

RULES and REGULATIONS

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We welcome you to your Metroparks and we would like to inform you of some information you will need to carefully review when planning on visiting property owned and operated by the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area

Board of Park Commissioners of the
METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT
OF THE TOLEDO AREA
Revised Park Rules and Regulations
RESOLUTION NO. 12-08

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area desires adoption of revised Park District Rules and Regulations to be in conformity with Ohio Revised Code; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, all amendments or revisions to Park District Rules and Regulations must be published in a newspaper of general circulation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Park Commissioners adopts the revised Park Rules and Regulations and authorizes the Director-Secretary to publish these Park District Rules and Regulations in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Ohio Revised Code.

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1.0 Natural Resource Protection

1.1 Injuring, Removal or Damaging Natural Items

Within the parks and public lands of the Park District no person shall, without lawful authority or privileged to do so, cut down, destroy, remove, girdle, or injure a vine, bush, shrub, sapling, tree, or crop standing or growing therein, nor shall they sever, injure or destroy a product standing or growing therein or other thing attached thereto; any tree, flower, shrub, or other vegetation, fruit or seed thereof, nor any soil, rock, or mineral be removed or damaged; nor shall any form of wildlife, except fish and wildlife listed in specific Metroparks hunting/trapping programs, be injured, damaged or removed, without specific written permission from the Director or his/her agents. (MM)

1.2 Littering, Dumping Rubbish and Garbage on Park Property

No person shall, regardless of intent, throw, drop, discard, place or litter on parklands, waterways, streams, ponds or lakes refuse, ashes, garbage, and other material including, but not limited to, that which results from a picnic, camp, or other permitted activity and such material shall be deposited in receptacles or pits for such purposes so as not to interfere with proper use and enjoyment of the park. (MM)

1.3 Grazing

No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the park any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or other animal, any poultry, or other fowl without written consent of the Board, which shall state therein the specific area and payment of a fee, if any, as may be set by the Board. (MM)

1.4 Fishing Regulations

No person, including nonresidents, sixteen years of age or older, shall take or catch fish or engage in fishing by angling in any of the ponds, streams, rivers, lakes, or any other waterway in or on park property without a valid Ohio fishing license or valid Ohio fishing license exemptions

on their person. Any said person shall not use hooks left unattended, traps, spears, gigs, or bows / arrows for fishing or use more than two (2) units while engaged in fishing. No person shall permanently remove any fish or have in their possession any fish taken from park district ponds or lakes. Thus, all Metroparks ponds and lakes shall be catch and release only, unless posted for special opportunity programs or management practices. The Director or his/her agents may cause such park waters as it deems advisable closed for fishing and/or impose other restrictions or management practices or programs and such areas will be posted. (MM)

1.5 Hunting and Trapping; Wildlife and Bird Egg Removal

No person shall hunt, trap, kill or attempt to kill any bird, animal, amphibian, or other wildlife by the use of firearms, bow and arrow, air rifle, net, cage or any other means unless specific written permission is granted by the Director or his/her agents. No person shall hunt on Metropark property without first obtaining a Metropark permit. No person shall knowingly injure any bird nest or remove or injure any bird egg unless authorized to do so by Metroparks for wildlife management or other lawful purpose.

1.6 Injured Animals

No person, within the confines of the park, shall pursue an injured animal into park property without first obtaining permission from an authorized park ranger. (MM)

1.7 Feeding Wildlife, Feral Animals Prohibited

No person shall distribute, leave, or provide any kind of food products for feeding of animals within the confines of the park. (MM)

1.8 Jacklighting Prohibited

No person shall throw or cast the rays of a spotlight or artificial light source from any vehicle upon a public road or highway into any parkland between the hours of sunset and sunrise for the purpose of spotting wildlife. (MM)

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1.9 Deposit of Dead Animals

No person shall put the carcass of a dead animal or the offal from a slaughterhouse, butcher's establishment, packing house, or fish house, or spoiled meat, spoiled fish, or other putrid substance or the contents of a privy vault on parklands, waterways, streams, ponds or lakes. (MM) (ORC 3767.16)

1.10 Introduction of Plants or Animals

No person shall introduce or bring any plant or animal or their reproductive elements into any parklands or waterways. (MM)

1.11 Construction of Structures Prohibited

No person shall construct, erect, or use any structure on parkland except tents in designated campgrounds or other approved areas. No hammock shall be permitted except when: hammock is secured with proper straps to trees no less than six inches in diameter, hammock is used in approved locations that don't interfere with other's safety and enjoyment, and the location and use of the hammock abides by all other rules and regulations. (MM)

1.12 Geocaching Regulations

No person, while participating in geocaching within or on any parklands operated by the Board of Park Commissioners, shall fail to abide by any established rules or regulations set forth by the required geocaching permit while on park district property. (MM)

1.13 Restricted Areas

No person shall enter, or remain in any restricted, undeveloped, or safety zoned areas within or on Metropark property not identified or posted as open to the public without specific written permission granted from the Director or his/her agents to be in such areas. (MM)

2.0 Firearms, Fireworks, Weapons, Explosives, etc

2.1 Discharging of Firearms or Weapons

No person shall discharge any air gun, shotgun, revolver, pistol, firearm, switch blade, hunting knife, dagger, metal knuckles, slingshot or other dangerous weapon on or within Metropark property. This section does not apply when firearms are used by law enforcement officers in the execution of their office. This section does not apply to individuals lawfully hunting within a designated Metropark hunting zone and with proper documentation stating such. (MM)

2.2 Fireworks and Explosives

No person, except Park Rangers or other law enforcement officers, shall possess or set off any fireworks or other explosive substances in and upon park grounds except by specific written permission granted by the Director or his/her agents. (MM)

2.3 Bows and Arrows

No person shall release an arrow from a bow, crossbow, or longbow within the park other than in areas designated as Archery Ranges or specific hunting zones by permit, and with due regard for the safety of others. (MM)

2.4 Other Guns, Toys, or Weapons

No person shall throw, shoot or propel an arrow, missile, pellet, stone, paintball, metal or other similar substance in or on any Metropark property, or from any private property into or onto any Metropark property. Nor shall any person be involved in any action time role playing depicting violence with any said weapons on Metropark property.

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3.0 Required Game Safety

3.1 Horseshoes and Play Equipment

Playing of horseshoes, lawn darts, or other games with play equipment shall, for the safety and welfare of other persons using the parks, be confined to areas set aside and/or designated for such purposes and with due regard for the safety of others. (MM)

4.0 Disorderly Conduct

4.1 Disturbing the Peace

No person shall make or allow to be made any unreasonably loud and/or raucous noise in such a manner or at such a volume as to disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of a person of ordinary sensibilities. No person shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system, auditory device, or stationary sound source in a manner as to be heard at a distance of fifty (50) feet beyond the source from which the sound emanates.

4.2 Improper Behavior

No person shall cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another by doing any of the following: engage in fighting, threaten harm to persons or property, participate in indecent, lascivious or lewd acts, or in violent or turbulent behaviors; or make unreasonable noise or an offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display or communicate unwarranted and abusive language to any person; or insult, taunt, or challenge another, under circumstances in which that conduct is likely to provoke a violent response; or hinder or prevent the movement of persons on a public street, road, highway, or right-of-way, or to, from, within, or upon park property, so as to interfere with the rights of others, and by any act that serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the actor. (MM) (ORC 2917.11)

4.3 Failure to Disperse

Where five or more persons are participating in a course of disorderly conduct and there are other persons in the vicinity whose presence creates the likelihood of physical harm to persons or property or of serious public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm, a Park Ranger of the Board or other law enforcement officers may order the participants and such other persons to disperse. No person shall knowingly fail to obey such order. (MM) (ORC 2917.04)

4.4 Natural / Manmade Emergency

No person shall be permitted to enter or remain within the confines of the park when such conditions exist that cause the park(s) to be closed due to a natural or manmade emergency (MM)

4.5 Preservation of Good Order in the Park

No individual or organization shall conduct, sponsor or promote any public meeting, concert, theatre, athletic event or other public activity in the parks of the Park District without prior written authorization of the Director or his/her agents.

No event or activity sponsored or promoted by any individual or organization shall be permitted if in the opinion of the Director it will constitute hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other park visitors; endanger peace and good order in the parks; interfere with the regular and normal use of the facilities and activities by the park visitor; or which is consistent with the use of the parklands for park purposes. (MM)

4.6 Possession of Alcoholic Beverages

No person shall be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage within the park, nor have in his/her possession or consume (drink) any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage within the park except in certain enclosed or designated areas. (MM) (ORC 4301.62B3)

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4.7 Tampering with Park Property

No person shall tamper, move, deface, or damage any park property for any purpose. (MM)

4.8 Aerosol Paint Cans

No person in a park shall carry on or about his/her person a container capable of propelling paint by means of a gaseous charge. (MM)

4.9 Tobacco Products Prohibited

No person shall use smoking tobacco or any form of tobacco suitable for smoking in a pipe or as a cigarette; or an article or product that is made of tobacco or a tobacco substitute and that is not a cigarette or any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery, and/or electronic circuit, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substances, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. This shall include any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, or under any other product name or descriptor in any enclosed park facilities or within 25 feet from any building or other designated tobacco free areas within the park. All such facilities and areas shall be posted with appropriate "No Smoking / Tobacco" signage. (MM)

4.10 Vehicle Misconduct

No person shall attempt to enter or enter into or upon a motor vehicle, motorcycle or other motor-propelled vehicle without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent. (MM)

4.11 Facility Uncleanliness

No person shall utilize any structure, facility, or area operated by the Board of Park Commissioners and upon vacating said structure, facility or area cause it to be left in an unsanitary or unclean manner or condition. (MM)

5.0 Vendors, Begging, Signs and Billposting

5.1 Vendors

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within the park unless they are properly licensed and have a signed contract with the Metropolitan Park District. (MM)

5.2 Begging

No person shall beg, hawk, peddle, or solicit anything of value within the park, nor shall any person stand on the road way or trail within or adjacent to the park for the purpose of soliciting employment, business or contributions from the occupant of any vehicle. (MM)

5.3 Signs and Billposting

No person shall stick or post any advertisement, poster, sign, handbill or placard of any description upon any building, vehicle, tree, post, fence, billboard, or other structure; nor shall any person give or hand out to or approach or solicit another person with any item, leaflet, advertisement, poster, sign, handbill or placard of any description without written permission of the Director or his/her agents; nor shall any person paint, mark, write, print or impress or in any manner attach any notice of advertisement or the name of any commodity or thing or any trademark, symbol, or figure of any kind upon any park property without first obtaining permission from the Director or his/her agents prior to placing such notice, advertisement, name, mark or figure. (MM)

6.0 Park Use Permits

6.1 Rental Facilities

No person shall use reservable facilities including shelters, portions of the picnic areas; certain designated parking areas, camping areas, horse trails, fields or any other reservable area without a Park Use Permit issued by the Metropolitan Park District. A Park Use Permit may be issued to persons upon their application and payment of a fee, if any, as may be set by the Board. No person who has been issued a Park Use Permit from the Metropolitan Park District shall fail to abide by any rule or regulation set forth in said park use permit. (MM)

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6.2 Special Park Use Permit

No person who has been issued a park use permit from the Metropolitan Park District shall fail to abide by any rule or regulations set forth of said park use permit. (MM)

7.0 Park Hours of Operation

7.1 Curfew

No person, vehicle, boat or animal controlled by persons shall be permitted to enter, remain, stop or park within the confines of the park, parkways, or roadways adjacent to the park before and/or after the posted park times of operation, except in emergency or with special permit for just cause issued by the Park District or except at the separate park centers or other special facilities where other authorized and posted hours are designated by the Board. (MM)

7.2 Removal of Vehicle After Curfew

Any vehicle left within the confines of the park before and/or after the posted park times of operations shall be in violation of park curfew and be subject to removal (towed) at the owner's/operator's expense after 48 hours of when the vehicle was first discovered. (MM)

8.0 Control of Pets

8.1 Dogs, Cats and Other Animals

Dogs, cats and other domestic pets, household or exotic animals are prohibited in the parks except under the conditions stated below or in areas designated by the Director. No person shall permit such pet or animal to enter a park or run at large in a park or remain unattended at any time while in the park. All such pets and animals shall be controlled at all times when permitted in the park on a leash not more than six feet long attended by and under the immediate control of the owner or another. The owner of such a pet or animal shall remove animal waste from any areas of the park grounds and must be carrying at all times a visible means of collecting and disposing waste properly in designated areas. Owners must comply with all state and local health and licensing requirements and any constraints imposed by law, ordinance or regulation. (MM)

8.2 Abandonment of Domesticated Animals

No person shall release or abandon any domesticated animal upon any Metropark property. (MM)

8.3 Mistreatment of Domesticated Animals

No person shall mistreat or abuse any domesticated animal within the park. (MM)

8.4 Removal of Barking or Unruly Animals

If the menacing attitude of any animal under the control or supervision of any person within any area of the park incites fear in other persons, or if the animal disturbs the quiet enjoyment by other persons of any area within the park by constant barking, whining, howling, crying or other sharp, excessive outcries, or other means, a Park Ranger or other law enforcement officer may direct that the animal be removed by the owner or handler from any area designated by the Board. (MM)

8.5 Pets Prohibited in Play Areas

Pets are not permitted on play equipment or on safety surfacing within play areas at Metroparks. (MM)

9.0 Horseback Riding

9.1 Areas Where Horses are Permitted

Horseback riders shall stay on the designated bridle trails when away from the stable areas and are not permitted elsewhere in the park. (MM)

9.2 Horseback Riding Safety

No person shall ride a horse along any bridle trail without due respect for other riders, vehicles, or pedestrians or so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person while in lawful use of the park. (MM)

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9.3 Leaving Horses Unattended

No person shall leave a horse unattended within the park other than for purpose of stabling at a designated stable area. (MM)

10.0 Camping and Fire Regulations

10.1 Camps, Camping, Lodging or Sleeping without Permission

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within the park without a specific written permit from the Park District or Park Ranger and payment of a fee, if any, as may be set by the Board. (MM)

10.2 Rules Regarding Fires

It shall be unlawful for any person to build or maintain a fire on Metropark property or in a recreation facility except in designated areas which are clearly marked by signs or defined with fire rings, fireplaces, grills, or other facilities designated for the purpose of safely maintaining a fire, except by specific written permission granted from the Director or his/her agents to be in such areas. The dumping of hot ashes, burning materials or fire from picnic grills onto the grass, plants, wooded area, in trash receptacles or in any stream, pond, lake, sewer or drain is prohibited. Fuel other than wood or charcoal shall not be used in park grills except where otherwise designated. Fires shall be confined to those areas so designated and shall not be left unattended and must be completely extinguished prior to departure. (MM)

10.3 Portable Stoves or Grills

No portable stoves or grills shall be permitted in shelters or on combustible picnic tables. (MM)

11.0 Swimming Regulations

11.1 Swimming Prohibited

Swimming is prohibited in Metropark waterways except at areas that are otherwise designated. Users assume all risk of any body contact or other use of the water.

11.2 Unsafe Floatation Objects

The use of life rafts, inner tubes and like objects not approved by the US Coast Guard, US Red Cross Water Safety Council and the State of Ohio are prohibited on any waterways owned or under control of the Board. (MM)

12.0 Boating Regulations

12.1 Boats Prohibited

No private boat shall be operated upon any waterways owned or under control of the Board that are not properly registered with state of residency. All registered boats that are permitted to be operated on any waterways owned or under control of the Board shall be propelled by a person or persons or by electric trolling type motor. Any and all other powered type motors are prohibited on park waterways except by written permit of the Director or his/her agents for certain limited occasions. (MM)

12.2 Boating Safety Regulations

No boats shall be operated on any waterways owned or under control of the Board that do not meet the safety standards or carry safety equipment for watercraft. Boat trailers must be parked in designated areas and exit as indicated. (MM)

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13.0 Power Toys

13.1 Power Toy Permits

Engine-powered models and toy airplanes, rockets, boats, cars, sirens, or other noise making devices are not permitted to be operated within the confines of the park except by written permit of the Director or his/her agents for certain limited occasions in a safe guarded area and the payment of a fee, if any, as may be set by the Board. (MM)

14.0 Golfing

14.1 Golf

No person shall hit golf balls or practice golf while on park district property. (MM)

15.0 Aviation

15.1 Aircraft, Balloon, Parachute

No person shall voluntarily bring into, land, or cause to descend or alight upon the park and/or waters owned, controlled or used in the District by the Board, any airplane, helicopter, balloon, parachute or other apparatus for aviation. (MM)

15.2 Unmanned Aircraft

No person shall operate an unmanned aircraft within the park district or in the airspace overlying the park district without first obtaining a permit from the Director. As used in this section, "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, and drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

16.0 Sledding and Skating Regulations

16.1 Sledding and Skating Only

No person shall sled ride or ice skate within the park except in areas designated by the Director or his/her agents. (MM)

17.0 Metal Detectors

17.1 Use of Metal Detectors

No person shall use a metal detector within parklands. (MM)

18.0 Drugs of Abuse

18.1 Obtaining, Use or Possession Of Marijuana

No person shall knowingly obtain, possess or use marijuana within the confines of the park except as otherwise provided in the Ohio Revised Code 2925.11 and Ohio Revised Code 2925.12. (MM)

18.2 Illegal Use or Possession of Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia

No person shall knowingly use, or possess with the purpose to use, any drug paraphernalia that is equipment, a product, or material of any kind that is used by the person, intended by the person for use, or designed for use in storing, containing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the human body marijuana except as otherwise provided in the Ohio Revised Code 2925.11 and Ohio Revised Code 2925.12. (MM)

18.3 Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana

No person shall knowingly cultivate marijuana within the confines of the park. (If the cultivation is greater than 200 grams, refer to ORC 2925.04A regarding drug related offenses greater than MM)

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19.0 Park Ranger Assistance

19.1 Failure to Aid Park Ranger

No person shall fail or refuse to aid a Park Ranger or other law enforcement officer when called upon for assistance in preventing or halting the commission of an offense or in apprehending or detaining an offender when such aid can be given without a substantial risk of physical harm to the person giving it. (MM) (ORC 2921.23)

20.0 Vehicle, Motor Vehicle, Pedestrian and Animal Traffic Regulations

20.1 Established Ways of Travel

No person by foot, vehicle, motor vehicle or animal shall use any portion of the park for means of travel except driveways, roadways, streets, highways, trails or any other means of travel established for such purpose. Vehicles and persons shall not enter the park except by established ways of travel. NOTE: Individuals who use mobility assist vehicles are exempt from this regulation. (MM)

20.2 Closed Roads or Drives

No person shall drive, ride or walk along any park road, drive or trail which has been closed and posted with appropriate signs, gates, or barricades. The Director or his/her agents of the park shall have the authority to order roads, drives, or trails closed during the process of construction, reconstruction, repairs, or when weather conditions render travel either unsafe or unduly destructive of the road, area, drive, or trail. (MM)

20.3 Speed

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or to be propelled along or over any road, drive or trail within or adjacent to the park any vehicle or motor vehicle at a greater rate of speed than posted or at a greater speed than will permit him/her to bring the vehicle to a safe stop within the assured clear distance or at a speed that could create unsafe operating conditions. (MM) (ORC 4511.21)

20.4 Open Container- Motor Vehicles

No person shall have in the person's possession an opened container of beer or intoxicating liquor while being an operator or passenger in or on a moving or stationary motor vehicle on any road in or adjacent to park property used for vehicular travel or parking. (MM) (ORC 4301.62B4 / B5)

20.5 Driving Upon the Right Side of the Roadway

Upon all roads, drives, and trails of sufficient width, a vehicle or motor vehicle shall be operated upon the right half of the roadway or surface except when lawfully overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when otherwise directed by a traffic control device, Park Ranger or other law enforcement officer. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.25 A1, A5)

20.6 Reckless Operation

No person shall operate a vehicle or motor vehicle along or over any road, drive, trail, or other property within or adjacent to the park in a reckless manner or without due regard for the safety and rights of pedestrians, animals and operators and occupants of all other vehicles so as to endanger the life, limb, property of any person while in the lawful use of said park drives, roads, trails or adjacent property. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.20 / 4511.201)

20.7 Left of Center: Overtaking and Passing

No vehicle or motor vehicle shall be operated to the left of center in overtaking and passing traffic when approaching the crest of a hill, grade, upon a curve in the roadway, trail, any "No passing zones" or where the operator's view is obstructed within such a distance as to create a hazard in the event traffic might be approaching within 100 feet of or traversing any intersection or parking lot entrance or exit. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.29 / 4511.30)

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20.8 Space Between Moving Vehicles

The operator of a vehicle or motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle or motor vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for speed of such vehicle or motor vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the roadway or trail. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.34)

20.9 Turning in Roadway Prohibited

No vehicle or motor vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve or upon the approach to or near the crest of a grade, if such vehicle cannot be seen within five hundred feet by the operator of any vehicle approaching from either direction. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.37)

20.10 Signaling, Starting, Backing And Turning Movements

No person while operating a vehicle or motor vehicle shall start, back, or change from a direct course upon a roadway until such a person has given a clear and discernible signal before exercising such movement and having first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.38 / 4511.39)

20.11 Stop Signs and other Traffic Control Devices

All public highways, crossings, or intersecting park roads or drives and all park roads and drives are declared to be through highways or through park roads and drives, as the cases may be, and shall be posted with stop signs or with an overhead red/green traffic signal. All operators of vehicles or motor vehicles shall stop at all posted stop signs or when electronic signal is indicating the color red. Pedestrians and others shall obey all traffic control devices as posted. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.12)

20.12 Parking

No person shall park or store any motor vehicle, bicycle, wagon, or other vehicle within any traveled roadway in the park or at a location where posted signs prohibit parking upon any sod, gravel, or other surface not specifically designated as a "parking area" except in an emergency before, during or after the posted park operating hours. All types of vehicles shall be parked within designated marked spaces where such spaces are provided. No person shall leave any motor vehicle unattended without first stopping the engine. No person shall park a motor vehicle that has expired license registration. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.66 / 4511.66.1 / 4511.68 / 4511.69)

20.13 Lights on Vehicles

Every vehicle or motor vehicle operating upon any park road, drive, within any part of the park or any roads adjacent to the park during the period from sunset to sunrise or at any other time when there are unfavorable atmospheric conditions or when there is not sufficient natural light to render discernible persons, vehicles and substantial objects on the roads at a distance of one thousand feet ahead shall be equipped with and use the following minimum lights (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4513.03):

Automobiles:

1. Headlights- two headlights in the front, one on either side of the vehicle and emitting a white light. (MM - ORC 4513.04)
2. Taillights- one taillight emitting a red light positioned in the rear, which when lite, is visible from a distance of 500 ft. and one white light to illuminate the license plate. (MM - ORC 4513.05)
3. Brake lights- every motor vehicle when operated upon any roadway shall be equipped with two or more stop lights. (MM - ORC 4513.071)

Motorcycles:

1. Headlights- shall be equipped with at least one and not more than two in the front emitting a white light. (MM - ORC 4513.04)

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2. Taillight- one taillight emitting a red light positioned in the rear and one white light to illuminate the license plate. (MM - ORC 4513.05)

Bicycles:

1. Front Light- shall be mounted on the front of either the bicycle or the operator that shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and three hundred feet to the sides. (MM - ORC 4511.56A1)
2. Rear- a red reflector on the rear that shall be visible from all distances from one hundred feet to six hundred feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of head lamps on a motor vehicle. (MM - ORC 4511.56A2)
3. Rear- a lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear shall be used in addition to the red reflector. (MM - ORC 4511.56A3)

20.14 Spotlights

No person shall use or shine spotlights, or unnecessarily or continuously shine automobile headlights in or onto parklands except under the direction of a Park Ranger or where necessary for the preservation of life or property. (MM - ORC 4513.12)

20.15 Mufflers

Every motor vehicle with an internal combustible engine shall at all times be equipped with a muffler in good working order and with all baffles or noise reduction elements in constant operation and no person shall use a muffler cutout, bypass, or other similar device upon a motor vehicle in or adjacent to the park. (MM - ORC 4513.22)

20.16 Horns

Every motor vehicle when operated on a roadway shall be equipped with a horn which is in good working order and capable of emitting sound audible, under normal conditions, from a distance of not less than two hundred feet. (MM - ORC 4513.21)

20.17 Sounding Horns Except in an Emergency

No person operating within the park shall sound a horn or other warning device except in an emergency.

20.18 Misc. Vehicle Restrictions

- a) No person while on the roadway within or adjacent to the park outside of any safety zone shall solicit a ride from the driver of any vehicle. (MM - ORC 4511.51A)
- b) No person shall hang onto, or ride on the outside of any vehicle or motor vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway, trail or road in or adjacent to the park. (MM - ORC 4511.51C)
- c) No operator shall knowingly permit any person to hang onto or ride on the outside of any vehicle or motor vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway, trail in or adjacent to the park. (MM - ORC 4511.51D)
- d) No person while in or adjacent to the park shall leave or enter a vehicle or motor vehicle which is in motion except in an emergency necessitating such action. (MM)
- e) No person riding upon any bicycle, electrical bicycle, coaster, sled, skis, roller skates, or toy vehicle shall attach the same or him/herself to any vehicle upon a park road, parking lot or trail. (MM - ORC 4511.54A)
- f) No operator shall knowingly permit any person to ride upon any bicycle, coaster, sled, skis, roller skates or toy vehicle to attach the same or him/herself to any vehicle while it is moving upon a park road, parking lot or trail. (MM - ORC 4511.54A)
- h). No person under the age of sixteen shall ride in the uncovered portion of a truck traveling more than 25 miles per hour unless an emergency exists or seats have been installed that meet Federal Safety Standards. (MM - ORC 4511.51E)

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- i). No operator of a motor vehicle shall allow a person under the age of sixteen to ride in the uncovered portion of a truck traveling more than 25 miles per hour unless an emergency exists or seats have been installed that meet Federal Safety Standards. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.51F)
- b) occupy, as a passenger, a seating position on the front seat of an automobile being operated in or adjacent to the park unless wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device. (MM) (ORC 4513.263B3)

20.19 Driving a Vehicle in an Unsafe Condition

No person shall drive, move or knowingly permit to be driven or moved within or adjacent to the park any vehicle, combination of vehicles or motor which is in an unsafe condition as to endanger any person. (MM 1st offense; 2nd offense- cite under ORC 4513.02A)

20.20 Tinted Windows

No person shall drive or possess a motor vehicle with tinted glass and the use of transparent, nontransparent, translucent, and reflective materials in or on a motor vehicle windshield, side windows, side wings, and the rear windows that prevent a person of normal vision looking into the motor vehicle from seeing or identifying persons or objects inside the motor vehicle. (MM) (ORC 4513.241)

20.21 Earphones or Earplugs

No person shall operate a motor vehicle while wearing earphones over, or earplugs in, both ears in or adjacent to the park. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.84B)

20.22 Seat Belts Required

No person shall do any of the following:

- a) operate an automobile in or adjacent to the park unless wearing all of the available elements of a properly adjusted occupant restraining device. (MM) (ORC 4513.263B1)

20.23 Child Restraints Required

No person shall operate a motor vehicle in or adjacent to the park without providing a child safety restraint seat. The child who is in either or both of the following must be in a child restraint device: 1. less than 4 years of age, 2. weighs less than 40 pounds. (MM 1st offense; 2nd offense- cite under ORC 4511.81A)

20.24 Driving without License Plates

No person who is the owner or operator of a motor vehicle shall operate, cause or permit such motor vehicle to be operated within or adjacent to the park unless the vehicle displays in plain view on the front (unless the state of registration does not require a front plate) and rear of the motor vehicle the distinctive number and registration mark including any county identification sticker. The validation sticker must be displayed on the rear plate. All license plates shall be securely fastened so as to not swing and shall not be covered by any material that obstructs their visibility. Motorcycles, dealers, motorized bicycles, and trailers must display a rear license plate only.

No person with a temporary license placard or windshield sticker shall fail to display it in plain view from the rear of the vehicle either in the rear window or on an external rear surface of the motor vehicle. (MM) (ORC 4503.21)

20.25 Trucks and Vehicles

Except by authority of special permit granted by the Director or his/her agents, no person shall drive or operate a truck, tractor, or a vehicle, commercial or otherwise, designed and used for the transportation of goods and materials either loaded or empty over any road or drive within the park, other than deliveries as such for Metroparks. (MM)

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20.26 One-Way Roads

The Board Park Commissioners may designate any roadway under its jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect appropriate signs giving notice thereof. Upon a roadway designated and posted with signs for one-way travel, a vehicle or motor vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.32)

20.27 Defacement of Surface

No person shall intentionally accelerate a motor vehicle causing the tires or other surface-bearing apparatus to spin, mark or deface the park roadway or parking lot surface. (MM)

20.28 Handicapped Parking

No person who is not handicapped or operating a motor vehicle to transport a handicapped person shall stop, stand or park any motor vehicle at special parking locations provided for the handicapped within the park. Motor vehicles using handicapped parking areas must display the handicapped placard in the window or handicapped symbol on the license plate. (MM)
(ORC 4511.69F)

20.29 Slow Speed

No person shall stop or operate a motor vehicle in or adjacent to the park at such a slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, except when stopping or reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or to comply with the law. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.22)

20.30 Motorcycle, Snowmobile and Bicycle Operation

A person operating or a passenger on a motorcycle, bicycle, or electric bicycle shall not ride other than upon or astride the permanent and regular seat attached thereto. A person shall ride upon a motorcycle only while sitting astride the seat, facing forward with one leg on each side of

the motorcycle. No person operating a bicycle, or electric bicycle, shall carry any package, bundle or article that prevents the driver from keeping at least one hand upon the handle bars. No motorcycle or bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it was designed and equipped. No person shall operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle or snowmobile without using safety glasses or other protective eye device. No person who is under the age of eighteen or who holds a motorcycle endorsement or license bearing a "novice" designation that is currently in effect shall operate or be a passenger on a motorcycle in or adjacent to the park unless wearing a protective helmet on the operator's or passenger's head. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.53C)

20.31 Riding Motorcycles and Bicycles Abreast

Persons operating a motorcycle, bicycle, or electric bicycle shall do all of the following:

- a. Every person operating a bicycle on a roadway in or adjacent to the park shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable obeying all traffic rules applicable to vehicles and exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.55A)
- b. Persons riding bicycles or motorcycles on a roadway in or adjacent to the park shall ride not more than two abreast in a single lane, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for exclusive use of bicycles or motorcycles. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.55C)

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20.32 Bicycle Equipment

Every bicycle or electric bicycle shall be equipped with an adequate brake and a device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of 100 feet when used on a roadway or trail in or adjacent to the park. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.56B / C)

20.33 Motor Vehicle Right of Way to Horses

No person while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in or adjacent to the park shall fail to slow down and stop the vehicle when signaled to do so upon meeting or overtaking a horse-drawn vehicle or person on horseback and to remain stationary until the vehicle or person has passed provided the signal to stop is given in good faith under circumstances of necessity and only as often and for that length of time as is required for the vehicle or persons to pass whether it is approaching from the front or rear. (MM 1st offense; 2nd offense- cite under ORC 4549.01A)

20.34 Marked Lanes of Travel

A vehicle or motor vehicle on a roadway in or adjacent to the park shall be driven, as nearly as practicable, entirely within a single lane or line of traffic and shall not be moved from such lane or line until the driver has ascertained that such movement can be made with safety. (MM if 1st offense w/in 1 year; 2nd or more predicated or traffic offense w/in 1 year- cite under ORC 4511.33A1)

20.35 Rear View Mirrors

Every motor vehicle or motorcycle shall be equipped with a mirror so located as to reflect to the operator a view of the roadway to the rear of such motor vehicle or motorcycle. Operators of such vehicles shall have a clear and unobstructed view to the front and to both sides of their vehicle. (MM)

20.36 Unsecured Loads

No vehicle or motor vehicle shall be driven on roadways in or adjacent to the park unless the vehicle is so constructed, loaded or covered as to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting,

leaking, blowing, bouncing or otherwise escaping therefrom. (MM)

20.37 Abandonment of Junk Vehicles

No person shall willfully leave an abandoned or junk vehicle in or adjacent to park property for more than forty-eight hours without written explanation to the park district of the reason for leaving the motor vehicle in such place. (MM) (ORC 4513.64A)

20.38 Operation of All-Purpose Vehicle

No person shall operate within the park an all-purpose vehicle. "All Purpose" means any self-propelled vehicle designed primarily for cross-country travel on land and water or on more than one type of terrain and steered by wheels or caterpillar treads or any combination thereof including vehicles that operate on a cushion of air, vehicles commonly known as all-terrain vehicles (ATV), all-season vehicles, mini-bikes, and trail bikes. (MM)

20.39 Failure to Dim High Beams

No person who is the operator of a vehicle shall fail to dim headlight high beams that are projected into the eyes of the oncoming driver. (MM 1st offense; 2nd offense- cite under ORC 4513.15)

20.40 Removal of Vehicles

Whenever any park ranger or other law enforcement officer finds any vehicle stopped, parked or standing in an area prohibited or unattended upon or within the right-of-way of any road or where such vehicle clearly obstructs pedestrian or vehicular traffic or poses a hazard to property or people, such officer may arrange for the removal of said vehicle to the nearest parking lot or to a place for holding such vehicles. Cost and risks of such removal shall be at the owner's/operator's expense. (MM)

20.41 Special Vehicle Registration

No person shall operate any snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, watercraft or all-purpose vehicle without proper registration and numbers. (MM) (ORC 4519.02)

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20.42 Special Vehicle Operator's License

No person who does not hold a valid, current motor vehicle driver's license, commercial driver's license, motorcycle operator's endorsement or probationary license shall operate a snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle or all-purpose vehicle. Nor shall anyone under the age of 16 operate a special vehicle without being accompanied by a person who is 18 years or older and has a valid license. (MM) (ORC 4519.44A / B)

20.43 Multi-Trail Use Right of Way

When trail conditions require a right of way for safe passage, horse riders have the primary right of way, hikers next and then cyclists while on park district property trails. (MM)

20.44 Micromobility Devices

No person shall operate Micromobility devices including, but not limited to, electric bicycles, electric scooters and skateboards, self-balancing devices, or similar equipment, on property owned and/or managed by Metroparks, unless all of the following criteria are met:

- a. Speed – all operation must be kept within a reasonable speed as to not interfere, or endanger, the operator or other park patrons
- b. Noise – no internal combustion motors allowed, all class ratings of electric motors permitted
- c. Mass – all electric equipment operated must stay under a maximum weight of 100 lbs., without the operator
- d. Width – must operate on marked multipurpose trails that are a minimum of 10 feet in width per the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

These requirements are subject to change as equipment standards are set and technology advances for said equipment may be deemed unsafe for all that share Metropark trails. These requirements are not limited to ADA devices.

22.0 Penalty

Whoever violates any Park Rule and Regulation shall be fined not more than \$100.00 for a first offense and not more than \$500.00 for each subsequent offense. (ORC 1545.99)

23.0 Exemptions

Employees of the Toledo Metroparks and other authorized persons are exempt from rules and regulations to the extent necessary stated in this document when/where feasible or applicable while acting under their official capacity as a Metropark employee or other authorized person(s).

25.0 Definitions

- Vehicle- means everything on wheels or runners including motorized bicycles. (ORC 4501.01A)
- Motor Vehicle- means any vehicle, including mobile homes and recreation vehicles that is propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power. (ORC 4501.01B)
- Bicycle- means every device, other than a tricycle that is designed solely for the use as a play vehicle by a child, which is propelled solely by human power upon which any person may ride and that has either two tandem wheels or one wheel in front and two wheels in the rear. (ORC 4501.01K)
- Motorized Bicycle- means any vehicle that either has two tandem wheels, or one in the front and two wheels in the rear that is capable of being pedaled and is equipped with a helper motor which will not propel the motorized bike greater than 25 miles per hour. (ORC 4501.01L)
- Operator- includes any person who drives or operates a motor vehicle upon the public highways. (ORC 4501.01X)
- Motorcycle- means every motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the operator and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground. (ORC 4511.01C)
- Person- means every natural person, firm, co-partnership, association or corporation. (ORC 4511.10W)
- Pedestrian- means any natural person afoot. (ORC 4511.01X)
- Park District- Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area controlled by the Board of Park Commissioners.
- Shall- a directive or requirement.
- Geocaching is a recreational activity in which someone "conceals" something for others to try to find using a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver

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26.0 ORC References: M-4 or higher

Litter

- 1531.29 Polluting State Lands/Water M3
- 3767.32 Discarding Litter M3

Firearms / Weapons

- 2923.12 Concealed Weapons M1
- 2923.15 Weapons While Intoxicated M1
- 2923.16 Improper Handling in Vehicle
M4 or higher
- 2923.162 Discharging from Roadway M1

Public Decency

- 2917.11A5 Relieving Oneself M4
- 2907.02 Rape Felony
- 2907.04 Corruption of Minor M1
- 2907.06 Sexual Imposition M3
- 2907.08 Voyeurism M3
- 2907.09 Public Indecency M4

Disorderly Conduct

- 2917.11 Disorderly Conduct MM

Intoxicants

- 4301.631 Under Age Possession M4
- 4301.64 Consumption in Vehicle M4

Drugs of Abuse

- 2925.11 Possession MM or higher
- 2925.14 Paraphernalia M4 or higher
- 2925.31 Harmful Intoxicants M1

Compliance

- 2921.31 Obstructing Official Business M1
- 2921.33 Resisting Arrest M2

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- 2911.21 Criminal Trespass M4

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- 1531.02 Snagging Fish M4
- 1533.10 Hunting License Required M4
- 1533.161 Jacklighting M3
- 1533.32 Fishing License Required M4
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Domestic Animals

- 959.01 Abandoning Animals M2
- 959.02 Injuring Animals M2
- 959.03 Poisoning Animals M4
- 959.13 Cruelty to Animals M2

Traffic

- 4511.19 Driving Under Influence M1
- 4510 Chapter Driver's License
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Vehicle Registration

- 4549.10 No Plates M4
- 4549.08 Unauthorized Plates M4
- 4549.11 Former Owner's Plates M4

27.0 Separability

Each section of these Rules and Regulations and every part of each section is an independent section and part of a section and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause does not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or part thereof.

Section Two. Except to the extent of the revisions herein made, the resolution dated May 20, 1977 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Three. That this Resolution # 12-08, shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and legal publication.

Second by: Scott Savage, Park Commissioner

Yeas- 3; Nays-0

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