

# Lehigh County Park Rules and Regulations

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## Open Use:

Use of park lands, museums and recreational areas shall be open and available to all Lehigh County residents regardless of race, creed, citizenship, sex, or income.

## Preservation of Property, Natural Resources and Wildlife:

In order to preserve County properties, their natural resources and wildlife, the following rules and regulations shall be adhered to by those who utilize County properties:

- (A) The cutting, mutilating, removing, defacing or damaging of any County property is prohibited. All refuse, rubbish and litter must be removed from County property or placed in receptacles provided for that purpose. Dumping of refuse, trash or litter is prohibited.
- (B) Fishing is permitted in accordance with current Commonwealth fish laws and regulations promulgated thereunder, unless otherwise posted. No digging of bait is permitted.
- (C) Trapping and hunting are permitted in accordance with current Commonwealth game laws, in designated areas. However, trappers must secure a permit from the Lehigh County Bureau of Parks and Recreation (known herein as the "Parks Bureau") prior to the setting of any traps.

## Operating Policy:

The following rules and regulations shall be adhered to by those who utilize County properties:

1. No alcoholic beverages may be possessed or consumed on County properties. Presence on County properties in an intoxicated condition is prohibited.
2. Engaging in conduct which is abusive, insulting, obscene, and indecent or which constitutes a breach of the peace is prohibited when such conduct tends to disrupt good order and to provoke a disturbance.
3. No domesticated animals are permitted unless they are under control by the use of a leash.
4. Unless otherwise posted, users of County park lands may build fires only in grills provided or brought to the parks for that purpose. Fires must be extinguished before the users leave the park. Grills brought to park lands must be of kind manufactured for the purpose of properly and safely containing outdoor fires for cooking.
5. Camping is prohibited unless a permit is obtained from the Parks Bureau.

6. Motor vehicles may be parked only in areas designated for parking or as otherwise posted. All motor vehicles must be operated only on roads. All motor vehicle operators shall be required to comply with existing laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding the operation of motor vehicles.
7. Dirt bikes and other motor vehicles not meant for road use are prohibited.
8. Motor vehicles must not exceed a speed of twenty miles per hour (20 mph) on County properties.
9. No vehicles can be repaired mechanically, except for emergency breakdown, washed, painted or have any other work performed on them while on County property.
10. Snowmobiles will be permitted only when posted at the County park entrance. The chasing or disturbing of animals or birds with any motorized vehicle is strictly forbidden. All snowmobile operators shall be required to comply with existing Commonwealth of Pennsylvania snowmobile laws.
11. Unless specific hours are otherwise posted, use of County properties between dusk and dawn is prohibited.
12. Removal, rental, loans or transfers of equipment, fixtures, tools and/or resources from County properties for private use on non-county property is prohibited. Nothing contained herein is intended to restrict or prohibit the use of Lehigh County tools or equipment by County employees in the execution of joint or cooperative projects with other public entities.
13. Except for the promotion or advertising of County activities and facilities, or as authorized by the Board of Commissioners, the placement of advertising or any other sign on County park lands is prohibited.
14. No article or thing shall be offered by sale on any County property, except by a nonprofit organization whose principal office is located in Lehigh County and which has received a permit for such activity from the Parks Bureau:
15. When the following activities are conducted on County properties and involve twenty or more participants and/or spectators, a permit must be secured from the Parks Bureau:
  - a. Use of fields for baseball, softball, soccer, football, or other participatory sport; or
  - b. Reservation of an area for picnicking, or other types of group activities such as, but not limited to , weddings, egg hunts, ice cream festivals, or fishing contests.

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