personal, owned, operated or established by the Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation.
- (b) **Director.** The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or his designee.
- (c) **County.** The County of Chesterfield, Virginia.

Section 3. Hours of Operation. No person, except a bona fide camper with prior written approval from the Director, or a law enforcement officer or County employee in the course of his respective employment, shall enter or remain in any park except during such hours as shall be designated and posted by the County as hours of operation.

Section 4. Facility and Activity Permits. Persons with permits issued by the Director shall have priority in the use of facilities. Failure to relinquish facilities to a person with such a permit shall be unlawful and shall constitute trespassing.

Section 5. Restricted Areas. No person shall enter any area which is designated and posted by the Department of Parks and Recreation as an area where persons are prohibited from going.

Section 6. Permissible Roadways. Operation of motorized vehicles is allowed only on designated roadways.

Section 7. Enforcement. All state and county laws shall be observed when operating motorized vehicles on park property. Any traffic directive from any member of the Virginia State Police or Chesterfield County Police shall supersede written or posted laws and regulations.

Section 8. Speed Limit. No person shall operate any motorized vehicle in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted or directed.

Section 9. Parking. No person shall park a motor vehicle or motor-assisted bicycle in areas of any park other than those designated and posted by the County as parking areas.

Section 10. Certain Vehicles Prohibited. Except by the express authorization of the Board

of Supervisors, the County Administrator, or the County Administrator's designee:

- (a) No person shall operate within any park a motorized vehicle of a type not licensable by the Commonwealth of Virginia for regular use upon public highways.
- (b) No person shall operate with any park a farm tractor, other farm machinery, or any type of vehicle used primarily for earth-mowing operations, whether or not licensable by the Commonwealth of Virginia for regular use upon public highways.

Section 11. Restriction of Animals. No person shall have within the park any animal unless it is either caged, securely penned or on a leash of not more than 10 feet in length, and no person shall ride a horse in any park except in areas designated and posted by the County for horseback riding. **(Code of Chesterfield County, VA, Chapter 4, Article III, Division I, section 4-23)**

Section 12. Animals Protected. No person shall capture, pursue, molest, injure, attempt to injure, kill or attempt to kill, any animal in any park.

Section 13. Automobile Service. No person may service any automobile on park property, except in cases of an emergency.

Section 14. Destruction or Interference with Park Property. No person may climb upon, deface, destroy, injure in any way, misuse, remove, or waste any park property. Permission for collecting items for scientific and/or educational purposes must be obtained in writing from the Director or his designee. **(Code of Chesterfield County, VA, Chapter 14, Section 14-22)**

Section 15. Employees: Interference with Rules.

- (a) No person may interfere with any Department of Parks and Recreation employee acting in the course of his or her duties or falsely represent or impersonate a park employee.
- (b) No person shall fail or refuse to obey the lawful order of a uniformed or properly identified park employee or police officer.

Section 16. Littering and Dumping.

- (a) No person may deposit or leave refuse or other substance on park property other than in receptacles provided for this purpose.
- (b) No person may deposit refuse from private premises in park trash receptacles. **(Code of Chesterfield County, Chapter 11, Article III, Section 11-31)**

Section 17. Pollution of Waters. No person shall in the streams, lakes or other waters of

any park, bathe dogs or other animals, wash vehicles or clothing, or throw, cast, lay, drip, or discharge into or leave in the streams, lakes or other waters of the parks or in any storm sewer or drains flowing into said water, any substance matter or thing, liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of said water. **(Code of Chesterfield County, VA Chapter 8, Article III, Section 8-36)**

Section 18. Fires Restricted. No person shall kindle, build, maintain, or use a fire other than (1) in grills and (2) in places provided and/or designated by the County for such purposes, except by prior written permission from the Director or his designee.

Section 19. Control of Fire Required. Any fire within the confines of any park shall be continuously under the care and supervision of a competent person the time such fire is kindled until the time it is extinguished. **(Code of Chesterfield County, VA Chapter 10, Article I, Section 307.2)**

Section 20. Conduct. All users, visitors, and patrons of County park or recreation facilities shall adhere to the Parks and Recreation Code of Conduct. (See Appendix A)

Section 21. Alcohol Restricted. No person shall possess opened alcoholic beverage containers or drink an alcoholic beverage or tender a drink of an alcoholic beverage to another in a county park, except at specific locations approved and as conditioned by the board of supervisors, and after obtaining a valid banquet license issued by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and agreeing to comply with the terms of a special permit issued by the county administrator. **(Code of Chesterfield County, VA Chapter 14, Section 1-23)**

Section 22. Swimming Restricted. No person shall swim, wade, or bathe in any park except at such times and at such places as the Director may designate.

Section 23. Sales of Goods and Services. No person may sell or advertise for sales of goods or services on Park property without written permission from the Director or his designee.

Section 24. Applicability to Certain Persons. Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter to the contrary, it shall not be a violation of this chapter if a person engaging in an otherwise prohibited activity is either an employee of the County acting within the scope of his/her employment, or if the person engaging in the otherwise prohibited activity is an agent or an independent contractor to the County acting within and pursuant to the scope of his/her duties.

Section 25. Severability. If any section of this ordinance or portion thereof is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be regarded as severed and remaining sections and portions shall continue in full force and effect.