

**REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF CAMDEN COUNTY
PARKS AND PARK LAND**

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1 – Definition of Terms:

Whenever used in any Camden County Park Regulation, the following respective terms, unless otherwise therein expressly defined, shall mean the following:

(A) “CAMDEN COUNTY PARKS, PARKS AND PARK LAND SHALL INCLUDE”:

All the real property situated in Camden County or adjacent counties acquired by or under the jurisdiction of Camden County or which may be hereafter acquired by it or come under its jurisdiction.

(B) “Borough, Municipality”: respectively, any City, Borough, Township, Village or Municipality within which a portion of said Park System is situated.

(C) “Curbs”: any boundary of any drives, whether or not marked by a curb.

(D) “Permit”: any written license issued by or under the authority of the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders permitting the performance of a special act or acts.

(E) “Persons”: any natural person, corporation, company, association, joint-stock association, firm or co-partnership.

(F) “Vehicles”: any motorized conveyance.

(G) “Regulations”: any regulations duly adopted by the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

(H) “Beverage container”: shall mean a container designed to contain any variety of liquid intended for human consumption but shall not include containers to be used in feeding infants or containers containing prescription and/or non-prescription drugs.

ARTICLE 2 – SCOPE

SECTION 1 – TERRITORIAL SCOPE

All Camden County Park Regulations shall be effective within all the parks and park lands of the Camden County Park System and govern the use of the parks by all individuals or entities.

ARTICLE 3 – PERMITS

SECTION 1– PERMIT CONDITIONS

A permit to do any act is granted with the understanding that the permit holder shall strictly abide by the terms and conditions of these Rules and Regulations and all applicable New Jersey Statutes. Any violation by the permit holder or his agent or employees of any term or condition of these Rules and Regulations or any applicable New Jersey Statute shall constitute grounds for revocation of this permit by the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders or by its authorized representative, whose action therein shall be final.

In case of revocation of any permit, all moneys paid by the permit holder shall be forfeited to and be retained by the County of Camden; and the holder of such permit, together with his agents and employees who violated such terms and conditions, shall be jointly and severally liable to the County of Camden for all additional damages suffered by the County in excess of the money forfeited and retained. Neither such forfeiture and retention by Camden County of such moneys, nor the collection of damages or both, shall in any manner relieve the permit holder and/or his agents and employees from liability to punishment for any violation of any provisions of any Camden County Park Regulation. These regulations shall be deemed a part of each permit issued.

All permits that are granted must be produced upon demand.

SECTION 2 – PERMITS REQUIRED

Permits are required for the following activities:

- (a) Firework displays, bonfires, or campfires.
- (b) Fundraising events.
- (c) Use of amplified music, loudspeakers, or public address systems.
- (d) Erection of any physical structure, including but not limited to any stage, tent, or canopy.
- (e) To reserve the use of any athletic field or court.
- (f) To reserve the use of any picnic area, shelter, pavilion, amphitheater/stage, and parking lot. The same individuals or groups may reserve these areas up to three times per year.
- (g) To use any boat slip at the Wiggins Park Marina.
- (h) Trapping.
- (i) Vending or selling of any merchandise.
- (j) Use of any park land by groups of 50 or more individuals.

ARTICLE 4 – PROHIBITED USES

SECTION 1 – ADVERTISING

No person on county park lands shall announce, advertise, or call public attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire without written permission of authorized Parks Department staff.

SECTION 2 – CHANGING/DISROBING IN UNAUTHORIZED AREAS

No person shall change in or out of any clothing or bathing attire except in areas designated or customarily provided for such use.

SECTION 3 – COMMERCIAL USES

(A) No person shall engage in any commercial enterprise, including but not limited to the offering of services, soliciting, selling of food or beverages on county park lands except as provided by permit. The selling of merchandise of any kind is specifically prohibited unless prior permission is obtained. Permission to sell merchandise will be limited to individuals who have obtained a vendor permit. The sale of any merchandise must be in conjunction with an approved or permitted recreational event.

(B) Vending of food in areas other than approved vending locations is specifically prohibited. No curbside vending is permitted in the Camden County Parks.

SECTION 4 – DOMESTIC ANIMALS

(A) No person shall cause or permit any animal owned by him, or in his custody or control, to be unleashed on county park lands. All domestic animals on county park lands must be restrained by a leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length. Any animal found at large and unleashed may be seized and disposed of as provided by the law or local ordinance.

(B) No person shall cause or permit any animal owned by him, or in his custody or control, to commit any nuisance on any park lands. If any such person shall permit any animals, other than horses, to soil or defecate on county park property, he shall immediately remove and dispose of all feces and droppings in a sanitary manner by container, disposal bag, etc.

(C) Except for seeing-eye dogs or helper dogs, domestic animals are not permitted on playgrounds, paved paths, courts, or play field areas at any time. Domestic animals are not allowed to drink directly from any water fountain.

- (D1) No person shall ride or drive a horse on sidewalks, paved bike paths, ball fields, playgrounds, flower beds or other areas where foot traffic is prohibited.
- (D2) No person shall ride or drive a horse in a dangerous or unsafe manner. No person shall graze a horse or leave a horse unattended on park property.
- (D3) No person shall lead a horse unbridled and without a proper lead line within park property.

SECTION 5 – ERECTION OF STRUCTURES

No person shall construct or erect any building or structure of any kind, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across park lands, except by written approval from the Director of Parks or on approval by the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

SECTION 6 – FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

(A) No person other than authorized law enforcement personnel shall have or carry any firearm, or any weapon commonly known as a BB gun or paint gun, whether loaded or unloaded, on Camden County Park property.

(B) No person shall have or carry any sling shot, or bow and arrow, knife, or other weapon on Camden County Park property.

SECTION 7 – INJURY TO PROPERTY, DRIVES, BRIDGES & EQUIPMENT

No person shall damage, deface, move, remove or tamper with any property within the Camden County Park System.

SECTION 8 – INTOXICATING LIQUORS

(A) No person shall be permitted within a county park under the influence of intoxicating beverages, drugs or narcotics. A person shall be presumed to have consumed an alcoholic beverage in violation of this section if an unsealed container of an alcoholic beverage is found in their possession or constructive possession, the contents have been partially consumed, and/or the physical appearance or conduct of the person may be associated with the consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

(B) No person or entity shall carry, consume, sell, or dispense beer or intoxicating liquors on park lands except under the following conditions:

- (1) Alcoholic beverages may be dispensed in connection with special events hosted, co-hosted, authorized or sanctioned by the Camden County Parks Department, where the Parks Department specifically approves the dispensing of alcoholic beverages at the event by an appropriately licensed non-profit or private vendor.
- (2) Alcoholic beverages may be dispensed to participants in a private function held on park lands pursuant to a site-use permit, but only to bona fide participants of the event, where the Parks Department specifically approves the dispensing of alcoholic beverages at the event by an appropriately licensed non-profit organization directly participating in the event, or by a licensed private vendor.
- (3) Any non-profit and private vendors wishing to dispense alcohol in accordance with the above referenced regulation must also satisfy the following requirements:

A. Non-profit organizations must provide appropriate documentation evidencing the non-profit status of the organization and their direct participation in the event for which a permit is sought.

B. Non-profit organizations and private vendors must be in full and complete compliance with all State licensure and dispensing laws and regulations and other requirements pertaining to the dispensing of alcoholic beverages.

C. Non-profit organizations and private vendors must obtain liquor liability coverage and general liability coverage which:

1. Names the County of Camden and its agents, servants, and employees as additional insured,
2. Has the following minimum coverages: - \$1,000,000 per person/\$3,000,000 aggregate, general liability - \$1,000,000 per person/\$3,000,000 aggregate, and
3. which otherwise contains terms and conditions of coverage acceptable to the County in the exercise of its reasonable discretion.
4. Non-profit organizations and private vendors, in coordination with the Camden County Parks Department, must establish dispensing procedures, security procedures and staffing levels, sufficient to insure that alcoholic beverages will be dispensed and consumed in a manner which insures the health, safety and welfare of both event participants and general park patrons.
5. Non-profit organizations and private vendors must agree to reimburse the County for all costs associated with the provision of police or other security personnel whose presence is required in the reasonable exercise of discretion by County officials.
6. Non-profit organizations and private vendors must pay all costs associated with the erection of all necessary fences, barricades, or enclosures deemed necessary by the County, in the exercise of its reasonable discretion, to provide fully for the safety, security and welfare of the general public and of all persons attending the event.
7. Non-profit organizations and private vendors must take any and all measures necessary to assure that all persons to whom alcoholic beverages are served are of sufficient legal age, and that no alcoholic beverages are served to anyone who is intoxicated.
8. Non-profit organizations and private vendors dispensing alcoholic beverages at private function events may not dispense beverages on a fee per drink basis.
9. Non-profit organizations and private vendors seeking a permit from the County to dispense alcoholic beverages in the County Parks for a single event within a 24 hour period must pay a non-refundable fee of \$1000 to the County for the purpose of reimbursing the County for review, supervisory, and other related costs associated with the application, and in no event shall the permit allow for the dispensing of alcohol for a total period in excess of three hours within the 24 hour period, unless special permission is granted by the County based upon special circumstances.
10. County, in connection with events of which it is a principle sponsor, may waive permit fees to non-profit organizations and private vendors if the waiver of the fee will serve to make the event more accessible to the public.

SECTION 9 – LOITERING

No person shall use and/or occupy any park bench or seat, or be found loitering on park lands, nor shall any vehicle be parked on park lands, between the hours of 10 PM and 6 AM with the exception of North Park Drive from Route 130 to Cuthbert Boulevard, which has a curfew of 12 midnight until 6 AM.

SECTION 10 – MOTOR VEHICLES

Any person who parks a vehicle on Camden County park land in violation of any posted parking restriction shall be subject to a fine. In addition, the County may tow away any vehicle parking in violation of this regulation and shall charge the violator all applicable towing and storage fees. Nothing in this regulation shall apply to the vehicles and apparatus of a Fire Department, Police Department, or ambulance when responding to an emergency. All provisions of the State Motor Vehicle Act and Traffic Laws will apply on Camden County park lands and will be strictly enforced with further restrictions as follows:

- (A) The Director may designate one-way streets or designate parking areas as being restricted for the use of particular persons or officials and/or restricted as to use during limited designated hours, and shall post signs designating such parking restrictions.
- (B) No person shall park or store any motor vehicles, wagon, cart, or trailer on county park land except in areas designated and posted for such purposes. Such parking areas are for the use of park patrons only.
- (C) The repairing of vehicles is not permitted within county park lands.
- (D) No motor vehicles are allowed on the grassy areas within the Camden County park land without prior written approval from the Director.
- (E) No motor vehicles with a registered gross vehicle weight of more than 6,000 pounds shall be permitted to park on any paved parking lot on Camden County park lands. No person shall drive or operate any off-road vehicle or snowmobile anywhere within the Camden County Park System except at such times and places as may be designated by the Director and/or authorized by permit.

SECTION 11 – PEDESTRIAN USE ONLY AREAS

No person shall use or operate bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles, skateboards, roller skates, or any other wheeled vehicles or sleds, toboggans, snowmobiles or skis at Ulysses S. Wiggins Waterfront Park. This section is intended to restrict the use of Ulysses S. Wiggins Waterfront Park to pedestrian use only, with the exception of handicapped vehicles or strollers.

SECTION 12 – PROHIBITED ACTIONS

No person shall use threatening, abusive or insulting language; do any obscene or indecent act; throw stones or other missiles at any persons; interfere with, encumber, obstruct or render dangerous any drive, path, walk or public place; do any act tending or amounting to a breach of the peace; climb or stand on any wall, fence, shelf, seat, statue or other erection; enter or leave except at established entrance ways or exits; engage in, instigate, aid or encourage a contention or fight, whether or not a ring or prize fight; assault any person; drink, take, use or have in their possession or be under the influence of any opiates or other habit-forming drugs; spit upon any wall, crossing, safety zone of the floor of any structure, bridge, platform or stairway.

SECTION 13 – ROAD CONSTRUCTION, CLOSINGS AND DETOURS

It shall be the responsibility of the person, contractor, or in the case of a public utility wishing to conduct work on, under or above a roadway located on park property to contact the Director in order to arrange a pre-construction meeting prior to the beginning of any work in order to submit plans for the safe movement of traffic during such period of construction or work when such work shall necessitate the partial or whole closing of a roadway and possible provision of a detour.

There shall be no construction, maintenance operations, or utility work on any roadway within the Camden County Parks before the hour of 9 AM or after 4 PM. This time limit may be adjusted to permit work before 9 AM or after 4 PM by the Director and/or authorized by permit. If it is determined by the Director that the construction, maintenance, operations, or utility work prior to 9 AM or after 4 PM would substantially delay traffic or cause a safety or health hazard, the work shall then be permitted only between 8 AM and 4 PM. Road closings and/or traffic detours shall not be permitted unless approved by the Director. The person, contractor or utility requesting such action must notify the Camden County Parks Department at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to such action and shall provide at least two (2) emergency contact phone numbers prior to the start of any work to be called in case of emergency problems at the site. In the event the emergency contacts cannot be reached to correct the hazardous situation, or if time constraints do not allow for any delay, Camden County may respond to and correct such hazardous condition. A reasonable fee for such emergency services shall be charged to the person, contractor, or utility responsible for such condition.

Traffic directors shall be provided by the contractor and posted at all construction and maintenance sites when determined by the Director that same is necessary to provide for the safety and expeditious movement of traffic. The Director may further require that the contractor provide for uniformed police officers at the contractor's expense for traffic control when conditions warrant such need in order to adequately provide for safe traffic control. The Director shall have the authority to stop work, including ordering the removal of equipment, vehicles, stored materials within the street right-of-way, backfilling of open excavations and/or other related work, in order to abate any nuisance and/or safety hazard, or for any violation of this section.

Any person, contractor, or utility who violates any part of this section shall, upon conviction thereof for a first offense, pay a fine of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00). For a second offense, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). For a third or subsequent conviction, pay a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). A separate offense shall be deemed to have been committed on each day during which a violation occurs or continues.

SECTION 14 – RUBBISH AND REFUSE MATTER, ETC.

(A) No person shall throw or discharge into the waters of a Camden County park or any tributary, storm sewer or drain flowing into said waters, any substance which may foul or result in the pollution of said waters.

(B) No person shall throw, deposit, or leave litter or recyclable materials within the Park System except in designated receptacles provided therefore. No person shall dump or discard any material anywhere within the Park System without written authorization from the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

SECTION 15 – SIGNS

No person on county park lands shall post any advertisement, sign or inscription without written permission from the Director of Parks or the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

SECTION 16 – SWIMMING, SKATING, SKIING AND SLEDDING

No person shall swim, coast, tube, snowboard, sled, or ski except at places designated by the Director. No person shall use bicycles, in-line skates, roller-skates or skateboards where prohibited by the Director. No person shall ice skate or go upon the ice except at such times and upon such places as designated.

SECTION 17 – TOBACCO

No person shall smoke or carry a lighted cigarette, cigar or other tobacco product, or use a battery-powered E-cigarette, vaporizer, vape pen, atomizer, or other electronic nicotine delivery system in the areas identified in subsections 17(A) through 17(D).

- (A) In all interior spaces of all Park property, pursuant to the New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act, N.J.S.A. 26:3D-56 et. seq., including garages and storage areas.
- (B) On Park property within 50 feet of any entrance or exit, and where smoking would result in smoke traveling through doorways, windows, air ducts or other openings.
- (C) On playgrounds, baseball fields, softball fields, multi-purpose fields, tennis courts, including common areas to these facilities such as viewing areas, bleachers, and restrooms.
- (D) Within any County owned, leased or rented vehicle, including heavy equipment.

First offenses will result in a warning. Subsequent violations may be subject to a fine consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:33-13.b. Violations of subsections 17(A) and 17(B) of this section shall be subject to the New Jersey Smoke-Free Air Act, N.J.S.A. 26:3D-56 et. seq. and may be subject to the fines set forth therein in N.J.S.A. 26:3D-62.

SECTION 18 – TREES, SHRUBS AND GRASS

No person shall damage, remove or tamper with any plant, tree, shrub or grass.

SECTION 19 – URINATING OR DEFECATING

No person shall urinate or defecate except in facilities provided for such use.

SECTION 20 – WILDLIFE

- (A) No person shall kill, wound, trap, hunt, remove, or have in his possession any animal, reptile, bird, bird's nest or squirrel's nest, or remove the young of any such bird, reptile, or animal, or the eggs or young of any such bird, reptile or animal. Muskrats may be trapped with the required permit.
- (B) No person shall feed any animal, fish or waterfowl. Feeding of geese is strictly prohibited.
- (C) No person shall fish in any of the park waters unless he has the required New Jersey Fishing License.

ARTICLE 5 – BOATING

SECTION 1 – REGATTAS AND BOAT RACES

No regatta or boat race shall take place within the boundaries of the Camden County Park System without permission granted by the proper park personnel or the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

SECTION 2 – POWER BOATS

- (A) No powerboats shall use or operate in the waters of the Camden County Park System, excepting Newton Lake from White Horse Pike to Lees Lane Bridge without permission granted by the proper park personnel or the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders.
- (B) No powerboat, having a length of over fourteen (14) feet, a beam of over four and one half (4½) feet, or an engine developing more than ten (10) horsepower shall be permitted to operate in the waters of the Camden County Park System.
- (C) No powerboat shall be operated which is not equipped with properly muffled exhaust to decrease engine sound.

(D) No powerboat shall be operated between one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and 7 AM.

SECTION 3 – SHORELINE

No person shall use the shores of the rivers, streams, lakes or other bodies of water within the boundaries of the Camden County Park System as a landing place for boats without permission or authorization from the appropriate park personnel or the Camden County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

SECTION 4 – SAFETY

All craft using the park waters shall carry at least one (1) life preserver for each occupant. Air, cork and other floating type cushions shall be accepted as life preservers if Coast Guard approved.

ARTICLE 6 – FINES & PENALTIES

SECTION 1 – POWER TO LEVY FINES AND PENALTIES

No person shall be allowed to remain inside a County Park who does not abide by the Regulations of the Camden County Park System, Site-Specific Rules or conditions adopted and posted by the Parks Department, and all other laws as designated by Statute. Violators of these Rules and Regulations or Statutes may be directed to leave and/or may be subject to fines and penalties as determined by these Regulations or Statutes. Any person directed to leave by an employee of the Camden County Park System or other County Agent for failure to abide by these Rules and Regulations shall do so promptly and peacefully.

In addition to all of the powers of peace officers authorized by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-152, all law enforcement officers of competent jurisdiction shall have the right and power to enforce the Rules and Regulations of the Camden County Park System. Any person found guilty by a Municipal Court Judge of violating any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to a fine, as set forth on the attached Schedule, imprisonment for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, as shall be determined by said Municipal Court Judge, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:24-3.

SECTION 2 – SCHEDULE OF FINES*

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	FINE
4-1	Advertising without permit	\$ 50.00
4-2	Changing clothes in unapproved area	\$ 50.00
4-3(A)	Vending without Permit	\$500.00
4-3(B)	Vending out of approved area	\$500.00
4-4(A)	Dog not on leash	\$100.00
4-4(B)	Failing to clean up animal feces	\$100.00
4-4(D1)	Riding horses in prohibited area	\$100.00
4-4(D2)	Riding horse in unsafe manner	\$100.00
4-4(D3)	Leading horse unbridled or without lead line	\$100.00
4-5	Unauthorized erection of structure	\$ 50.00
4-6(A)	Possession of Firearm	\$100.00
4-6(B)	Possession of bow and arrow	\$100.00
4-7	Damage to County property	\$100.00
4-8(A)	Possession of alcohol	\$100.00
4-8(B)	Sale of alcohol	\$500.00
4-9	Violation of curfew	\$100.00
4-10(A)	Wrong way on one-way street or parking lot	\$ 50.00
4-10(B)	Parking in prohibited area	\$ 50.00
4-10(C)	Parking outside of park hours	\$ 50.00
4-10(D)	Repairing vehicle on county property	\$100.00
4-10(E)	Operating vehicle off roadway	\$100.00
4-10(F)	Vehicle over 6000 lbs. GVW parked on lot	\$ 50.00
4-10(G)	Off road vehicle/snowmobile prohibited	\$100.00
4-11	Bicycles, skateboards etc. prohibited – Wiggins Park only	\$ 50.00
4-12	Disorderly conduct	\$250.00
4-13	Improper road closing/construction	
	1 st offense	\$200.00 - \$500.00
	2 nd offense	\$500.00 - \$1,000.00
	3 rd or subsequent offense	\$1,000.00
4-14(A)	Pollution of waterways	\$100.00
4-14(B)	Dumping/Littering	\$ 50.00
4-15	Unauthorized posting of signs	\$ 50.00
4-16	Swimming, skating, skiing, sledding prohibited	\$ 50.00
4-17	Smoking in prohibited area	\$ 50.00
4-18	Damage to trees, shrubs, plants	\$100.00
4-19	Urinating/defecating in public area	\$100.00
4-20(A)	Hunting/trapping animals	\$100.00
4-20(B)	Feeding of wildlife prohibited	\$100.00
4-20(C)	Fishing without New Jersey fishing license	\$ 50.00
5-1	Holding regatta/boat race without permit	\$ 50.00
5-2(A)	Power boats prohibited (except Newton Lake)	\$ 50.00
5-2(B)	Size of boat motor	\$ 50.00
5-2(C)	Boat motor muffler required	\$ 50.00
5-2(D)	Hours of boat operation	\$ 50.00
5-3	Violation of boat launching areas	\$ 50.00
5-4	Approved flotation devices required on boat/watercraft	\$ 50.00

**A separate offense shall be deemed to have been committed on each day during which a violation occurs or continues.*

ARTICLE 7 – REPEAL

All Ordinances and Regulations or parts thereof and all amendments thereto, previously adopted are hereby repealed. The foregoing repeal shall not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, right accruing or acquired or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred prior to the time these Regulations take effect; but the same may be enjoined, asserted, enforced.