



RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE VINTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

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TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

The following terms as used in the rules and regulations herein shall mean:

“Board” means the Board of Park Commissioners of the Vinton County Park District, or its designated representative(s).

“Director” means the Director of the Vinton County Park District or his or her designated representative(s).

“Park” or “parks” or “preserves” means any and all land owned or controlled by the Vinton County Park District Board of Park Commissioners.

“Park district” refers specifically to the Vinton County Park District, and/or its Board of Park Commissioners.

“Person” includes any person, persons, members of partnerships and/or members or officers of corporations and/or their employees.

“Ranger” means an employee of the Board who: 1) has been designated by the Board to act as a Ranger, 2) received a training course certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, 3) taken an oath and 4) given bond to the State of Ohio for proper performance of his or her duties. Ohio Revised Code Section 1545.13 provides he or she may exercise all the powers of a police officer within and adjacent to lands under the jurisdiction and control of the Board.

“Vehicle” means any device in, upon, or by which any person or property may be transported upon a path, roadway, or highway.

1.0 VANDALISM, DESTRUCTION, DISTURBANCE, AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

1.1 VANDALISM — No person shall cause physical harm to any sign, building, property, road/trail, or equipment owned, leased, or managed by the park district.

- 1.2 DEFACE, DESTRUCTION, DISTURBANCE, AND/OR REMOVAL — No person shall injure, deface, destroy, disturb, or remove any part of a park, including but not limited to signs, gates, buildings, equipment, trees, flowers, shrubs or other vegetation, fruit or seed thereof, rock, mineral, fossil or archeological artifact, or mammals, birds, or any other wildlife whether alive or not, with the exception of legally obtained fish and game. Carvings on rocks or trees and the creation of artwork of any kind using park district property as a medium is strictly prohibited.
- 1.3 INTRODUCTION AND COLLECTION OF PLANTS — No person shall plant, propagate, leave or introduce plants, roots, seeds, or, otherwise, cultivate plants of any type in the parks without prior written permission of the director. No person shall collect or harvest plants, roots, fruits, or seeds (e.g. ginseng, mushrooms, fungi, etc.) in the parks without prior written permission of the director.
- 1.4 PROHIBITED ITEMS — No person on park district property may carry or use the following items:
- 1.4.A AEROSOL PAINT CANS — Spray painting park property is expressly prohibited. Persons found carrying or using aerosol spray cans will be fined subject to the maximum penalty imposed by these rules and regulations. Employees and agents of the park district, county, and state governments are exempt from this rule while in the course of their duties.
 - 1.4.B FIREWORKS/EXPLOSIVES — Except park district employees or agents while in the course of their duties, no person shall possess, use, or discharge any type of firework, explosive device, or incendiary device within a park.
 - 1.4.C ILLEGAL DRUGS/SUBSTANCES/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
 - 1.4.D UNLICENSED/UNPERMITTED/ILLEGAL WEAPONS
 - 1.4.E SYMBOLS OF HATE — While on park lands, no person shall display flags, symbols, images, or words promoting hatred, intimidation, or harassment of groups of people based on skin color; race; ethnicity; religion; national origin; sex; gender identity; disability; ancestry; familial status; military status. Well known examples include the Confederate flag and the Nazi swastika.
 - 1.4.F LOCKS/ATTACHMENTS — On the Moonville Rail Trail, attaching locks and other items to bridge railings, fencing, and abutments is strictly forbidden. Attached items are considered abandoned property and may be removed and discarded by park district employees or park district volunteers.

2.0 LITTERING, DUMPING, GARBAGE, SEWAGE, NOXIOUS MATERIALS, AND POLLUTION

- 2.1 LITTERING, DUMPING, GARBAGE PROHIBITED — No person shall bring into, leave behind, place, or drop any material of any kind in a park, except refuse, ashes, or garbage from permitted activities; such materials shall be deposited only in receptacles designated for such purpose. No bottles, cans, refuse, or any foreign material of any description shall be deposited or thrown in any stream, waterway, pond, or lake in or adjacent to park lands.
- 2.2 SEWAGE, NOXIOUS, OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS — No person or corporation shall, either within or outside a park, place, dump, release, spill, or discard onto lands or into any river, stream, brook, ditch, pond, or lake any sewage, noxious, or hazardous materials that may render park property or waters harmful to public health, animals, vegetation, or aquatic life; or that may prevent, limit, or interfere with the use of park property. All sanitary sewage shall receive adequate primary, secondary, and tertiary process-plant treatment prior to resultant clear effluent entering into park district property.
- 2.3 POLLUTION — No person or organization shall cause or allow any burning of garbage, refuse, waste material, trash, or any other material within or adjacent to park lands so as to cause smoke, odor, sparks, dust, etc., to pass over, through, or across the park and cause air pollution, nuisance, or damage.

3.0 FIRES, LIMITATIONS

3.1 **STARTING OF FIRES** — No person shall start a fire in a park except small fires for culinary purposes in park grills or fire rings, privately owned grills, or in places designated by the director. The director may, at his/her discretion, prohibit fires for a limited period at any location or for any purpose when necessary for the protection of park property. All fires shall be continuously attended under the care and direction of a competent person. All fires shall be extinguished by the person or persons responsible for starting said fires prior to leaving the vicinity.

Campfires shall be permitted provided the materials used were not taken live from the park and provided fires are maintained such that burning is accomplished without the emission of dense or hazardous smoke, sparks, odor, dust, ash, etc.

Campfires are prohibited on the Moonville Rail Trail, including its tunnels and bridges, except when started by park district employees or agents during hosted events.

3.2 **DUMPING OF ASHES, LIMITATIONS** — The dumping of hot ashes or fire from portable picnic grills onto the grass or plants is prohibited. Hot ashes shall be deposited only in specified areas or designated receptacles but not in picnic refuse receptacles.

3.3 **LIGHTED MATCHES, CIGARS, CIGARETTES, ETC.** — No person shall drop, throw away, or discard any lighted match, cigar, or cigarette within or adjacent to any park property.

4.0 MOLESTING WILDLIFE, HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING

4.1 **MOLESTING WILDLIFE** — No person shall pursue, harass, harm, or molest any wild bird or animal either personally or by the use of dogs, horses, vehicles, or devices of any kind. No person shall rob or disturb bird nests, eggs, or animal dens.

4.2 **HUNTING, TRAPPING PROHIBITED** — No person within the confines of the park shall pursue, hunt by any means, or trap any wildlife, except in areas designated for such purpose. If hunting in designated hunting areas, a valid State of Ohio hunting license shall be required, and all state and park laws shall apply for limits, seasons, hours, times, and other restrictions deemed necessary.

4.3 **GENERAL FISHING REGULATIONS** — Park waters open to fishing are subject to restrictions deemed necessary by the park district to ensure and maintain safe, quality fishing opportunities. No person, while fishing in park waters, shall violate fishing restrictions or limits.

The following rules apply to all park waters, which shall be subject to State of Ohio fishing regulations:

- 4.3.A No person shall take, keep, or possess fish that are smaller and/or larger than posted size limits, and/or take, keep, or possess a quantity of fish in excess of posted limits.
- 4.3.B No person shall take, keep, or possess white amurs. All white amurs are protected and, if caught, must be immediately released unharmed.
- 4.3.C All fishing lines must be attended at all times, and no person, while fishing within the parks, shall leave his/her lines unattended.
- 4.3.D No person shall fish by any means except by line and pole.
- 4.3.E Fishing with nets is prohibited in park waters.
- 4.3.F The use of trotlines, banklines, floatlines, and/or setlines is strictly prohibited in park waters.

4.3.G Archery fishing is prohibited in park waters.

4.4 FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED – A valid fishing license is required by anyone 16 years of age or older while fishing in any waters within the park district that are also considered, in-whole or in-part, waters of the state as defined in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1531. Waters within the park district, such as ponds or impoundments, of which fish cannot migrate up and/or downstream, will not require a fishing license.

4.5 FROG GIGGING — No person within the confines of the park shall engage in frog gigging.

4.6 TURLING PROHIBITED — Taking of turtles by any means is prohibited.

4.7 FEEDING OF WILDLIFE — Feeding of wildlife is strictly prohibited.

4.8 INTRODUCTION OF AQUATIC ANIMALS PROHIBITED — No person shall add, stock, deposit, or introduce fish, frogs, turtles, or any other species of aquatic animals into park lands.

4.9 ICE FISHING — Ice anglers may use holes no larger than 12 inches in diameter and no more than six tip-ups and two rods per person. Ice fishing shelters must display the full name and address of the owner or user in English lettering.

5.0 FIREARMS, WEAPON DISCHARGE, ARCHERY, SPOTLIGHTS

5.1 CONCEALED FIREARMS, DEADLY WEAPONS, DANGEROUS ORDNANCE — No person, except duly-authorized employees, rangers, or other law-enforcement officers, shall knowingly carry or have concealed on his/her person(s) or concealed ready at hand, any firearm, any deadly weapon, and/or any dangerous ordnance, unless the person(s) has (have) a valid permit for concealing a handgun, or as otherwise provided by law.

5.2 WEAPON DISCHARGE — No person, except duly-authorized employees, rangers, or other law-enforcement officers, while in the confines of a park, shall discharge any firearm of any description except while legally hunting or during special park district-permitted educational programs or to save a life.

5.2.A No person located off of park property shall discharge a firearm or other potentially dangerous projectile toward a park where it may be reasonably expected that such discharge would (1) cause the projectile to pass over or land on park property or (2) alarm, endanger, or injure wildlife, property, or persons in a park.

5.2.B No person, except duly-authorized employees, rangers, or other law-enforcement officers while in the confines of the park, shall possess or discharge air or gas guns, BB or pellet guns, black-powder guns, stun guns, tasers, paintball guns, smoke bombs, martial arts weaponry, sling shots, or any missile-throwing device except while legally hunting or during special park district-permitted educational programs involving said weapon(s).

5.3 ARCHERY — No person shall release an arrow, possess or use archery equipment, arrows, bows, cross bows, and/or long bows within a park except when legally hunting, using an archery range, or during special park district-permitted educational programs.

5.4 SPOTLIGHTS — No person shall use or shine spotlights or unnecessarily or continuously shine vehicle headlights onto park lands, including camping areas, except under the direction of a ranger or park district employee, or except where necessary for the preservation of life or property.

6.0 INDECENT CONDUCT, EXPOSURE, SOLICITATION, LOITERING, RECORDING DEVICES, GENDER IDENTITY

- 6.1 INDECENT CONDUCT — No person shall appear in the park in a state of nudity or commit, perform, or engage in lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent acts or behaviors. No person may harass, bully, intimidate, or otherwise interrupt the legal and reasonable use and enjoyment of park district property by other visitors for any reason.
- 6.2 SOLICITATION — No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit anyone to engage in a sexual act, act of perversion, or any lewd, lascivious, or indecent acts or behaviors.
- 6.3 LOITERING — No person shall loiter in or about restroom facilities, showers or locker rooms, buildings, swimming areas, or loiter around vehicles within or adjacent to the parks.
- 6.4 RECORDING DEVICES — Use of photo, video, and audio recording devices or applications by any person who is not a park district employee, ranger, or law enforcement officer on active duty is prohibited in all private areas including restrooms, locker rooms, shower facilities, park district offices, or within reserved cabins and camping shelters.
- 6.5 GENDER IDENTITY — Persons shall use the restroom, locker room, or shower facility that corresponds to his or her gender identity. To avoid misunderstandings, a transgender person may inform the director of their gender identity if that person feels there may be any issues with their use of a particular facility. Maintenance employees, rangers, or other law-enforcement officers shall enter into any facility regardless of their gender identity while in the course of their duties; their entrance of such facilities shall be precipitated by a verbal announcement, unless entry is for personal reasons.

7.0 DISORDERLY CONDUCT, ASSEMBLAGE, DISTURBING THE PEACE, RESISTING

- 7.1 DISORDERLY CONDUCT — No person shall recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another.
- 7.2 UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLAGE — No person or group shall gather in or adjacent to the park for any unlawful purpose or in a riotous assemblage that would annoy, harass, or inflict any injury upon any person or park property.
- 7.3 DISTURBING THE PEACE — No person shall indulge in any noise, boisterous, or disorderly manner or in any way disturb the peace or good order of the park and its intended peaceful use. No person shall disrupt the park by loud playing of audio equipment, noisemakers, fighting, quarreling, or any riotous clamor or tumult. All persons shall refrain from the use of obscene, profane, or abusive language within the park.
- 7.4 FAILURE TO COMPLY — Persons who enter park district property shall remain upon such property only so long as they abide by the rules and regulations of the park district and only so long as they abide by the lawful instructions and directions of agents or signage of the park district and shall peaceably leave said property if so directed by such agent. No person shall ignore, disobey, or refuse to comply with any legal request, direction, or lawful order of any ranger, agent of the park district, or any law enforcement officer while in a park.

8.0 GAMBLING, ALCOHOL, DRUGS OF ABUSE, SMOKING

- 8.1 GAMBLING PROHIBITED — No person shall play, engage, or otherwise participate in any games of chance within the parks. A special use permit is required for fundraising events.
- 8.2 ALCOHOL PROHIBITED — No person shall possess, use, or offer for sale, any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverages as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.01, nor shall any person enter or remain within the parks while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverages. The board may designate dates, times, or places where alcoholic beverages are permitted.
- 8.2.A With the purchase of a permit, alcohol may be served at private events (e.g. wedding receptions, graduation parties, reunions) held at reserved facilities such as cabins or shelter houses, only if the alcoholic beverages are served and consumed onsite and the host obeys all laws. No person under age 21 may be served alcohol. The host/renter shall be solely responsible for compliance with all laws and the conduct of his/her guests.

8.2.B Any nonprofit organization raising money by selling or serving alcohol, including but not limited to selling drinks by the glass, auctioning off bottles of alcohol, charging admission fees, or offering tastings, must obtain an F permit from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control.

8.3 DRUGS OF ABUSE — No person shall use or possess any type of illegal drug or controlled substance nor shall any person enter or remain within the parks while under the influence of illegal drugs or controlled substances.

8.4 SMOKING & VAPING — No person shall smoke or use vaping products inside any park district building or within 20 feet of entryways of structures or refuse to immediately extinguish any lighted cigarette, cigar, or similar item when asked to do so by any park district employee, park district volunteer, or park district representative.

9.0 TRAFFIC

9.1 DEFACEMENT OF SURFACES — No person shall knowingly accelerate a motor vehicle causing the tires to spin, mark, squeal, and/or deface park roadways, parking lots, turf areas, or graveled lots.

9.2 STORAGE OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED — No person shall park or store any vehicle of any type within or upon park lands except in areas designated for such purpose and for the act of typical park visitation. Any vehicle left unattended for more than 12 hours within the confines of a park and/or left between the hours of closing and opening without a special use permit to do so shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

9.3 VEHICLES RESTRICTED TO ROADWAYS — No vehicle shall be driven over or upon any portion of the park except drives, roadways, and offroad trails established for designated vehicle use.

9.4 SPEED — No person shall drive, propel, or cause to be driven any vehicle in excess of the posted speed limit on any road, drive, parking area, trail, or any other area established for vehicle traffic. On any road, drive, parking area, or trail established for vehicle traffic that is not posted, no vehicle shall exceed 25 MPH nor shall any person operate a vehicle at a greater speed than is posted on roads adjacent to a park.

9.5 PARKING RESTRICTIONS — No person shall park any vehicle within or upon any traveled roadway, right of way, drive, entrance, trail, or other areas restricting vehicle travel or creating a hazard or restriction for emergency or maintenance vehicle access.

9.5.A Parking on grass, lawns, or other areas not designated for vehicle parking is strictly prohibited except during pre-scheduled, park district-approved functions requiring temporary additional parking or in an emergency.

9.5.B Horse trailers and boat trailers shall be parked in designated spaces only.

9.6 DISABILITY PARKING AREA — No person shall park any non-registered disability vehicle in a posted/marked area for persons with disabilities.

9.7 VEHICLE OPERATION — No person shall operate, or permit another to operate, any vehicle on a park district roadway, parking area, trail, path, or transportation corridor (1) in an unsafe or reckless manner that poses a threat of injury to persons, animals, park structures, or foliage; or (2) when the condition of such vehicle or the conditions of such roadway, parking area, trail, path, or transportation corridor is unsafe.

9.8 ELECTRIC BIKES, ATVS, GO CARTS, MINI BIKES — Class I and II electric bikes (e-bikes), as defined by the Ohio Revised Code, are permitted on multipurpose trails, including the Moonville Rail Trail. Class III e-bikes and internal combustion engine-powered/motorized trail bikes, all-terrain and all-purpose vehicles, go carts, and/or mini bike-type vehicles are prohibited everywhere except on designated offroad trails. With the exception of e-bikes, all vehicles that are not muscle-powered are prohibited on the Moonville Rail Trail.

This rule does not include any motorized wheelchair, any electric personal assistive mobility device, or other power-driven mobility devices required for individual disability utilization. Employees and agents of the park district, county, and state governments are exempt from this rule while in the course of their duties.

9.9 FAILURE TO REGISTER VEHICLE — No person shall operate any motor vehicle, including but not limited to snowmobiles, ATVs, motorcycles, go-carts, automobiles, or all-purpose vehicles, on any area of a park without proper registration of such vehicle as mandated under the Ohio Revised Code.

9.10 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES — No person shall, while operating any vehicle of any type, disobey any traffic control sign or device while in a park.

10.0 WATERCRAFT REGULATIONS

10.1 MOTOR TYPES AND HORSEPOWER LIMITATIONS — It shall be unlawful to operate or permit the operation of any powercraft other than a powercraft propelled by an electric motor.

10.1.A No powercraft propelled by an electric motor or combination of electric motors shall exceed a total combined horsepower rating of ten horsepower.

10.1.B The director may grant written permission for vessels exceeding the horsepower limits or motor restrictions established in this rule to operate on park waters if it is determined that the public safety will be adequately protected. Such a permit may be issued to park district personnel and contracted service providers for law enforcement, training, rescue, salvage, testing, and maintenance activities when necessary for safe and efficient operations. Written permission allowing for the operation of vessels that exceed established horsepower limits or motor restrictions may also be issued to the owners or operators of recreational vessels and commercial passenger carrying vessels when it is determined that greater horsepower is necessary for safe operations due to the size, shape, and weight of such vessels.

10.2 IDLE SPEED, SWIMMING, OTHER VESSEL TYPES, TOWING, CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL, AND DOCKING — No person shall operate, or permit to be operated, a powercraft at a speed in excess of idle speed on any park waters from sunset to sunrise local time.

10.2.A No person shall voluntarily leave any vessel to swim in park waters except in a designated boater swim area.

10.2.B The operation of submersibles, seaplanes, hovercraft, mechanically propelled airboats, wing-in-ground craft, and ski-free mechanisms is prohibited in all park waters without a special use permit issued by the director.

10.2.C It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or allow the operation of any mechanically powered apparatus, device, contrivance, or combination of a mechanically powered recreational vessel and any towable apparatus, device, or contrivance to become airborne over park waters.

10.2.D No person, while operating a powercraft, shall tow or allow the towing of any person using an apparatus, device, or other contrivance for the purpose of becoming airborne over park waters.

10.2.E No person shall utilize any device, or allow the utilization of any apparatus, device, or contrivance designed or used for the purpose of becoming airborne over park waters while being towed by a powercraft.

10.2.F No person shall use any hydro jet device while operating upon park waters. For the purposes of this rule, "hydro jet device" means a modular apparatus that is tethered to a mechanically powered recreational vessel or other type of power unit by a hose or conduit that delivers pressurized water allowing the device to utilize water jets for the purpose of allowing an operator or passenger to maneuver along the surface of the water, ascend above the surface of the water, or dive below the surface of the water by means of controlling the thrust and direction of the water jets.

- 10.2.G Use of any sailboard or kite board, as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 1547.532, shall be permitted on waters of the park district, provided that any such vessel is operated in a safe manner and does not interfere with the navigation of other vessels.
- 10.2.H No person shall possess or overtly and publicly consume or display the presence of any beer or intoxicating liquor, as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 4301.01, while occupying any vessel on park waters.
- 10.2.I No person shall use, access, moor, tie-up or otherwise secure a vessel to a privately held dock or park dock designated for seasonal contractual use without permission of the owner or contracted lessee except in emergency situations or in storm conditions which constitute a hazard to the safety of any persons or property involved.
- 10.2.J No person shall operate or permit the operation of a powercraft at a speed greater than idle speed on park waters or at a speed that creates a wake at any time when warning flags are posted.

11.0 EQUESTRIANS AND MOUNTS

- 11.1 HORSEBACK RIDING/WALKING — No person shall ride or walk any horse upon park lands except in areas established for such use. Horses are strictly prohibited on hiking trails and offroad vehicle trails. The Moonville Rail Trail is a multipurpose trail encompassing all muscle-powered trail users, including equestrians and horse-drawn wagons/carriages.
- 11.2 FAILURE TO YIELD OR CONTROL — No person shall ride any horse or other animal on or along any bridle trails or other areas without due regard for the safety of other riders, vehicles, and/or pedestrians. Where bridle trails cross roads, trails, or parkways, mounts shall yield the right of way to any vehicles or pedestrians.
- 11.3 EQUESTRIAN EVENTS, SPECIAL EVENTS, PERMITS — No person, group, and/or organization shall schedule, have, or otherwise hold any equestrian riding events, shows, programs, and/or riding lessons in parks or along park trails without first obtaining a special use permit from the director.

12.0 PETS AND DOMESTIC/WILD ANIMALS, LEASHES

- 12.1 DOGS, CATS, ANIMAL RESTRICTIONS — Dogs and cats are permitted if controlled at all times on leashes not more than eight feet long. All pets are strictly prohibited in wildlife sanctuaries. A leash is not required within the confines of designated dog park enclosures or in park district hunting zones while legally hunting.
 - 12.1.A Dogs larger/heavier than 30 pounds are restricted from entering “small dog” enclosures of a dog park.
 - 12.1.B Dogs must be accompanied and supervised by their owners or guardians at all times while at or within the confines of any dog park.
 - 12.1.C All dogs, while upon park lands, must wear their state-issued licenses.
 - 12.1.D No person shall have or keep in a park any dog, cat, pet, livestock, or other animal destructive to birds, wildlife, or property.
 - 12.1.E Any excrement, urine, or other bodily fluids produced by pets other than horses while in a park facility or on a walking trail must be cleaned or otherwise removed by the owner. Failure by the owner to cause removal of excrement may result in a fine.

- 12.2 UNRULY DOGS — No dog shall be allowed to disrupt, disturb, be obnoxious, and/or be a nuisance to other users or the good order of the park. Unruly dogs will be required to leave the park. Any dog incurring three violations of the “unruly” dog code will be banned from the parks.
- 12.3 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS — No person shall mistreat, cruelly beat, mutilate, or torture any animal in the parks.
- 12.4 ABANDONING ANIMALS — No person shall release, leave behind, or otherwise abandon any domestic, wild, or exotic animal within or adjacent to park land.

13.0 CABINS AND CAMPING

- 13.1 CABIN RESERVATION REQUIRED — No person or group shall establish occupancy at a park cabin without first making a reservation and following the check-in process.
- 13.2 CAMPING PERMIT REQUIRED — No person or group shall establish or maintain any camp, lodging, dwelling, or temporary lodging, or sleeping place within parks without first obtaining a specific written camping permit from the director. Camping is permitted in designated areas only. Camping is prohibited on the Moonville Rail Trail, including at its tunnels and bridges, except by park district staff and park district volunteers during special events.
- 13.3 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CAMPING REGULATIONS — All persons engaged in lawful camping shall abide by all established camping rules and restrictions in addition to all park regulations. Failure to comply with any and all camping rules may result in expulsion from the park.
- 13.4 LENGTH OF STAY — No person shall reside on park district property or within a park facility for a period longer than 14 days in a 30-day period. A person’s maximum length of stay on park district property may be extended by securing a new permit and moving to a new location. The director may designate specific campsites as “seasonal,” in which case persons may rent and occupy a site for the entire season or any part thereof.

14.0 SWIMMING, SWIMMING AREAS, BEACHES, POSTED RULES

- 14.1 PROHIBITED SWIMMING AREAS — No person shall swim or attempt to swim in any park waters, except in designated swimming areas during daylight hours.
- 14.2 SWIMMING AREAS AND BEACHES — No glass bottles, metal, plastic, fiberglass, cardboard, Styrofoam, or any food or beverage containers, wood, wire, or other undesired substances are permitted on the beaches adjacent to or in swimming areas.
- 14.3 FAILURE TO OBEY SWIMMING AREA RULES — No person shall fail to abide by all swimming area rules and regulations established for safe operation and maintenance of said area.
- 14.4 DIVING PROHIBITED — Diving with self-contained underwater breathing apparatuses (SCUBA diving) is prohibited without written permission from the director.

15.0 PARK HOURS, CLOSED OR RESTRICTED AREAS

- 15.1 PARK HOURS — No person shall be permitted to enter, remain, stop, or park within the confines of the park between the hours of dark (defined as one hour past sunset) and 6 a.m., unless otherwise posted or a permit/prior written permission is obtained, or in an immediate emergency, or if participating in an authorized park district program/event. This rule does not apply to the Moonville Rail Trail, which is open to the public 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Rangers or park agents may close any park area deemed necessary for public safety concerns or immediate threat of hazard or harm.

- 15.2 CLOSED OR RESTRICTED AREAS — If posted closed or restricted, entering, driving, or trespassing on park areas, roads, drives, buildings, waters, and/or structures is strictly prohibited without a permit issued by the director.
- 15.3 PERSONS RESTRICTED TO TRAILS — No person, while walking, hiking, jogging, etc., shall enter, wander, or meander through areas of the park except in areas designated for said use, and all visitors shall otherwise remain on designated trails.
- 15.4 BICYCLES PROHIBITED ON NATURE TRAILS — Bicycles are restricted to designated trails and shall not be ridden on hiking trails or in nature preserves and wildlife sanctuaries.

16.0 SNOWMOBILES, SLEDDING, SKIING, SKATING

- 16.1 SNOWMOBILES RESTRICTED — No person shall use or operate a snowmobile on any surfaces within the park district without a permit or for emergency/rescue operations by emergency personnel.
- 16.2 SLEDDING, SKIING, SKATING — No person shall sled, ski, or skate within areas designated or posted unsafe or restricted to said use.
- 16.3 UNSAFE SLEDDING, SKIING — No person shall sled or ski in such a manner as to affect the safety of him/herself or others or cause damage to park property. This includes the construction or building of jumps or ramps or placement of hazards or devices within any sledding or ski areas.

17.0 GOLFING, GAME SAFETY, SKATEBOARDING

- 17.1 GOLFING RESTRICTED — No person shall practice or play golf or disc golf in parks except in designated areas.
- 17.2 GAME SAFETY — No person shall play horseshoes, baseball, soccer, or any other games or sports in an unsafe manner and shall play safely with the welfare of other park visitors in mind.
- 17.3 SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, NON-MOTORIZED SCOOTERS — Skateboards, rollerblades, and non-motorized scooters may be used on asphalted multipurpose trails and sidewalks only and are not permitted to be ridden upon, within, or along roadways, parking lots, curbing, in and around parked vehicles, or on steps, railings, fences, tables, shelters, or benches.
- 17.4 RAPPELLING/CLIMBING — No person, except park employees and/or contracted personnel, shall use equipment or devices including climbing spikes, ropes, harnesses, ladders, tree stands, scaffolding, or any other implement for climbing and rappelling trees, cliffs, walls, and/or rocks without first obtaining a special use permit.

18.0 POWERED MODELS, MODEL ROCKETS, AVIATION, AND DRONES

- 18.1 POWER MODELS RESTRICTED — All fuel engine-powered model cars, boats, and planes are restricted from use in the parks without a special use permit. No person shall operate any battery, electric, or other type of model cars, boats, and planes without first obtaining a special use permit from the director.
- 18.2 MODEL ROCKETS RESTRICTED — The operation of model rockets is prohibited without first obtaining a permit. Model rocket launches must not interfere with the safety and security of the park and its facilities, detract from the promotion of public health, or cause unnecessary disturbances to visitors and wildlife.
- 18.3 AVIATION — No person shall bring into, land, or cause to descend or alight any airplane, ultra-light plane, flying machine, balloon, parachute, or other apparatus for aviation within the parks, except for emergency landings only.
- 18.4 DRONES AND UNMANNED AIRCRAFT — No person shall be permitted to operate drones or unmanned aircraft within the parks, or the airspace over the parks, without first obtaining a permit and, if required, a certificate/license

from the Federal Aviation Administration. Drone activity must not interfere with the safety and security of the park and its facilities, detract from the promotion of public health, or cause unnecessary disturbances to visitors and wildlife. Drone operation shall be contained within the airspace immediately over park district property and shall not enter the airspace of adjacent properties. Commercial use of drones on and over parks is not permitted without written permission from the director.

19.0 CONCESSIONS, ADVERTISING, SALES, PERMITS, FEES

- 19.1 CONCESSIONS PROHIBITED — No person, group, or organization shall sell or offer for sale any article, item, thing, privilege, or service within the park without obtaining a special use permit.
- 19.2 ADVERTISING, POSTING SIGNS — No person, group, or organization shall expose, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice, statement, banner, emblem, or design within or upon any park without obtaining prior written permission from the director.
- 19.3 COMMERCIAL USE OF PARK DISTRICT PROPERTY — No person shall take or cause to be taken still or video pictures, sketches, or paintings of park property for commercial advertising use without written permission from the director. Activities such as guided tours and bike or equipment rentals are permissible with a commercial activity permit. The possibility of leasing park district property for commercial activity can be discussed with the director but is subject to the deed restrictions of individual properties and approval by the Vinton County Probate Court.
- 19.4 ERECTION OF TEMPORARY SHELTER — No person shall erect, install, or place a tent, canopy, or temporary shelter or structure on park property for the purpose of selling or promoting unless part of a park event or program without first obtaining a special use permit.
- 19.5 UNLAWFUL SALES, PEDDLING — No person shall sell, beg, peddle, or solicit within the parks, except by permit from the director.
- 19.6 PERMITS REQUIRED — All groups shall obtain a written permit from the director prior to entrance to and use of any park or facility and payment of any fee, if required. No person or group shall sponsor, promote, conduct, or participate in any special activity, meeting, parade, concert, show, exhibit, bazaar, sporting event, musical performance, wedding ceremony or reception, assembly, rally, picketing, children's day camp, public meeting, demonstration, speech or address, march, political meeting, or other organized activity unless first applying for and obtaining a special use permit. Failure to obtain written permission from the director may result in expulsion from the park.
- Issued permits must be kept on or about oneself while on park district property. Permits must be displayed when requested by a ranger, park district employee or agent, law enforcement officer, the director, or by any other person visiting park lands who may reasonably suspect that a permit has not been obtained.
- 19.6.A METAL DETECTING — The use of metal detectors within the confines of the park is allowed with the purchase of a permit. Objects detected can be excavated with a hand-held shovel from a small hole not to exceed 12" in width and depth. Holes must be filled in and compacted after excavation. Found objects shall be submitted to the director for inspection. The park district owns and reserves the right to keep any found objects. Objects of value (e.g. coins, gold, historical significance, etc.) shall remain the property of the park district, but other items may be given to the finder at the director's discretion. Permits are \$25 per year.
- 19.6.B DRONE/MODEL ROCKET OPERATION — Subject to the regulations in 18.0. Permits are \$25 per year.
- 19.6.C CAMPING/OVERNIGHT ACTIVITIES — Subject to the regulations in 13.0. Permits are \$15 per person per night.

19.6.D OFFROAD VEHICLE USE — Subject to the regulations in 9.0 and 16.0. Permits are \$25 per week or \$100 per season. Permits are nontransferable. A separate permit is required for each offroad vehicle operating on park district property, regardless of owner or operator.

19.6.E FESTIVALS AND EVENTS — Subject to the regulations in 19.0. Permits are \$50 per 1,000 people per day.

19.6.F ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR EVENTS — Subject to the regulations in 8.0. Permits are \$25 for the duration of the event.

19.6.G SPECIAL USE PERMITS — Activities mentioned herein for which no specific permit has been named and any activities not explicitly allowed herein may be subject to a special use permit. This may include access to restricted nature preserves; hosting special events; conducting research; collecting or removing objects from park district property; specialty permits regarding wildlife. Special use permit issuance and fees, if any, are at the sole discretion of the director.

19.6.H COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY — Specialized permits allowing eligible commercial activities can be obtained for certain park district properties. Eligibility of commercial activities is at the director's discretion, but may include guided tours, festivals and events, vending trucks, etc. Some properties are subject to deed restrictions requiring that monetary exchanges take place offsite. A valid vendor/business license, proof of nonprofit status, or proof of relevant insurance may be required. Permits are \$100 per year.

19.7 FACILITY RESERVATIONS AND FEES — Park facilities such as shelters, camping areas, reservable portions of park areas, and/or field areas, and the like may be reserved, and, upon payment of fees, if any, the park district may reserve areas for persons and organized groups. Failure to pay required permit fees will result in denial of use and/or expulsion from the park in addition to future loss or denial of use of facilities.

20.0 ENCROACHMENT

20.1 ENCROACHMENT OF PARK LANDS — No person or persons or adjacent property owner shall encroach upon lands owned, leased, or administered by the park district.

20.2 ENCROACHMENT OF ADJACENT LANDS — No person or persons utilizing park lands, trails, waters, or other park property shall trespass from park property onto adjacent private property.

20.3 ADJACENT PROPERTY PRIVACY — No person, while within the parks, shall adversely affect or interfere with adjacent property owners' rights to privacy.

21.0 PENALTY — OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 1545.99

21.1 Whoever violates any section or subsequent section of this code shall be fined not more than \$150 for the first offense and not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent offense.