



COMPLETE PREBLE COUNTY PARK DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS AS OF AUGUST 5, 2022

**AUTHORITY**

Pursuant to Chapter 1545.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, at the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners of Preble County Park District held on August 5, 2022, the Board of Park Commissioners adopted and has ordered the Code of Rules and Regulations of Preble County Park District, which is a codification of existing park rules and regulations supplemented by state law.

**DEFINITIONS.**

**General rule.** Words and phrases shall be taken in their plain, or ordinary and usual sense. However, technical words and phrases having a peculiar and appropriate meaning in law shall be understood according to their technical import.

**Definitions.** For the purpose of this code, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**ANOTHER.** When used to designate the owner of property which is the subject of an offense, includes not only natural persons but also every other owner of property.

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS or BOARD.** The Board of Park Commissioners of Preble County Park District.

**THIS CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.** The Preble County Park District Code of Rules and Regulations as modified by amendment, revision, and adoption of new titles, chapters, or sections.

**COUNTY.** Any county in which there exists a Preble County Park District facility.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DIRECTOR or MANAGER.** The Executive Director, Manager or Secretary appointed by, and answerable to Preble County Park District.

**KEEPER or PROPRIETOR.** Includes all persons, whether acting by themselves or as a servant, agent, or employee.

**LAND or REAL ESTATE.** Includes rights and easements of incorporeal nature.

**MAY.** Is permissive.

**MONTH.** A calendar month.

**MOTORBOAT.** Any watercraft propelled by any mechanical device, electric motor, or internal combustion engine.

**MOTOR VEHICLE.** Any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.

**OWNER.** When applied to property, includes any part owner, joint owner, or tenant in common of the whole or part of such property.

**PARK.** Any land or water area owned, leased, managed, or otherwise controlled by Preble County Park District.

**PEACE OFFICER.** A Preble County Park District Official is qualified to enforce the rules and regulations of Preble County Park District, and every other law enforcement officer of the State of Ohio or of any political subdivision thereof, including, but not limited to, state highway patrol officers, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, and Division of Wildlife game protectors. Preble County Park District Rangers as defined herein are not members of a police department as defined in R.C. §§ 4117.01(F) (2) and 4117.01(N).

**PERSON.** Includes an individual, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, and association. (R.C. § 1.59(C), § 701.01)

**PERSONAL PROPERTY.** Includes all property except real.

**PRECEDING or FOLLOWING.** Next before or next after, respectively.

**PREMISES.** As applied to property, includes land and buildings.

**PROPERTY.** Includes real, personal, mixed estates, and interests.

**PUBLIC AUTHORITY.** Includes boards of education; the municipal, county, state, or federal government, its officers, or an agency thereof; or any duly authorized public official.

**PUBLIC PLACE.** Includes any street, sidewalk, park, cemetery, school yard, body of water or watercourse, public conveyance, or any other place for the sale of merchandise, public accommodation, or amusement.

**R.C. or REVISED CODE.** Refers to the Revised Code of Ohio.

**REAL PROPERTY.** Includes lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

**REGISTERED MAIL.** Includes certified mail; and CERTIFIED MAIL includes registered mail. (R.C. § 1.02(G))

**ROAD.** Includes alleys, avenues, boulevards, lanes, streets, highways, viaducts, and all other public thoroughfares which are adjacent to or through the Preble County Park District and which are designed and intended for motor vehicle traffic.

**SHALL.** Is mandatory.

**SIDEWALK.** That portion of the street between the curb line and the adjacent property line intended for the use of pedestrians.

**STATE.** The State of Ohio.

**TRAIL.** Includes footpaths, bikepaths, horsepaths, and all other passageways maintained by Preble County Park District, and which are not specifically reserved for motor vehicle traffic. (Rules and Regs. § 2)

**VEHICLE.** Everything on wheels. (Rules and Regs. § 2)

**WATERCRAFT.** Any vessel designed for navigation on water, including, but not limited to, any rowboat, sailboat, personal watercraft or motorboat. (Rules and Regs. § 2)

**WATERS.** Any lake, pond, reservoir, stream, channel, lagoon, or other body of water, or any part thereof, whether natural or artificial, located in or adjoining a park. (Rules and Regs. § 2)

**WEEK.** Seven consecutive days. (R.C. § 1.44)

**WHOEVER.** Includes all persons, natural and artificial; partners; principals, agents, and employees; and all officials, public or private. (R.C. § 1.02(A))

**WRITTEN or IN WRITING.** Includes printing and any representation of words, letters, symbols, or figures; this provision does not affect any law relating to signatures. (R.C. § 1.59, § 701.01(B))

**YEAR.** Twelve consecutive months. (R.C. § 1.44)

**SEVERABILITY.**

If any provisions of a section of these codified rules and regulations or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the section or related sections which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions are severable. (R.C. § 1.50)

**REFERENCE TO OFFICES.**

Reference to a public office or officer shall be deemed to apply to any office, officer, or employee of the Preble County Park District exercising the powers, duties, or functions contemplated in the provision, irrespective of any transfer of functions or change in the official title of the functionary.

**ERRORS AND OMISSIONS.**

If a manifest error is discovered, consisting of the misspelling of any words; the omission of any word or words necessary to express the intention of the provisions affected; the use of a word or words to which no meaning can be attached; or the use of a word or words when another word or words was clearly intended to express such intent, such spelling shall be corrected and such word or words supplied, omitted, or substituted as will conform with the manifest intention, and the provisions shall have the same effect as though the correct words were contained in the text as originally published. No alteration shall be made or permitted if any question exists regarding the nature or extent of such error.

**OFFICIAL TIME.**

The official time, as established by applicable state/federal laws, shall be the official time within the Preble County Park District for the transaction of all Preble County Park District business.

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- 1.0 DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL OR DISTURBANCE OF PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL OR NATURAL FEATURES.

**1.1 Vandalism, Defacement, Destruction, or Removal.**

No person shall cause physical harm to, or remove, any property or equipment owned, leased, or managed by Preble County Park District.

**1.2 Defacement, Destruction or Removal of Any Natural or Historic Feature.**

No person shall deface, destroy, or remove any tree, flower, shrub or other vegetation fruit or seed thereof, or any rock mineral, fossil, or any archaeological feature.

**1.3 Ginseng, Yellow Root, Red Root or any other such regulated or endangered species.**

No person shall harvest or collect Pursuant to OAC 1501:31-40-1.

**1.4 Defacement of Surface.**

Except as otherwise provided for here in, no person shall knowingly accelerate a motor vehicle causing the tires to spin, mark, squeal and/or deface the park roadway surface or turf.

**1.5 Aerosol Propellants, Paints.**

No person in a park, except Park District employees or its agents, shall carry on or about his or her person a container capable of propelling paint by means of a gaseous charge, i.e., spray paint, paint ball guns.

**1.6 Limestone Cliffs.**

No climbing, hiking or defacing of any limestone cliffs or waterfalls within the park.

**1.7 Trespassing.**

No person shall enter or remain on any land under the management Preble County Park District that is not designated as open for public use.

**1.8 Painting or defacing Park Buildings or Property.**

The unauthorized painting or defacing of park property, buildings equipment or signs shall be strictly prohibited. Violators shall be subject to a fine of \$500 for the first and each subsequent offense.

**2.0 TRAILS.**

**2.1 Use of Trails.**

Visitors must remain on the established trails. Off-trail use, unless otherwise authorized here in, is prohibited as the park is filled with sensitive environmental areas and delicate foliage that must be preserved.

**2.2 Use of Trails –Motorized vehicles, Motorcycles, Off-Road Motorized Vehicles, Bicycles etc.**

Use of any motorized vehicle, motorcycle, horse or bicycle is limited to established roadways and parking areas only. These are not allowed on any trail within the park.

**2.3 Closed Trails.**

Trails are closed if so designated by the Director when wet, icy, snow, slippery or unsafe for any reason. Visitors shall not use closed trails without prior permit issued by the Director. Watch for fallen tree limbs and debris. Do not use wet or slippery trails at any time.

**3.0 SHELTERS, PAVILIONS, AND OTHER FACILITIES.**

**3.1 Reserved Facilities or Areas.**

No person shall use fields, buildings, shelter structures on facility or other areas officially posted as “reserved” for others by the Director or by his/her designee. Those holding reservations will receive a permit upon acceptance of their application and fee, if the Board has established any fee. No person shall remove or alter any officially posted “reserved” sign within the Park.

#### **4.0 LITTERING, POLLUTION AND HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE.**

##### **4.1 Littering.**

No person shall bring into, leave behind, dump, place, or drop in any park area or roadway any trash, debris, refuse, bottle, can, or any other form of refuse or household garbage, in any other place than receptacles provided for that purpose.

##### **4.2 Stream Litter.**

No person shall discharge into, throw, cast, lay, drop or leave in any river, brook, stream, storm sewer, or drain into or through the Park or into any river, to any river, brook, or stream flowing into or through the Park, any substance, matter or thing, either liquid or solid, which may or shall result in the pollution of the river, brook, or stream within the Park, to such an extent as to reasonably or improperly prevent or interfere with the conservation of the natural resources of the Park, by preventing, interfering with, or lessening, to an improper or unreasonable degree, the use of said river, brook, or stream for recreational or other proper Park uses, or to endanger the health of visitors in the Park in the proper use and enjoyment of the same.

##### **4.2 Pollution.**

No person or corporation shall dump, release, or spill any hazardous material or harmful chemical into the air, or land of any park, or adjacent to any park, or into any stream, river, or creek that flows into, thru, or adjacent to any park.

#### **5.0 METAL DETECTORS.**

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No person shall operate a metal detector within the Park.

#### **6.0 FIREARMS, FIREWORKS, EXPLOSIVES, AND ARCHERY EQUIPMENT.**

##### **6.1 Firearms.**

Only persons authorized by the Ohio Revised Code may carry firearms, as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.11, within the Park.

##### **6.2 Carrying Dangerous Weapons.**

No person except duly authorized Preble County Park District Officials, law enforcement officers, or persons engaged in hunting when and where permitted shall carry, possess, discharge or otherwise use any dangerous weapon, explosive substance, firework, air or gas gun, bow, crossbow, other missile throwing device, switchblade or hunting knife, dagger, metal knuckles, slingshot, boomerang, or other dangerous weapon within the Park, except that dangerous weapons may be permitted for the purpose of educational or cultural programs through the issuance of a special permit by the Executive Director.

##### **6.3 Fireworks, Explosives, and Smoke Generators.**

No person or Company shall possess, use, or discharge any type of fireworks, explosive, model rockets or smoke generator within the parks without the expressed prior written consent of the Director or his/her designee.

##### **6.4 Archery Equipment.**

No person shall release an arrow or have in their possession an arrow, a bow, crossbow, or longbow within the parks without the expressed prior written consent of the Director or his/her designee.

#### **7.0 INDECENT CONDUCT AND EXPOSURE.**

##### **7.1 Indecent Conduct and Exposure.**

No person shall appear in the parks in a state of nudity, or commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior and no person shall make any indecent exposure of his or her person or violate Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.09 (Public Indecency).

**7.2 Loitering.**

No person or persons shall loiter in or about the restroom facilities or vehicles while in the park. No person, except park employees or official emergency response personnel on duty and in pursuit of their assigned duties, shall enter a restroom set aside for the opposite sex.

**7.3 Solicitation.**

No person shall solicit sexual acts or solicit or ask anyone to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior in a park.

**8.0 DISORDERLY CONDUCT.**

**8.1 Unlawful Assemblage.**

No person shall collect in bodies or crowds in numbers exceeding fifteen (15) people within the confines of a park without first obtaining a group permit issued by the Director or his/her official designee. Nor shall any person collect in bodies or crowds for an unlawful purpose or in riotous assemblage or with intent to annoy, harass, or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon another person, persons, or any park property.

**8.2 Public Events.**

No individual or organization shall have, conduct, sponsor, or promote any public activity in the Parks of the Preble County Park District without prior authorization of the Board of Park Commissioners. No event or activity sponsored or promoted by any individual or organization shall be permitted if in the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners 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 Park visitors; or which otherwise is inconsistent with the use of the Park lands for Park purposes.

**8.3 Solicit Unlawful Sales.**

No person shall beg, sell, peddle, or solicit within the parks without first obtaining a permit from the Director, the Board or the Board official designee. The Board reserves the sole right to deny any requested permit or establish conditions for special circumstances regarding a permit.

**8.4 Assault, Menacing, and Hazing.**

No person or persons shall willfully assault or commit bodily injury upon another while in the parks, or otherwise menace, harass, or haze any person or persons, or be engaged in, or abet in, any fight, quarrel, or other disturbance.

**8.5 Games of Chance.**

No person shall play at games of chance not in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code within the park.

**8.6 Alcoholic Beverages.**

No person shall drink, sell, possess, or offer for sale any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage, or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage within the park. Except in the case of an authorized special event and upon written approval by the Director, consumption of alcoholic beverages may at times be permitted in designated areas.

**8.7 Use or Possession of Illegal Drugs, Opiates, Hallucinogens and Related Paraphernalia.**

No person shall use or possess, smoke, drink, have injected into one's self, or otherwise use or possess any type of illegal drug, opiate, hallucinogen or related paraphernalia within the parks.

**8.8 Use of Toluol and Ethers (Glue).**

No person shall sniff, breathe or otherwise use in any way other than the intended use by the manufacturer, an

type of glue, hairspray, spray paint, or other commercial material or product which contains Toluol or ethers.

**8.9 Endangering.**

No person or corporation shall either with willful or wanton disregard for safety, endanger the life of another person in any way, or cause the injury or threaten the personal safety of any person or persons within or adjacent to any parks.

**8.10 Abusive Language.**

No person shall use obscene, profane or abusive language while in the Park.

**8.11 Noisy and/or Boisterous Conduct.**

No person shall indulge in any noisy or boisterous conduct, nor shall any person use any sound amplification device audible more than twenty (20) feet from the device without specific written permit issued in advance by the Director.

**9.0 SMOKING.**

**9.1 Smoking**

No person shall smoke in any building or vehicle under the care or management Preble County Park District, unless designated acceptable for smoking. Smoking in the park shall be in the parking area only or in areas officially designated for smoking. Cigarette or cigar remnants (butts) shall not be disposed of except in receptacles for such purposes. Care must be taken to ensure no fires are started as a result carelessness.

**10.0 POSTING, DISPLAYING SIGNS.**

**10.1 Posting and Displaying Signs.**

No person shall post, display, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice, statement, or display any banner, emblem, or design within the parks without specific permission from the Director or his/her designee.

**11.0 CAMPS AND CAMPING.**

**11.1 Camping and Lodging Prohibited.**

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping except in areas designed by the Board meeting certain conditions established by the Board and with advance permit issued by the Director or his/her designee.

**11.2 Leaving Personal Possessions.**

No person shall leave personal possessions in any park area for more than two (2) hours unattended except by written permission from the Director or his/her designee.

**12.0 FIRES.**

**12.1 Unlawful Fires / Use of Grills.**

No person shall start a fire in the Park except small fires for cooking purposes or ceremonial purposes in the permanently placed Park grills or in Park District provided fire rings. From time to time, with written permission from the Director, fires may be permitted for a specific time and under certain conditions established by the Board or the Director.

**13.0 HOURS OF OPERATION.**

**13.1 Sunset to Sunrise.**

No person shall be permitted to remain within the parks between the hours from sunset to sunrise, except in an emergency or with special permission of the Director or his/her designee.

**13.2 Special Curfew During Open Hours.**

The Director or his/her designee may temporarily close or curtail activities or use upon any lands or waters, or any portions thereof, when it has been deemed necessary to be in the best interest of public safety, conduct, health, or good order.

**13.3 Removal of Vehicle after Curfew at Owner's Expense.**

Any vehicle left within the confines of a park between the hours of posted closing and opening shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

**13.4 Nature Sanctuaries Closed to Public.**

If it is determined that a park, or portion of a park may be threatened or endangered by human presence, or such presence may interfere or hinder its growth, the park or portion thereof may be closed to the public. That park or a portion thereof will be known as a nature sanctuary and entry will be made only by those persons with specific written permission from the Director or his/her designee, a Ranger, other law enforcement or emergency personnel in the execution of their official duties.

**14.0 HUNTING, FISHING, AND MOLESTING WILDLIFE.**

**14.1 Hunting, Trapping, and Molesting Wildlife.**

No person within the confines of the parks shall remove, hunt, pursue with dogs, traps, or in any other way molest any wild birds, fish or animals found within, or adjacent to, the confines of the parks or molest any bird nest or take the eggs, or fledglings, of any birds, except by prior special written permission from the Director or his/her designee.

**14.2 Tree Stands Prohibited.**

No person shall construct or place any tree stand or place spikes, nails or wires to act as steps on any Tree or any Park District property.

**14.3 Frog Gigging.**

No person within the confines of a park shall engage in frog gigging without prior permit from the Director or his/her designee.

**14.4 Fishing.**

No person shall fish in park waters, unless such waters have been designated by the Board as an area when fishing is permitted. The Board may establish conditions and/or fees for fishing and if so, no person shall violate such conditions or fail to pay the required fee.

**14.5 Feeding Wildlife.**

No person within the confines of the parks shall feed or attempt to feed any wild animal including, but not limited to, birds, fish, mammals, or waterfowl unless such person is within an area officially designated by the Board for such purpose.

**15.0 DOGS, CATS, AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD PETS.**

**15.1 Pets.**

No person shall bring into a park any pet except domestic dogs or cats. Pets must be controlled at all times on a leash not more than six (6) feet long. No animals are permitted in Park District buildings unless required for personal assistance due to disability. Owners must remove any fecal material deposited by their animals.

**15.2 Pets Swimming.**

No person shall allow their pet to swim or wade in any park waters unless in an area officially designated by the Board for such purpose.



**15.3 Abandoning Domestic Animals within the Confines of Park.**

No person shall leave behind, or otherwise abandon, any domestic animal or house pet within, or adjacent to, any park.

**15.4 Releasing Wild, Invasive or Exotic Plants or Animals**

No person shall release any wild, invasive or exotic plant or animal within the confines of the park.

**16.0 REMOTE CONTROLLED DRONES, PLANES AND OTHER TOYS.**

**16.1 Remote Controlled Drones, Planes and other Toys.**

The use of battery-powered radio-controlled (RC) devices is not-permitted without a prior written permit issued by the Board, Director or by his/her designee.

**17.0 HORSEBACK RIDING.**

**17.1 Horseback Riding.**

Horseback riding is prohibited in all parks without a prior written permit issued by the Board, Director or by his/her designee.

**18.0 SWIMMING AND WADING.**

**18.1 Swimming and Wading Prohibited.**

No person shall swim or wade in any lakes, rivers, ponds or other bodies of water owned by, or under the control of, the Park Board unless involved in a Park District program requiring water activity. Activities not in keeping with the intended use of the bodies of water are prohibited except by a prior written permit issued by the Board, Director or by his/her designee.

**18.2 Use of Aquatic Sporting Equipment.**

Boats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, scuba diving gear, and similar aquatic equipment are prohibited in all park waters not designated by the Board.

**19.0 POWERED MODELS, TOYS AND NOISE MAKING DEVICES.**

**19.1 Powered Models.**

Engine powered devices such as model airplanes, boats, or cars are prohibited in all parks unless used in areas under certain conditions as established by the Board.

**19.2 Radios, Stereos, Tape Players, Etc.**

Radios, stereos, tape players, etc., will not be operated in the parks at a volume that can be heard by other than the said equipment owner.

**20.0 GO-KARTS, ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES AND NON-REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES.**

**20.1 Operation of Non-Registered Vehicles.**

No person shall operate within the parks any go-kart, all-terrain vehicle, motorized bike, golf cart, motor vehicle normally considered a race car, or any other type of motor vehicle which is not customarily registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Ohio without prior written permit issued by the Board, Director or by his/her designee.

**21.0 AVIATION.**

**21.1 Aviation.**

No person other than an emergency medical responder or a law enforcement officer in pursuit of his/her official duties shall voluntarily bring, land, or cause to descend or alight upon or adjacent to the Park and/or waters owned, controlled by the Board, any airplane, helicopter, balloon, parachute or other apparatus for aviation without prior written permit issued by the Board, Director or by his/her designee.

**22.0 TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS.**

**22.1 Purposes of Way.**

No person shall use any portion of the parks for purposes of way except drives, roadways, paths, walks, and trails established for such purposes.

**22.2 Purposes of Way: Motorized, Animal Drawn, or Human Propelled Vehicles on Trails, Paths, or Walks, Established as Hiking Trails Prohibited.**

No person shall operate or cause to operate any type of self-propelled vehicle, motor vehicle, motorized vehicle, or any vehicle which is moved by engine, animal or human power over or upon any footpath or turf area that is not specifically designated for such activities, except by written permission of the Director or his/her designee.

**22.3 Speed Limit.**

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road within the parks any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than the posted speed limit or at a greater speed than will permit him/her to bring to a stop within the assured clear distance, nor shall any person operate a vehicle at a greater speed than posted on roads adjacent to a park.

**22.4 Parking.**

No person shall park or store any motor vehicle, bicycle, wagon, trailer, or other vehicle within any traveled roadway in the parks or upon any sod, gravel, or other surface not specifically designated for parking. Parking shall be permitted in designated areas only. Park maintenance, emergency and law enforcement vehicles are exempted from this rule.

**22.5 Testing, Washing, or Repairing Vehicles.**

No person shall test, repair, wash, or wax any vehicle or mechanical device within the parks without by written permission of the Director or his/her designee.

**22.6 Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicles.**

No person shall fail to yield to an emergency vehicle engaged in law enforcement or a rescue capacity.

**22.7 Unsafe Operation of a Vehicle.**

No person shall operate any type of vehicle on any roadway, trail, path, or transportation corridor in an unsafe or reckless manner.

**22.8 Failure to Yield to Pedestrians.**

No person while operating a motor vehicle or bicycle shall fail to yield to pedestrians.

**22.9 Operating a Motor Vehicle with Unsafe or Hazardous Equipment, Lights, or Loads.**

No person shall operate a motor vehicle in the parks that fails to meet the standards of Section 4513 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**22.10 Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Damage to Park Property or Equipment.**

No person shall leave a park or fail to contact the Park District as soon as he/she is practically able to so do in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in damage to park property or equipment.

**22.11 Unauthorized Vehicles.**

No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any Park road, any commercial truck, commercial car, trailer, semi-trailer, pole trailer, bus, or commercial tractor, unless authorized by the Board, Director or his/her designee to make deliveries within the Park, or unless engaged in work in the Park that has been contracted for with the Board unless under certain conditions established by the Board, by the Director or by his/her designee..

**23.0 SNOWMOBILES, SLEDDING, SKIING & SKATING.**

**23.1 Snowmobiles Prohibited.**

No person except emergency services or personnel in pursuit of their official duties shall operate a self-propelled vehicle that is designated to travel over snow or ice-covered surfaces within the parks.

**23.2 Sledding, Skating & Skiing.**

No person shall sled, ski or ice skate within a park except in areas designated for such activities and under certain conditions established by the Board, by the Director or by his/her designee.

**24.0 ENCROACHMENT OF PARK LAND.**

**24.1 Encroachment.**

No person shall willingly encroach upon lands owned or administered by Preble County Park District.

**24.2 Golfing.**

No person shall practice or play golf in the parks except in areas designated for such activities and under certain conditions established by the Board, by the Director or by his/her designee.

**24.3 Construction of Any Blind, Stand or Observation Post Prohibited.**

No person shall construct or utilize any blind, stand, or observation post within the park except in areas designated for such activities and under certain conditions established by the Board, by the Director or by his/her designee.

**25.0 BIKEWAYS, TRANSPORTATION TRAILS AND GREENWAYS.**

**25.1 Motorized Vehicles Prohibited on Trails.**

No person shall operate a motorized vehicle on trails or bikeways except use of motorized wheelchairs is permitted by persons requiring such devices to be mobile and except emergency law enforcement and maintenance personnel vehicle in pursuit of their official duties are exempted from this rule.

**25.2 Law Enforcement, Emergency and Maintenance Vehicles.**

Law enforcement, emergency, and maintenance vehicles have the right of way on all portions of the trail. Trail users must yield to emergency traffic. Blocking safe passage of law enforcement, emergency, and maintenance vehicles is prohibited.

**25.3 Unsafe Equipment and Operation.**

No person shall operate any vehicle or act in such a manner so as to endanger themselves, other visitors, or private property owners.

**25.4 Encroachment on Adjacent Land.**

Lands adjacent to the Park are private property. No person shall trespass from a park onto private property.

**25.5 Conduct.**

No person will adversely and willfully affect or interfere with an adjacent landowner's rights or privacy.

**25.6 Other Rules and Regulations.**

All trail users are subject to all applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code, these rules and regulations, state law and local ordinances.

**26.0 COMPLIANCE.**

**26.1 Failure to Obey.**

No person shall fail to comply with any reasonable order relating to the regulations, direction, safety, control of traffic, or to any other order, lawfully given by any law enforcement officer or any Park District employee in the execution of their office.

**27.0 PARK ACCESS, HOURS OF USE AND CLOSING OF PARKS.**

**27.1 Park Access.**

No person shall make entrance to or exit from the Park except by the established ways

**27.2 Park Fence and Sign.**

No person shall cut, remove, damage, or alter in any way a Park boundary fence or sign without prior approval of the Board or the Director.

**27.3 Open Dawn (Light) to Dusk (Dark).**

No person shall be permitted to remain within the confines of a Park between dark and dawn prevailing local time without specific permission from the Director.

**27.4 Temporary Closing.**

The Director may temporarily close, alter, modify or control entry or use upon any lands or waters or any portion thereof when it has been deemed necessary by him/her and in his absolute discretion, for the purpose of public safety, conduct, health, good order or natural resource protection.

**27.5 Special Curfew During Open Hours.**

No person shall be permitted to remain within the confines of a Park, which has been closed, by the Director, Ranger, Peace Officer, Law Enforcement Officer, or other official in the execution of their office.

**28.0 VIOLATION OF PARK RULES - PENALTIES.**

**28.1 Enforcement.**

These rules shall be enforced by a law enforcement officer as defined in Section 1545.13 of the Ohio Revised Code or other local, state or federal law enforcement officer acting within the scope of his/her designated jurisdiction. All fines collected for any violation of any rule or regulation adopted under this resolution shall be paid into the general fund of the Preble County Park District.

**28.2 Other Regulations.**

All other Federal, State and Local regulations, statutes, codes and ordinances that are appropriate within this jurisdiction apply.

**28.3 Sole Discretion.**

The Preble County Park District, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to grant a temporary permit or temporary Waiver or to deny the same of any rule or regulation when the Park Commission has determined that the proposed activity is or is not in the best interest of the public.

**28.4 Federal and State Enforcement.**

Any violation of any rules and regulations that are would also be violations of federal or state law are subject to

enforcement actions under the applicable law or regulation.

#### **29.0 NATURAL PLAY AREAS.**

The Executive Director may designate by general permit areas of any Park as “Natural Play Areas” to allow activities that are not otherwise permitted in the Preble County Park District. Natural Play Areas shall be signed accordingly and applicable rules and standards of conduct shall be posted.

Within the designated Natural Play Areas, visitors shall be allowed off trail and may make use of Park resources for educational and recreational activities. Permitted activities include climbing trees, wading and creeking, building forts, playing games, creating rope swings, catching invertebrates such as insects and crayfish, and similar activities that help promote an understanding and enjoyment of the natural world.

**Preservation Parks of Preble County has adopted these rules and regulations to ensure that anyone visiting our facilities has a safe and enjoyable experience. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

### **ALL SPECIAL ACTIVITY PERMITS**

A Permit is required for any activity or access for restricted areas; special events, research, and collecting at the Preble County Park District as noted above. Many types of events and activities require a Permit; please check with the Preble County Park District Office if you have questions or for additional information.

Phone 937-962-5561 or Email [pcpdevents@gmail.com](mailto:pcpdevents@gmail.com)

Application must be completed by an adult and submitted to the park no less than 30 days prior to the requested activity “access” date to allow adequate time to process the permit. Action to approve or deny a permit will not be guaranteed, if the application is received less than 30 days prior to the access date requested. It is highly recommended you submit the application 60 days in advance. All permit applications which have not been officially approved are effectively denied.