



VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON

Parks and Recreation Department
44 Main Street
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 10706

Parks Regulations

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The following Rules and Regulations apply in all named and dedicated parks, parklands, and recreation facilities in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson.

PARK RULES

1. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No person in the park shall:

A. Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace or remove any building or portion thereof, any bridge, table, bench, fireplace, railing, paving, waterline or other public utilities or parts thereof, sign, notice or placard, monument, stake, post or other boundary marker or other structure or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

B. Dig or remove any sand, earth, rock, stone, tree, shrub, plant, flowers, grass, timber, or log, whether standing or cut, or any other material, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting or other means or agency, or attach or cause to be attached any rope, wire or other device to any tree, plant or building.

C. Carry or discharge any firearms or guns of any kind whatsoever, including but not limited to air rifles, B.B. guns, pellet guns, pistols or paint guns.

D. Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot or throw stones or any missiles or give or offer any poisonous food to any animal, reptile, bird or the eggs of same, except that the foregoing shall not prohibit the killing of any deadly reptile.

Specific to Bodies of Water or Lands Around Bodies of Water:

A. Throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters or upon the ground or trees or plants of any park any substance, matter or thing, whether liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters or the damage to said ground, tree or plant.

B. Dump, deposit or leave or cause to be dumped, deposited or left any bottle, broken glass, ashes (other than ashes from and in designated and permanently constructed fireplace or temporary fireplace designated by permit), paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage or refuse or other trash upon the grounds or waters of the park or left anywhere in the park, except for those items that are placed in the receptacles so provided for the deposit of such items. Where no receptacles are so provided for the deposit of such items, waste shall be carried away from the park by the person or persons responsible for its presence and properly disposed or elsewhere.

2. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

No person in a park shall:

- A. Fail to comply with all applicable provision of the vehicle and Traffic Law of the state of New York, together with such supplemental regulations as herein set forth.
- B. Fail to obey all police officers, traffic officers, members, or park officials whenever such persons are directing traffic or park in the park, such police officers, traffic officers, members and park officials being herby authorized and instructed to direct traffic and parking wherever and whenever needed in the park.
- C. Fail to observe and obey all traffic and parking signs indication speed, direction, caution, stopping, parking or no parking and all other signs posted for proper control and to safeguard life and property.
- D. Park and leave a motor vehicle overnight in any area of the park.
- E. Park a motor vehicle on park property unless the operator or owner thereof shall use or be making use of the recreation facilities of such park during the time that the said motor vehicle is parked in said park.
- F. Ride a bicycle on other than the paved road or parking areas or park said in any place other than a bicycle rack, when so provide, or other than a parking area designated for the parking of bicycles.
- G. Operate a motorized vehicle, including motorcycles, motorbikes, snowmobiles, and mini- bikes, in areas of the park other than the designated roads or parking areas.

3. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

No person in a park shall:

- A. Swim, enter into or wade in any water or waterways located thereon, except in compliance with such rules and regulations pertaining thereto as are established from time to time by the commission.
- B. Bring in or operate any boat, raft, or other watercraft, whether motor-powered of not, upon any water in the park, except at such time, in such places and under such conditions are as designated by the Recreation Superintendent.
- C. Fish in any water of the park, whether by the use of a hook and line, net or other device, except in such waters and at such times as designated by the Commission.
- D. Leave a picnic area before all trash and refuse is placed in receptacles when provided, leave such picnic area without carrying away from said area the aforesaid trash or refuse. No person shall leave such picnic area before a fire being used by such person is completely extinguished.
- E. Camp or erect a tent or any other temporary or any mobile shelter, except as otherwise permitted on application to the Recreation Superintendent, and in such cases only in the area so designated for such camping is done under the supervision of a park official.

F. Take part in or abet in the playing of any game or other recreational entertainment except in areas so designated for such forms of recreation. The throwing, shooting, or projecting of any stones, arrows, or javelins or the operation of any model airplane or drone shall not be permitted in the park unless in an area specifically designated by the commission and under the direction of a member or park official. The riding of any horse or pony or the use of maintenance of any animal in the park is prohibited except when so authorized by the Recreation Superintendent. Dogs may be permitted only on leash. Must clean up dog waste.

4. GENERAL CONDUCT

No person in a park shall:

A. Bring in or upon, have brought in or upon cause to be brought in or upon the park or grounds thereof and alcoholic beverage, nor sell, purchase, consume or drink any alcoholic beverage at any time in the park. Any person entering the park or found within the park to be under the influence of alcoholic liquor shall be immediately removed by a police officer.

B. Bring in or cause to be brought in, or have in his or her possession or set off or otherwise cause to be exploded, discharged or burned, any firecracker, torpedo, rocket or other fireworks or explosive or flammable material, or discharge then or throw them into any area of the park or from any area of the park upon the land adjacent thereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the park grounds or facilities thereon may be used for scheduled fireworks program under permit granted by the Recreation Superintendent.

C. Build or attempt to build a fire except in a fireplace designated and constructed for such purposes and under such regulations as may be adopted from time to time by the commission. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco or any other flammable material within the park.

D. Barbecuing in parks is allowed by special permits only. Permits may be obtained thru the Superintendent office. Propane and charcoal grills are permitted. All approved barbecues must have a fire extinguisher present.

E. Enter upon ice except such ice designated by the Recreation Superintendent for skating purposes, provided that a safety signal of the Recreation Department is so displayed on said ice or displayed on an adjacent area.

F. Engage in any disorderly conduct or any behavior tending to cause a breach of the public peace. No person shall disturb or otherwise interfere with any other person or group of persons occupying any area or engaging in any organized activity.

5. ADDITIONAL RULES AUTHORIZED: HOURS, FEES, AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.

A. The Recreation Superintendent is hereby authorized to adopt any additional rules and regulations with respect to the park and recreation facilities of the town and with respect to the conduct of the public in said parks, provided such rules and regulations are not inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions herein set forth, and provided that any material changes herein shall be approved by the Village Board.

B. All parks and the buildings, facilities and grounds thereof shall be open to the public between the hours of 8:00am and dusk, and the park and the buildings, facilities and grounds therein shall otherwise be closed, unless otherwise designated. No person or persons shall enter upon or remain in the park or any buildings or grounds thereof between the hours of 9:00pm and 8:00am except pursuant to authorization of the Recreation Superintendent, the opening and closing hours of the park so that such an opening and closing will be easily noticeable by the public.

C. There shall be no charges or fees for admission to or in the parks of the Village except as established or authorized by the Parks & Recreation Commission, provided that the proceeds thereof and there from, less the reasonable expenses of such event, shall be paid to the Recreation Department and deposited and used by it as provided by law. Notwithstanding therefore said, fees or admissions may be charged for special facilities and services in the parks of the Village under the operation of the Recreation Department.

D. The parks and facilities in the Village shall be open only to the residents of Hastings-on-Hudson and their guests. The Recreation Superintendent may establish rules and regulations with respect to determining the number and eligibility of such guests.

6. PERMIT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES: ISSUANCE REVOCATION

A. No permit shall be required for the use of the park and the facilities therein except as follows:

1-Whenever any organization or group desires to use a certain area of the park for its exclusive use for a period of one (1) day or any part thereof, such organizations or group shall make application to the Recreation Superintendent and shall set forth the names and address of the organization or group; the name and address of the person, persons, corporation, or association sponsoring the activity, if any; the day and hours for which the permit is desired; an estimate of the anticipated attendance; the charges or fees, if otherwise permitted as aforesaid, being charged to members of persons attending, and any information which the Recreation Superintendent shall find reasonably necessary to determine whether or not the permit should be issued hereunder.

2-If the Recreation Superintendent determines that the applicant is to be permitted to use the area of the park requested, such approval of such permit may be conditioned upon the issuance of a certificate of liability insurance to organization or group, listing thereon the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson as an additional insured on the said policy with coverage in the amount of one million dollars and one –one hundredths (\$1,000,000.) for bodily injury and in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.) damage per accident. Such approval shall be further conditioned upon an agreement by the applicant to indemnify and hold harmless the Village in the event that any damage or destruction is caused by the members of such organization or as a result of such applicant's use. No such permit shall be issued until the aforesaid has been complied with.

3-Notwithstanding the aforesaid, no permit shall be issued to any organization which has its principal office or meeting place in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson of which more than one-half (1/2) of its members shall be residents of the Village of Hastings. The Recreation Superintendent is further empowered to waive any provision of this section.

B. The Recreation Superintendent shall only, issue a permit hereunder when it determines:

1-That the proposed activity or the use of the park or recreation facilities will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the proper enjoyment of the park by others.

2-That the proposed activity or use will not unreasonably interfere with or detract from the promotion of the public health, welfare, safety and recreation.

1. That the proposed activity or use is unreasonably anticipated to incite the participants therein or others to be disorderly.

2. That the proposed activity will not entail any additional expense to the Village of Hastings.

C. That the requested area or facilities desired have not been reserved for any other use or group on the day and hour requested in the application.

1-That the proposed activity or use will be supervised by or be under the immediate direction and control of responsible residents of the Village.

All applications shall be submitted at least ten (10) days prior to the date requested, and the Recreation Superintendent or its designee shall apprise the applicant within five (5) days thereafter as to whether or not the permit has been granted and, if so granted, any reasonable conditions that may be imposed by the Recreation Superintendent being hereby authorized to impose any reasonable conditions to such permit. Any applicant, group or person denied a permit shall have the right to appeal to the Recreation Commission, which shall consider the application under the aforesaid standards set forth in Subsection B and which may thereafter sustain or overrule the decision of the Recreation Superintendent. The decision of the Recreation Commission shall be final.

All permits shall be subject to the rules and regulations established by the Recreation Commission, the applicable provisions herein contained, and any conditions set forth in the permit.

The Recreation Superintendent shall have the authority to revoke any permit upon a finding or determination by it, in its discretion, that there has been a violation of any conditions set forth in the permit, any rule or regulation of the Recreation Commission or any provision herein contained.

7. CONCESSIONS

The operation of concessions within park boundaries is prohibited unless approved by the Village Manager or in some cases the Recreation Superintendent.

8. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed at any facility. Special alcohol permission permits may be obtained thru the village manager's office.

9. SMOKING AND VAPING

All smoking and vaping of any kind is prohibited.

10. MUSIC

No amplified music will be allowed.

11. NIGHT FUNCTIONS

All functions must conclude by dusk.

12. INCIDENT REPORTS

All incident reports will be sent to the Recreation Department via email at recreation@hastingsgov.org, via mail to the James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main Street, or via in-person delivery to the aforementioned address.