

# ENJOY YOUR TURTLECREEK TOWNSHIP PARK

## PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES ESTABLISHED TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY AND SAFE USE OF THIS AREA AND FACILITY

### TURTLECREEK TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT BYLAWS AND RULES AS AMENDED JANUARY 1, 2004

1.0 DEFACEMENT, DESTRUCTION, REMOVAL, OR DISTURBANCE OF ROADWAYS EQUIPMENT, AND NATURAL FEATURES PROHIBITED.

#### 1.1 *Defacement, destruction, removal.*

No person shall remove, injure, deface disturb or destroy any part of the Park nor any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any tree, flower, shrub or other vegetation or part thereof, or rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed. Collection of natural materials is prohibited except for educational purposes and scientific study by written permit from the Township Trustees.

#### 1.2 *Defacement of roadway surface.*

No person shall intentionally accelerate a motor vehicle causing the rubber tires to spin, mark or deface the Park roadway surface.

2.0 LITTER, DUMPING, GARBAGE, REFUSE, SEWAGE AND WASTE MATERIAL PROHIBITED.

#### 2.1 *Litter, garbage, refuse, sewage, and waste material.*

No person, without the specific written consent of the Township Trustees, shall deposit, permit or suffer to be deposited, in any part of the Park, any litter, garbage, refuse, ashes, sewage, materials whatsoever, otherwise than in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes.

#### 2.2 *Dumping.*

No person shall bring into or cause to be brought into the Park from outside Park boundaries, any garbage, refuse, ashes, sewage or waste materials for depositing in any manner within the Park except the garbage, refuse, ashes, or other materials of a picnic, camp, or other activity permitted within the Park, nor dump any earth within the Park.

#### 2.3 *Stream Litter.*

No person shall, either within or without the Park, 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.

3.0 FIRES PROHIBITED EXCEPT IN GRILLS.

#### 3.1 *Rules for using fires.*

No person shall start a fire in the Park except small fires for cooking purposes in the Park grills, or privately owned grills, or fires in places or designated areas approved for such purpose, without written consent from the Township Trustees. The Township Trustees may at his discretion prohibit fires or smoking for limited periods at any location or for any purpose when necessary for the protection of park property. All fires shall be put out by the person or persons starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire. The dumping of hot ashes or fire from portable picnic grills onto the grass, plants, or into trash receptacles is prohibited.

4.0 HUNTING, ICE FISHING, TRAPPING, MOLESTING WILDLIFE PROHIBITED.

#### 4.1 *Hunting, trapping, and molesting wildlife.*

No person within the confines of the Park, unless authorized by written permit of the Township Trustees, shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap, molest, harm, harass, injure, or take any wild bird or animal found within the confines of the Park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird.

#### 4.2 *Fishing.*

No person shall fish in any waters in the park in a manner contrary to regulations resolved by the Township Trustees or in water where fishing is prohibited.

4.3 Ice fishing shall be prohibited at all Parks.

5.0 DOMESTIC ANIMALS NOT ALLOWED; HORSES PROHIBITED.

#### 5.1 *Herding, grazing, driving, permitting to run at large.*

No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the Park, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or any other animal, or any poultry or other fowl, without the specific written permit of the Township Trustees.

#### 5.2 *Dogs, cats and other household pets.*

No person, except authorized agents of the Township Trustees, law enforcement agents or others authorized to do so for limited special purposes to aid law enforcement or otherwise benefit the park, shall bring into, have or allow on park property, any dog, cat or other household pet or domestic animal that is not on a leash.

#### 5.3 *Horseback riding.*

No person except authorized agents of the Township Trustees shall ride any horse or other animal within the Park, except upon designated bridle

paths or in Parks designated and established for horseback riders and in accordance with the rules adopted by the Township Trustees.

6.0 FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS.

#### 6.1 *Firearms, weapons fireworks, explosives.*

No person, except Rangers, Peace Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and authorized employees or agents of the Township Trustees, shall possess or discharge a firearm contrary to state law (Rev. Code 2923.11 through 2923.1213). No person, except Rangers, Peace Officers, Law Enforcement Officers, and authorized employees or agents of the Township Trustees, shall possess a deadly weapon, dangerous ordinance, blowgun, air rifle, sling shot, or missile throwing device, within the Park, or discharge any deadly weapon, dangerous ordinance, fireworks, explosives, sling shot, or air rifle therein, without specific written permission from the Township Trustees.

#### 6.2 *Bows and arrows.*

No person shall have or possess on park property a bow, crossbow or blowgun intended to shoot arrows or darts nor release an arrow or dart from a bow, blowgun, crossbow, longbow, or other weapon, within or into the Park other than in areas designated by the Township Trustees.

7.0 DISORDERLY AND OTHER MISCONDUCT PROHIBITED. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT ALLOWED.

#### 7.1 *Disorderly conduct.*

A. No person shall deliberately or recklessly cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to another, by doing any of the following.

(1) Engaging in fighting, in threatening harm to persons or property, or in violent or turbulent behavior;

(2) Making unreasonable noise or offensively coarse utterance, gesture, or display, or communicating unwarranted and grossly abusive language to any person;

(3) Insulting, taunting, or challenging another, under circumstances in which such conduct is likely to provoke a violent response;

(4) Hindering or preventing the movement of persons on a Park or other public street, road, highway, path or right of way, or to, from, within, or upon public or private property; so as to interfere with the rights of others, and by any act which serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender;

(5) Creating a condition which is physically offensive to persons, including but not limited to littering, defacing or tearing down signs or painting graffiti or otherwise defacing the Park, or which presents a risk of physical harm to persons or property, by any act which serves no lawful and reasonable purpose of the offender.

B. No person, while intoxicated shall do either of the following:

(1) In a public place or in the presence of two or more persons, engage in conduct likely to be offensive or to cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to persons of ordinary sensibilities, which conduct the offender, if were not intoxicated, should know is likely to have such effect on others;

(2) Engage in conduct or create a condition which presents a risk of physical harm to himself or another, or to the property of another.

#### 7.2 *Failure to obey.*

No person shall fail to comply or refuse to comply with any reasonable order relating to the regulations, directions, or control of traffic, or to any other order, lawfully given by any Ranger, Peace Officer, Law Enforcement Officer or any other official in the lawful execution of their office.

#### 7.3 *Specialized fee program or activities.*

All persons who take part in any specialized activities of which there is a fee, rental, or admission charge, must abide by the posted regulations by the Township Trustees for those specialized activities. No persons shall be allowed within the confines of the specialized activities unless they have paid the fee, rental or admission charge.

#### 7.3 *Unlawful Assemblage.*

No person or persons shall collect in groups or crowds for unlawful purposes or in riotous assemblage or with intent to annoy, harass, or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon another person, persons or park property.

#### 7.4 *Assault.*

No person shall willfully assault or commit bodily injury upon another while within the Park, or be engaged in, or abet, or aid in any fight, quarrel or other disturbance.

#### 7.5 *Abusive Language.*

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

#### 7.6 *Noisy and/or boisterous conduct.*

A. 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 from the Township Trustees.

B. No person, while voluntarily intoxicated shall do either of the following:

(1) In a public place or in the presence of two or more persons, engage in conduct likely to be offensive or to cause inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm to persons of ordinary sensibilities, which conduct the offender, if were not intoxicated, should know is likely to have such effect on others;

(2) Engage in conduct or create a condition which presents a

risk of physical harm to himself or another, or to the property of another.

#### 7.7 *Solicit unlawful sales.*

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within the Park, without a permit from the Township Trustees, and no person shall do any begging, hawking, peddling, or solicitation therein.

#### 7.8 *Loitering.*

No person or group of persons shall loiter in or near any building, toilet, or structures; nor loiter in or near a motor vehicle or vehicles, or on or about a motorcycle or cycles, or on or about bicycles within the Park.

#### 7.9 *Games of Chance.*

No persons shall play at games of chance within the Park.

#### 7.10 *Beer and Intoxicating Liquor.*

No person shall possess nor consume an open container of beer, intoxicating liquor or other alcoholic beverage within the Park.

#### 7.11 *Controlled Substance.*

No person shall possess, obtain, nor use a controlled substance, nor use a controlled substance, as defined by Section 2925.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, within the Park.

#### 7.12 *Harmful intoxicants.*

No person shall sniff, breathe, or otherwise use in any way other than the intended use by the manufacturer, any product containing a harmful intoxicant as defined by Section 2925.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

#### 7.13 *Indecent Conduct and Exposure.*

No person shall appear in the Park 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.

#### 7.14 *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.

8.0 PRESERVATION OF GOOD ORDER REQUIRED IN THE PARKS

#### 8.1 *Unlawful Public Events.*

No individual or organization shall have, conduct, sponsor, or promote any public activity in the Parks of the Turtlecreek Township Park District without prior authorization of the Township Trustees. No event or activity sponsored or promoted by any individual or organization shall be permitted if in the opinion of the Township Trustees it will constitute hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other Park visitors; endangers peace and good order in the Parks; interferes with the regular and normal use of the facilities and

activities by Park visitors; or which is inconsistent with the use of the Park lands for Park purposes. **or which is inconsistent with these Bylaws and Rules. The Turtlecreek Township Park District reserves the right to deny a request for public activity in the Parks to any individual or organization when, in the opinion of the Township Trustees, such activity will violate these Bylaws and Rules.**

9.0 POSTING, DISPLAYING UNAUTHROIZED SIGNS OR PAINTING OR DEFACING OF PARK PROPERTY PROHIBITED

**9.1 Posting, Displaying Signs Prohibited.**

No person shall expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or display any banner, emblem or design, within the Park, without specific permit from the Township Trustees.

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

The unauthorized painting or defacing of park property, buildings equipment or signs shall be strictly prohibited.

10.0 CAMPS AND CAMPING PROHIBITED EXCEPT BY SPECIAL PERMIT

**10.1 Camping, Lodging Without Permission.**

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place within the Park, without specific written permit from the Township Trustees, except in locations especially set aside by the Township Trustees as camps.

11.0 SWIMMING, WADING AND BOATING PROHIBITED

**11.1 Swimming and Wading.**

No person shall swim, bathe, wade, nor enter into any waters in the Park.

**11.2 Boats, Canoes, and Watercraft.**

No person shall place any boat, canoe, raft, or other watercraft of any type upon or in any lake or pond within the boundaries of the Park without specific written permission from the Township Trustees except for boats owned and operated by the Township Trustees or miniature toy watercraft.

12.0 ENGINE POWERED MINIATURE MODEL S AND TOYS PROHIBITED.

**12.1 Power Model Toys Prohibited.**

Engine powered miniature models such as toy airplanes, boats, cars, sirens, or other noise making devises are not permitted to be operated within the confines of the Park.

13.0 SNOWMOBILES, SLEDDING, AND SKATING PROHIBITED.

**13.1 Snowmobiles and Ice Skating Prohibited.**

No person shall operate a "snowmobile" or other self-propelled vehicle which is designed to travel on snow or ice covered surfaces within the Parks.

**13.2 Ice Skating and Ice Fishing Prohibited.**

No person shall ice skate or ice fish within the Parks.

14.0 TRAFFIC SPEED AND PARKING CONTROLLED AS POSTED. UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLES, RECKLESS DRIVING AND VEHICLE REPAIRING PROHIBITED.

**14.1 Speed.**

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road within the Park any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than the lesser of the posted speed or twenty (20) miles per hour, or at a speed that will permit stopping said vehicle within the assured clear distance.

**14.2 Parking.**

No person shall park or store any motor car, motor vehicle, motor cycle, bicycle, wagon or other vehicle within any traveled roadway in the Park, or at any location where posted signs prohibit parking, or upon any sod, gravel, or other surf ace not specifically designated for parking, except in places and at such times designated by the Township Trustees for such purposes.

**14.3 Purpose of Way.**

No portion of the Park shall be used for purpose of way, except drives, roadways, paths, walks, and trails established for such purposes, and footpaths, bike trails or walks designated and established for pedestrian or bicycle travel shall not be used for vehicular travel.

**14.4 Reckless Driving.**

No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any Park road in a reckless manner without due regard for the safety of pedestrians and drivers, and all other occupants of any vehicles.

**14.5 Unauthorized Vehicles.**

No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any Park road, any truck, commercial car, trailer, semi trailer, pole trailer, bus, or commercial tractor, unless authorized by the Township Trustees to make deliveries within the Park, or unless engaged in work in the Park that has been contracted for with the Township Trustees, or unless delivering or picking up persons using a truck or trailer as transportation to or from the Park area.

**14.6 Go-Carts, All-terrain Motor Vehicles and Non-registered Motor Vehicles.**

No person shall operate within the Park a go-kart, all-terrain motor vehicle or 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, or those not permitted for use on public highways in accordance with the Ohio Department of Highway Safety.

**14.7 Posted Traffic Regulations.**

No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any Park road without complying with all traffic signs and all posted traffic regulations.

**14.8 No person shall test or repair any vehicle or mechanical device** in the Park, except as authorized by the Township Trustees.

15.0 ENCROACHMENT ON PARK PROPERTY PROHIBITED.

**15.1 Encroachment Prohibited.**

No person or persons shall willingly encroach upon lands owned or administered by the Turtlecreek Township Trustees.

16.0 HOURS OF USE AND CLOSING OF PARKS LIMITED AND CONTROLLED.

**16.1 Dark to Daylight Curfew.**

No person shall be permitted to remain within the confines of a Park between dark and daylight without specific permission from the Township Trustees.

**16.2 Temporary Closing.**

The Township Trustees 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 and in his absolute discretion for public safety, conduct, health, or order.

**16.3 Curfew During Open Hours.**

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

17.0 SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS AND HIRING FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

In hiring or contracting for professional, technical, consulting, or other special services, the Township Trustees, after considering the competence, ability, and availability of any person, firm, or corporation, and the recommendation of the Township Trustees, approve the hiring of any such person, firm, or corporation, and authorize the contract therewith. Such contract may be in the form of a written acceptance of a proposal submitted to the Township Trustees by such person, firm, or corporation.

18.0 TERMS DEFINED

The term "**Park**" as used herein, means any land owned or administered by the Township Trustees of the Turtlecreek Township Park District.

The term "**Township Trustees**" means the Turtlecreek Township Trustees.

The term "**Person**" includes natural persons and corporations.

19.0 SPECIAL RULES FOR HIKING.

**19.1 Trails are for hiking only.**

**19.2 No motorized vehicles. No horses or unleashed pets at any time.**

**19.3 Be careful at all times, especially on steep paths and creek crossings.**

**19.4 Trails are automatically closed when wet, icy, slippery or unsafe** for any reason. Watch for fallen tree limbs and debris. Do not use wet or slippery trails at any time.

**19.5 Stay on trails.**

Do not disturb or injure plants or animals.

**19.6 USE CAUTION!**

Trails are free for recreational use at user's risk. They follow natural earth contours and do not disturb the natural environment or wild animal habitat. Trails and creek crossings are natural, not engineered or built for speed or safety of travel. Children must be supervised at all times.

20.0 PARKS MAY BE CLOSED BY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES WITHOUT NOTICE TO PRESERVE HEALTH, SAFETY OR WELFARE OF PATRONS, EMPLOYEES OR PROPERTY.

The Turtlecreek Township Trustees may, without notice and at his, her or their absolute discretion, close any park or portion or area thereof or limit the use of any park or portion thereof, for any reason relating to the health, safety, welfare, or security of patrons, employees or property, or for park maintenance or preservation of property, condition, environment or habitat.

21.0 VIOLATION OF PARK RULES; PENALTIES UP TO \$500 PER OFFENSE.

Any person violating any of the foregoing bylaws, rules and regulations and any amendment or additions thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined in any sum not as specified herein, not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each second or further offense.

22.0 EFFECTIVE DATE.

These bylaws, rules and regulations shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law. 1125(21)122.