

CHAPTER 12

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

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Section 12-1-1 Applicability of Regulations

These regulations shall apply to all parks, trails and recreation areas and associated improvements and areas owned, leased or otherwise acquired by or under the operation and supervision of the Town of Clarkdale, Arizona (“parks and recreation facilities”).

Section 12-1-2 Hours of Use

Unless otherwise posted or allowed by issuance of a Town permit, parks, trails and recreation areas shall be open daily to the public as day-use areas. It shall be unlawful for any person (other than Town personnel or their agents conducting Town business) to use or be present in said

parks, trails and recreation areas and facilities during any hours in which they are not open to the public without written permission from the Town Manager or his/her designee.

Section 12-1-3 Vehicles in Parks, Trails and Recreation Areas

- A. A “motorized vehicle” is defined as any vehicle or conveyance that is or can be propelled without human power excluding devices designed and used by the physically handicapped. A “non-motorized vehicle” is defined as any conveyance or device that depends solely on human power for propulsion.
- B. No person shall, at any time, drive or ride a motorized vehicle upon the premises of any parks, trails and recreation areas except on designated roads or parking areas located upon the premises, without the express written permission of the Town Manager or his/her designee. These restrictions do not apply to Town staff or law enforcement staff when they are acting within the course of their regular employment.
- C. The operation of any motor vehicle on parks, trails and recreation area property including, but not limited to, roads, parking lots, trails and open spaces must comply with all state and local laws as referenced to their use on any public road or highway. All state and local laws apply to vehicle registration, insurance, the operator’s age and licensing requirements and apply the same standards regarding the operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- D. No person shall operate or use a non-motorized device at parks, trails and recreation area facilities where such activity is specifically prohibited by appropriate posting.

Section 12-1-4 Horses and Other Riding Animals

Horses and other riding, draft, and burden animals, and any vehicles drawn by such animals are allowed only on specific, designated Town equestrian areas and bridle paths, except as may otherwise be permitted by the Town Manager or his/her designee, pursuant to written request

Section 12-1-5 Non-motorized Vehicles – Roller Skates – Skateboards – Roller Blades

No person shall operate skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles, scooters or any rolling vehicles in Town parks, trails and recreation areas where such activity is specifically prohibited by appropriate posting, or in an unsafe manner so as to infringe upon the safety of themselves or others. In cases where a way or trail serves as a pedestrian route, users of rolling vehicles shall reduce their speeds so as not to pose a danger to pedestrians.

Section 12-1-6 Camping and Parking in Parks and Recreation Facilities

Unless otherwise posted or allowed by issuance of a Town permit, overnight camping and overnight parking are prohibited at parks, trails and recreation area facilities-. After hours parking is prohibited.

Section 12-1-7 Fires

Unless otherwise posted or allowed by issuance of a Town permit, no open fires are permitted. The use of propane or gas flame-product barbecue cooking devices is allowed as long as they are attended and in an enclosed device. Charcoal may only be used in fixed grills provided in Town parks and charcoal fires shall be attended at all times. The Town or Clarkdale Fire District may temporarily prohibit fires and cooking devices on Town parks, trails and recreation areas during periods of high fire danger.

Section 12-1-8 Smoking

- A. The Town may prohibit smoking in any or all areas within Town parks, trails and recreation areas by posting signs stating such.
- B. The Town or Clarkdale Fire District may temporarily prohibit smoking on all Town parks, trails and recreation areas during periods of high fire danger.

Section 12-1-9 Damaging Property, Tampering with Parks or Facilities

- A. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to remove, destroy, mutilate, collect or deface any natural or manmade object within any parks, trails and recreation areas, including but not limited to trees, shrubbery, plants, flowers, rocks, fences, signs, kiosks, bulletin boards, restrooms, picnic tables, or trash containers.
- B. It shall be unlawful to plant trees or any other type of landscape material or establish or construct trails, monuments, memorials or other facilities for public or private use without the prior written consent of the Town Manager or his/her designee.
- C. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to remove, destroy, mutilate, collect or deface any cultural or historic artifacts within any parks, trails and recreation areas.

Section 12-1-10 Firearms and Deadly Weapons

- A. It shall be unlawful to discharge firearms or explosives, or discharge or use projectile weapons in any parks, trails and recreation areas including, but not limited to, fireworks, BB guns, pellet guns, air guns, crossbows, longbows, slingshots or other device capable of causing injury to persons or animals or damage or destruction to property.

- B. Special events or instructional classes involving the discharge of firearms or explosives, or use of projectile weapons must receive written permission from the Town Manager or his/her designee.

Section 12-1-11 Golfing at Parks and Recreation Facilities

No person shall use any portion of any parks, trails and recreation area facility for golfing purposes, or make use of any golf club or golf ball in any park or recreation facility except for special events or classes.

Section 12-1-12 Glass Containers in Parks and Recreation Facilities

It shall be unlawful for any person to have a glass container in his/her possession in any parks, trails and recreation areas unless specifically authorized by the Town Manager or his/her designee.

Section 12-1-13 Littering

It shall be unlawful to litter at a parks, trails and recreation areas. Users are responsible for returning facility to an as-found condition. Users shall take refuse resulting from activities within the parks, trails and recreation areas with them when leaving the park or deposit them in appropriate waste receptacles. In the case where trash receptacles are full or unavailable, users shall remove their own refuse from the parks, trails and recreation areas.

Section 12-1-14 Dumping or Depositing of Household or Commercial Trash

Dumping or depositing household or commercial trash on or at parks, trails and recreation areas, or in dumpsters or trash receptacles provided at parks, trails and recreation areas is prohibited.

Section 12-1-15 Domestic Animals

- A. Domestic animals shall be kept on a leash at all times at parks, trails and recreation areas except when participating in a program authorized by the Town of Clarkdale. Owners are responsible for cleaning up and disposing of their animal's excrement by removing it or disposing of it in appropriate waste receptacles.
- B. The burying, entombment, or the spreading of remains of household pets or domesticated animals is prohibited.

Section 12-1-16 Prohibited Substances

No person shall consume, distribute or possess any substance in violation of A.R.S. Title 13, Chapter 34, Drug Offenses, at parks and recreation facilities. No person shall consume, possess or distribute an open container of alcoholic beverages at parks, trails and recreation areas, unless such activity has been allowed through issuance of a permit from the Town, or in the event a particular park, trail, or recreation area has been exempted from this provision.

Section 12-1-17 Distribution or Sale of Food, Beverages or Other Items

Commercial distribution or sales of food, beverages or any other item is prohibited at parks, trails and recreation areas, except through issuance of a permit from the Town.

Section 12-1-18 Parks, Trails and Recreation Area Closure

- A. The Town Manager, or his/her designee, has the authority to close parks, trails and recreation areas or portions thereof, at his/her discretion. Reasons may include, but are not limited to: vandalism, weather, repairs, public health or safety concerns, etc.
- B. No person shall use any Town parks, trails and recreation areas, or any area which has been declared "closed" and which has been so posted by the Town, except as authorized in writing by the Town Manager or his/her designee.

Section 12-1.19 Signs, Decorations and Other Objects

- A. The posting, draping or attachment of any sign, poster, bill, advertisement or directional flagging to any park sign, sign post or facility including freestanding signs on Town property is prohibited without the permission of the Town Manager or his/her designee.
- B. The posting of advertisements or the placement of brochures by private parties on Town parks, trails and recreation areas and the placement of brochures on vehicles within designated parking areas is prohibited.
- C. Placement of tents or temporary structures must be approved by the Town Manager or his/her designee before installation.

Section 12-1-20 Wildlife Protection

- A. It is unlawful to feed, harass, chase, harm, capture, hunt, trap or to shoot or throw an object at any animal. This does not apply to the chasing or capture of domestic animals such as dogs or cats to bring them under appropriate control of the owner, caretaker, or animal control officers.

- B. Observe wildlife from a distance using binoculars or cameras. Avoid wildlife during sensitive times, such as when they are breeding, nesting or raising young. It is unlawful to disturb or move birds' nests or eggs.
- C. Fishing is permitted in accordance with State regulations, including the need for proper fishing licenses.
- D. This section shall not apply to persons performing wildlife rescue, rehabilitation or pest/animal control with permission from the Town Manager or his/her designee.

Section 12-1-21 Fees

Reservation Fee and Deposit Schedule: See current fee schedule as adopted by Resolution of the Clarkdale Town Council.

Designated Fee Areas: See current fee schedule as adopted by Resolution of the Clarkdale Town Council.