



**CITY OF
FINDLAY**
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES
Rules and Regulations

The following rules & regulations governing the City of Findlay parks, playgrounds, picnic areas, and recreation facilities are established under authority of the City of Findlay Code of Ordinances Section 131.02, and shall apply to the use of the parks, recreation facilities, playgrounds, picnic areas, and open spaces controlled by the City of Findlay for the purpose of leisure recreational activities. Any person violating any of such rules or regulations shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00), nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or be imprisoned not more than ten (10) days or both.

The following terms as used in the rules and regulations herein shall mean:

"City Park" or "Parks" means all land, with the exception of the Findlay Reservoirs, controlled by the City of Findlay for the purpose of leisure recreation.

"Recreation Facilities" means all facilities controlled by the City of Findlay for the purpose of recreational use including but not limited to: The CUBE, Rotary Soccer Field, Marathon Diamonds, Riverside Swimming Pool, and Shelter Houses.

"Board" means the Findlay Parks and Recreation Board or its designated representative.

"Service Director" means the Findlay Service Director or designated representative.

"Recreation Supervisor" means the Supervisor of the City of Findlay Recreation Department or designated representative.

"Public Works Superintendent" means Superintendent of the City of Findlay Parks Maintenance Department or a designated representative.

"Person" includes any person, persons, members of partnerships and/or members or officers of corporations and/or their employees.

PURPOSE OF REGULATIONS

First, to protect the City of Findlay parks and recreational facilities against harmful acts of those who would deliberately, or without awareness, engage in activities detrimental to the public good. Second, to make possible the fullest enjoyment of those who choose to make use of the City of Findlay parks and recreational facilities for recreational activities which in no way interfere with their operation, nor endanger safety and well-being of the public.

PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY

The Service Director of the City of Findlay, Ohio, is ultimately in charge of all City of Findlay parks and recreation facilities. Findlay Police Department, and others so designated, shall exercise police powers over said property, according to these rules and regulations, City of Findlay Codified Ordinances and statutes of the Ohio Revised Code.

MISCELLANEOUS

Captions

Section headings and captions are provided for reference purposes only and shall not be construed to restrict or limit the meaning of the regulations contained thereunder.

Facility Specific Rules and Regulations

Additional rules and regulations, facility specific, are posted at facility sites.

Abuse and/or negligence in using parks and recreation facilities and/or violating the rules and regulations as written, could result in permanent ban from park or recreation facilities usage.

Children under the age of 10 are not permitted on City playgrounds and swimming at Riverside Pool, without adult supervision.

OBEDIENCE TO OFFICERS

It shall be unlawful for any person to refuse or fail to comply with any lawful order, sign or direction of the Findlay Police, City of Findlay Parks or Recreation Departments, or others so designated. No person shall interfere with or in any way abuse such officers in the performance of their assigned duties.

PARK HOURS

Hours are restricted to daylight hours, with the exception of Riverside Park, Cooper Field, Rawson Park, the CUBE, Marathon Diamonds, Rotary Soccer Fields and other lighted facilities on City Property.

No person shall be permitted to remain, stop, or park in any City Park between the time 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise except in an emergency, or with specific approval from the Recreation Supervisor or Public Works Superintendent, the Service/Safety Director and/or approved special event permit.

Overnight RV/Camper parking is permitted with an approved RV Camper Permit and fee paid.

Riverside Park Hours

Memorial Day to Labor Day shall be sunrise to 11:00pm.

Labor Day to Memorial Day shall be sunrise to sunset.

Ball Fields

Hours for lighted ball fields shall be sunrise to 11:00pm except with specific approval and applicable permits.

PARK CLOSED

The Service Director, Public Works Superintendent or Recreation Supervisor may declare any City Park property, section, or part of any City Park closed to the public at any time and for any interval of time. Either temporarily or at regular stated intervals (daily or otherwise) and either entirely or merely to certain uses, as the Service/Safety Director, Public Works Superintendent, or Recreation Supervisor shall find to be reasonably necessary.

The Findlay Police Department, Service/Safety Director, Public Works Superintendent, or Recreation Supervisor, or other official of the Park shall permit no person to remain, stop, or park in any City Park or section of any City Park, which has been closed, during time of special closed hours or curfew.

PROHIBITED HOUSEHOLD PETS

Dogs, cats, household pets, or any other domesticated animals are prohibited in any City Park unless such animal(s) is controlled at all times on a leash not more than six (6) feet long, with the exception of service animals. These animals are not permitted in any playground area, nor on any play equipment, playing fields or any areas so designated. No pets or other animals shall be allowed to become obnoxious or disturbing to the other users of Park facilities. The owner of such a pet or animal shall be responsible at all times for the observance of this, whether or not the pet or animal is under the care or control of the owner or another. Pet owners shall clean up all waste generated by their pets on park property and shall dispose of the waste in the proper receptacles. Dogs, cats, household pets, or any other domesticated animals are prohibited at the Marathon Diamonds.

ALCOHOL AND/OR ILLEGAL DRUGS

Alcoholic Beverages

No person shall have in his possession, consume or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage in any City Park or Facility.

No person shall sell or offer for sale any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage in any City Park or Recreation Facility. Special Events may offer for sale or sample, liquor or alcoholic beverages with an approved Findlay "All Events Permit Application" and proper licensing from the State of Ohio Department of Commerce. All applicable laws apply when selling or sampling liquor or alcoholic beverages.

Illegal Drugs

No person shall smoke, drink or otherwise consume, use or possess any narcotic drug, opiate, hallucinogen, or any type of controlled substance or illegal drug within any City Parks and/or Facility.

No person shall sell or offer for sale any controlled substance or other illegal drug within any City Park and/or Facility.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Indecent Conduct and Exposure

No person shall commit, perform, or engage in any indecent, lewd, or obscene act or behavior or make any indecent exposure of his or her person as to offend or annoy any other person thereby in any City Park and/or Facility.

Solicitation

No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit another to commit, or engage in any indecent, lewd or obscene act or behavior, while in any City Park, and/or Facility.

Assault

No person shall engage in fighting, attempt to assault, commit bodily injury upon any other person within any City Park and/or Facility, or engage in aiding in any fight, quarrel, or other disturbances.

Disturbing the Peace and Boisterous Behavior

No person shall either by word or by act, including but not limited to the operation of a radio, television, instrument, or amplifying device, indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct, or in any manner disturb the peace and good order within any City Park and/or Facility.

No person shall use any loud, threatening, abusive, insulting, or indecent language or engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior intending to breach the public peace.

Gambling and Games of Chance

No person shall engage in gambling, nor engage in or in any way entice other persons to engage in, or abet any games of chance or other forms of gambling within any City Park and/or Facility.

Vending and Peddling

No person shall expose, announce, call to the public's attention, or offer for sale any article or thing, nor shall they place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale, or display of any such article or thing in any City Park and/or Facility. Exception is here made as to permit holders, who have paid appropriate vendor fees.

Loitering

No person or groups of persons shall loiter in or near any shelter, building, restrooms or other structure; or loiter in or near a motor vehicle or vehicles or on a bicycle, motorcycle or cycles within any City Park and/or Facility.

Unlawful Assemblage

No person or groups of persons shall collect in bodies or crowds for unlawful purposes or in riotous assemblage; or intending to annoy, harass, or inflict bodily injury or property damage upon another person or persons while in any City Park and/or Facility.

Rest Rooms

No person shall fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms in a neat and sanitary matter.

No person, if over five (5) years old, except Parks Maintenance employees or law enforcement officers, shall enter a toilet or restroom facility intended for the opposite sex.

SPORTS VIOLENCE POLICY

Any person(s) engaging willfully in any act of violence and/or threat of bodily harm towards another player, game official, coach, team attendant, spectator, organization or City representative shall serve a minimum of a one (1) year suspension from usage of any City Park and/or Facility from the date of the incident, even if it is a first offense.

Suspended individual(s) are prohibited from attending activities and/or observing from parking area and/or other adjacent fields or open spaces. Failure to obey this condition of suspension shall result in additional disciplinary action including but not limited to criminal trespassing charges.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULES

Failure to Obey

No person while in any City Park or Facility shall refuse, or fail to comply with any order lawfully given by Findlay Police or other law enforcement officer, or resist, obstruct, abuse, or address in an obscene manner any Findlay Police or other law enforcement officer, Park or Recreation employee or other official engaged in the lawful execution of his or her duties.

Failure to Comply

No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any of these Rules and Regulations governing the use of City of Findlay parks, playgrounds, facilities and picnic areas; nor shall any person fail or refuse to comply with any other Rules and Regulations established by the Parks and Recreation Board for the purpose of governing specific areas and/or activities in any City Park.

PARK STRUCTURES

Defacement, Destruction, Removal

No person shall in any way mark, paint, injure, damage, deface, destroy, or in any way tamper with or attempt to remove any building, sign, table, fence, structure, equipment or any other City property located in any City Park and/or Facility.

Erection of Structures

No person or persons shall construct or erect any building or structure whether permanent or temporary, or run or string any service utility into or across any Park property without prior written permission of the Public Works Superintendent.

Illegal Entry

No person shall enter, attempt or make any effort to gain entry for any reason into any City building, garage, storage barn, or other secured structure in any City Park without the expressed written permission of the Public Works Superintendent or Recreation Supervisor.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL FEATURES

Molesting Wildlife

No person shall hunt, trap, pursue or in any way molest any wild bird or animal found in any City Park, or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird in any City Park or playing field.

Feeding Wildlife

In the best interest not only of public safety and sanitation, but also the well-being of wildlife, persons are strongly encouraged to obey posted signage and refrain from feeding of any wildlife, including ducks and geese at Riverside Park.

Plant Life

No person shall damage, injure, disturb, destroy, remove any tree, flower, or shrub; injure the bark, or pick the flowers or seeds of any tree or plant in any City Park; nor shall any person attach any rope, wire, or other contrivance to any tree or plant.

No person shall damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark or other parts of any tree or plant in any City Park.

No person or persons shall dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any way injure and impair the natural beauty of any area in any City Park without the approval of the Public Works Superintendent.

LITTERING

Littering, Dumping, Trash

No person shall bring into, leave, or dump any material of any kind in any City Park except the refuse or garbage resulting from normal use of a park.

All trash, refuse or garbage resulting from normal use shall be deposited in receptacles provided for such purposes. Large gatherings/Special Events at any City Park and/or Facility will be required to provide additional waste dumpsters and trash receptacles as noted on All Event Permit Application.

No bottles, cans, trash, refuse, or any other materials or substances shall be thrown in any stream, river, or any waterway located in any City Park.

Release of Animals or Plants

No person shall release any wild or domestic plant or animal, in any City Park without written approval from the Public Works Superintendent or Recreation Supervisor.

FIRES AND SMOKING

Rules for Fires

No person shall build, start, or maintain a fire in any City Park except a small fire for cooking purposes in City Park grills, private grills, or places designated by the Public Works Superintendent. The person, or persons, starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire must properly put out all fires.

Portable Stoves

No portable stoves or grills shall be permitted in shelters, on picnic tables, or on any combustible structure in any City Park.

Tobacco

No person shall use tobacco products at youth sports events or adjacent spectator seating areas, in playgrounds, or other areas in City Parks. Smoking is prohibited. No person shall use tobacco or other smoking material without regard for the safety and consideration of other City Park visitors.

FIREARMS, WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES

Possession of Firearms, Weapons

With the exception of, individuals properly licensed to carry a concealed handgun under Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.125. No person shall have or carry any firearm, gun, pistol, stun gun, switchblade, hunting knife, slingshot, metal knuckles, nunchaku's and other martial arts weapons, or any potentially dangerous lethal instrument or weapon on or about his/her persons or under his/her control in any City Park and/or Facility.

Possession of Firearms in Park Structures

No person shall knowingly possess, have under their control, carry or attempt to convey any firearm, deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in any building or structure in any City Park including but not limited to permanent restrooms, shelter houses, pool bath house, CUBE, or Marathon Diamonds.

Discharge of Firearms, Explosives

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any firearm, bow and arrow, missile-throwing device, slingshot, fireworks, explosives, or air gun, gas gun in, into, or onto any City Park and/or Facility unless included in a special event and proper permits are approved.

GAMES AND MODEL DEVICES

Game Areas and Equipment

No person in any City Park shall play, or engage in the playing of games requiring equipment including, but not exclusively limited to, horseshoes, shuffleboard, softball/baseball, disc golf, volleyball, in-line skates, skateboards, and bicycles outside of specific areas designated for such purposes and without due regard for the safety and well-being of others in the Park and in areas adjacent to City Parks.

Engine Powered Devices (models)

No person shall operate any engine-powered or self-propelled devices including, but not exclusively limited to, model or toy airplane, drone, rocket, boat, car, siren, or other noisemaking devices in any City Park except in designated areas and with approval of the Public Works Superintendent or Recreation Supervisor.

Rollerblades and Skateboards

No person shall use or make use of bicycles, roller skates, rollerblades, in-line skates, scooters, or skateboards in areas of City Parks where these or other Park Rules established by the Board prohibit such activities.

Bicycles, Skateboarding and/or rollerblading are prohibited on tennis and pickleball courts, on terraces, and at Marathon Diamonds.

COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES

Not For Profit

No person(s) or organization shall conduct, sponsor, or promote any meeting, concert, theater, athletic event, or other public activity in any City Park for the purpose of personal or commercial profit, without prior approval from the Recreation Supervisor and/or the Service Director and applicable fees paid.

No person(s) or organization shall attempt to use any Park area or shelter for commercial enterprise without approval of applicable permit by the Recreation Supervisor and/or Service Director and applicable fees paid.

No person(s) or organization shall attempt to charge any type of admission, entrance, or participation fee to an event/activity in any shelter or other Park area without approval of the applicable permit by the Recreation Supervisor and/or Service Director and applicable fees paid.

Advertising

No person shall, erect, place, distribute, or display any sign, banner, advertisement, or notice without permission of the Recreation Supervisor and/or Service/Safety Director and applicable fees paid.

Unlawful Sales

No person(s) or organization shall sell, or attempt to sell or trade any food, beverage, or any other items in any City Park without approval of applicable permit by the Recreation Supervisor and/or Service Director and applicable fees paid.

PERMITS AND FEES

Facility Fees

Facility Fees will be charged in accordance with the most current City of Findlay Facility Rate Card. Significant variance from this rate card shall be approved by the Parks and Recreation Board. Minor variances shall be reviewed by the Safety/Service Director for approval or referral to the Board.

Reservation of Shelters

No person shall use or otherwise occupy shelters posted as "reserved."

Reservations for shelters and/or playing fields and ball diamonds may be obtained at the Recreation Department office inside The CUBE at 3430 North Main Street, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm except for holidays, or by visiting <http://cityoffindlay.maxgalaxy.net/Home.aspx> Shelter house renewals begin in November of each year. New shelter house reservations may be made beginning on February 15 each year.

Reservation of Ball Fields and Special Facilities

Reservations for playing fields and ball diamonds may be obtained at the Recreation Department office inside THE CUBE at 3440 N. Main St. Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm except for holidays .

No person shall use or otherwise occupy ball fields, volleyball courts, or other special facilities upon verification of prior reservation by another person.

No person shall use or occupy sports fields or other special facilities temporarily closed for any reason by the Public Works Superintendent and/or Recreation Supervisor.

The Recreation Department will issue permits for ball fields, volleyball courts, and other sports facilities upon application and payment of required fee.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Purpose of Way

No person shall operate or cause to operate any type of vehicle, motor vehicle, motorcycle or motorized bicycle, go-kart, mini-bike, or other types of motorized vehicles in any areas of any City Park except for drives, roadways, and parking areas intended for such purposes, or upon written permission through a Vendor Permit or All Event Permit Application.

Unlawful Entry

No person except law enforcement officers or Parks Maintenance employees shall make any entrance into any park, or make any effort to park any vehicle in any City Park except by the established ways. Driving on grass shall be prohibited in all City Parks.

Bicycles

No person shall operate, cause to be operated, or be a passenger upon a bicycle or motorcycle in any areas of any City Parks where these or any other Park Rules as established by the Board prohibit such activities.

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 or adjacent to any City Park or Facility.

Motor vehicles using handicapped parking areas must display the handicapped symbol in the window or on the license plate in conformance with the Ohio Revised Code.

After Hours Parking

No person shall leave any motor vehicle, motorized bicycle, or other vehicle within any City Park after closing hours except in an emergency and only after obtaining permission from the Findlay Police Department or the Public Works Superintendent or through a special event permit.

Any vehicle left in any City Park without permission shall be subject to removal from the Park upon order of the Findlay Police Department at the owner's expense.

CITY OF FINDLAY RESERVOIR RULES

For a complete set of rules, visit www.findlayohio.com

Destruction, polluting, littering, fireworks, weapons, alcohol, drugs, gambling, loitering, disturbing the peace, and advertising will not be tolerated.

OHIO MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS APPLY

All motor vehicles must stay on roads and in public parking areas.

BOATING

Hours 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

Legal Boats: canoes, rowboats, fishing boats & approved inflatable watercraft .

Prohibited: Sailboats/windsurfers

Boat Size: Single Hull-min. 10'/max. 20', Multi-Hull-min. 9'/max. 24'

MAXIMUM ENGINE SIZE

Reservoir #1: Electric only, max. 6hp

Reservoir #2: Outboard, max. 10hp

FISHING

24 hours/day from boats, banks, and fishing docks

License required at all times

No fishing off launching dock

Bow fishing allowed from boats

Fish must be released alive or removed from Reservoir property for cleaning

ICE FISHING

Ages 18 years or older or accompanied by an adult

Shelters must be removed daily

HUNTING

Migratory Waterfowl only under State/Federal Laws

Special Permit required available at the Water Treatment Plant office

No firearms except while legally hunting waterfowl

Target shooting & bow hunting is prohibited

HUNTING PROHIBITED

From tops of grassy slopes of dikes where a road is located at the base

In any Flatlands adjacent to reservoir dikes

Within 500 ft. of any road, parking area, boat dock, fishing dock, or access

WINTER SPORTS

Sledding/Skiing allowed on outer banks of dikes
Snowmobiles allowed on flat areas only if 6 inches of snow
Ice skating and walking on the ice is prohibited

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Swimming/Camping is prohibited on Reservoir property
ATVs not allowed off-road
Picnicking allowed first come, first served; areas must be left free of trash
Horseback riding allowed in flat areas only; not permitted on dikes
Fires are prohibited
Domestic pets must be controlled on a leash; no pets are allowed in the water
Walking, jogging, and bicycling allowed on tops of dikes

UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE 1533.181; EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY TO RECREATIONAL USERS, THE CITY OF FINDLAY:

Owes no duty to a recreational user to keep the premises safe for entry or use;
Extends no assurance, by giving permission, that the premises are safe for entry or use;
Assumes no responsibility for, or incurs no liability for, any loss or injury to person or property caused by any act of a recreational user.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CITY OF FINDLAY
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES**

These Rules and Regulations for the use of Findlay's Parks and Recreation Facilities have been reviewed and approved by the City of Findlay Parks and Recreation Board, October 15, 2018.



Lydia L. Mihalik, Mayor



Brian Thomas, Service Director