

# Woodhull Township Park

## PARK ORDINANCE

An ordinance to provide for the use, protection, regulation and control of the Woodhull Township Park and park facilities and other matters concerning recreation, conservation, and education of scenic areas, and to provide for the adoption of supplementary rules and regulations and other matters related to the use of and conduct on park property.

**Woodhull Township Park, Shiawassee County, State of Michigan ORDAINS:**

### Section 1: Title

This ordinance may be known and referred to as the Woodhull Township Park Ordinance.

### Section 2: Public Use and Hours

#### A. General Public

The public is invited and encouraged to use the park during park open hours. The park includes within it a playground, two rentable pavilions, and two rentable baseball fields. There are also paved paths for walking, and a basketball court.

The park may only be accessed through the main gate. Entry from private, perimeter properties is not allowed.

#### B. Permits

Any group or gathering may use pavilion areas or the baseball fields within the Woodhull Township Park during park open hours to the exclusion of others by making an application and being granted a permit by the Woodhull Township Park Commission's designated representative.

1. Applications for permits for reserving pavilions or ball fields shall be made upon forms to be furnished by the Woodhull Parks and Recreation Department as approved by the commission. Use of ball fields by an established group when not reserved and paid is not allowed.

2. The commission or its agent may, upon written application, grant specific use permits for special uses when, in the opinion of the commission or its agent, special consideration is warranted.

3. Application shall be made in advance of the time of the reservation request sufficient to allow at least 12 hours posted notice of reservation of space.

4. In the event more applications for reserved space are received than spaces available, such applications shall be considered in the chronological order received.

### **C. Fees and Charges**

Fees and charges may be assessed by the commission for the use of any facility, land, area, or program on Woodhull Township Park property.

### **D. Vehicles**

No vehicle shall remain upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission between posted closing times and 9AM.

### **E. Hours**

Park hours will be park opening at 9:00 am, and closing at 9:00 pm or dusk, whichever occurs first.

## **Section 3: Protection of Property**

### **A. Destruction**

Destruction of buildings, markers, or any other properties shall be prohibited for all Woodhull Township Park property.

It shall be prohibited, and no person shall:

1. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change, or remove any monument, stone marker, benchmark, stake, post, marking, or designate any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
2. Cut, break, remove, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, or other park property.
3. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice, or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon park property.
4. Climb fences, backstops, on porta-johns, or onto pavilion roofs.
5. Walk upon picnic tables or misuse playground equipment.
6. Dig a trench or make any excavation within the Woodhull Township Park.

## **B. Plant Life and Natural Surroundings**

It shall be prohibited, and no person shall:

1. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or break or remove any branch, bark foliage, flower, or any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass.
2. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel, wood chips or sand, playground fall zone material without written permission of the commission or its agent.

## **C. Fires/Burning**

The following rules shall apply to fires on Woodhull Township Park property:

1. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable materials within or upon any property of the commission.
2. No person shall willfully set or cause to be set fire within or upon the property of the commission, with the single exception of grills as outlined below. This includes but is not limited to: any tree, woodland, brushland, grassland or meadow.
3. Grills shall not be left unattended. All grills must be freestanding, and at least 30 inches off of the ground. All grills shall be extinguished upon leaving the immediate vicinity. No tabletop grills are allowed on park property.

## **Section 4: Protection of Wildlife**

It shall be unlawful for any person while on Woodhull Township Park property to injure, maim or kill any wildlife.

## **Section 5: Glass**

No person shall carry, possess or consume any beverages in glass containers in the park.

## **Section 6: Camping**

It shall be unlawful:

1. To camp in any area of the park.
2. To sleep overnight in the park.
3. Dig a trench or make any excavation within the Woodhull Township Park.

## **Section 7: Noise:**

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cause, create, or make any noise or disturbance which is a hindrance to the peace, quiet and tranquility of the Woodhull Park area.

## **Section 8: Traffic and Parking**

### **A: Motor-Driven Vehicles**

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind not on roads or designated parking areas, except park agent performing normal job duties.
2. Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour. Any person driving a vehicle on a park road shall drive at a careful and prudent speed.
3. Operate any snowmobile on any property under the management, supervision, or control of the commission.
4. Operate a motor vehicle upon commission property in a speed contest or for the purpose of making a speed record, including that commonly known as a drag race.
5. Operate any vehicle in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property in the park, including but not limited to any area designated for the parking of vehicles.
6. Drive any vehicle upon commission property while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic, drug, barbitol, or any derivative of barbitol.

7. Operate a motor vehicle upon commission property without having a valid operator's license, motor vehicle registration certificate and proof of the minimum liability coverage or uninsured motor vehicle fee as required by the State of Michigan vehicle code in their possession.

8. Operate any vehicle upon commission property contrary to posted traffic signs, symbols, rules, or regulations or marked roadways.

9. Operate any motor vehicle in any manner upon commission property which results in excessive noise or disturbs the peace, quiet or tranquility of the area.

10. Leave, or cause to be left, any vehicle upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission between park close and 9 AM

### **B. Operation of Bicycles**

1. Bicycles shall be operated as closely to the right-hand curb or right-hand side of the path, trail or roadway as conditions will permit and not more than two bicycles shall be operated abreast.

2. Bicycles may be operated upon such paths, trails, or roadways as may be posted allowing such use.

### **C. Horses**

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or lead a horse upon any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission.

## **Section 8: Trespass**

### **A. Livestock**

No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission.

### **B. Peddling and Soliciting**

It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, or to distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, or to post unauthorized signs on any lands, structures, fences or property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission.

### **C. Unlawful Obstruction**

No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threat, intimidation, unlawful fencing, enclosing, or by any other means prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission.

### **D. Resisting Park Employees/Contractors**

No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the commission while performing their official duties.

### **E. Impersonation of Park Employee**

No person shall impersonate any member of the park employee force for any reason.

### **F. Alcoholic Beverages & Drugs**

No person shall have in their possession any intoxicating beverage while in or upon the property. No person shall sell, use, or have in their possession any drug or narcotic.

### **G. Personal conduct**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants, or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct, or to disturb others, while in or on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission.

2. It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery, or game of chance on park property without a written permit issued by the commission or its agent.

### **H. Dogs**

1. Dogs are welcome in the park under the control and management of their owner.

2. Dogs must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet.

3. Dog behavior is the responsibility of the owner.

4. Dog waste must be cleaned up immediately by the owner.

5. Barking and/or aggressive behavior is not permitted, and the dog and owner may be asked to leave park property.

6. Dogs must be maintained at least 4 feet from people not in their party, and other pets.

### **I. Use of Loudspeaker**

The use of a loudspeaker, public address system or amplifier within or upon commission property without a written permit issued by the commission or its agent is not allowed.

### **J. Fireworks**

No person shall fire, discharge or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecracker, torpedo, squib, or other fireworks or any substance of an explosive nature within or upon the property unless given specific permission by the park commission.

### **K. Firearms**

No person shall at any time, bring into or upon the premises of Woodhull Township park property, nor have in his or her possession, nor discharge, or set off anywhere upon said properties, a shotgun, rifle, air gun, or bow, provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his or her position.

Persons must follow all of the laws of the State of Michigan regarding possession of firearms in Woodhull Township Park

### **L. Littering and Pollution of Waters**

It shall be unlawful:

1. To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon the property of the commission except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.
2. To throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the commission any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid which may result in the pollution of said waters.
3. To dispose of household refuse on park property.
4. To dispose of lawn or tree debris from any other property in the park

## **M. Utility Permits**

No erection, construction or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath Woodhull Township Park. A liaison may authorize such installation or construction and a permit specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled pursuant to the terms of such approval.

## **Section 9: Emergency powers**

Nothing in these rules shall:

1. Prohibit or hinder duly authorized agents of the commission or any officer of the law from performing their official duties.
2. Prohibit the commission or designee from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare and safety of park visitors and to protect park property; including, but not limited to, the right of the commission to order all persons off commission property, and close all or any portion of said park.

## **Section 10: Enforcement**

### **A. Fines and imprisonment:**

Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules may be prosecuted to the greatest extent of the law.

## **Section 11: Definitions**

- A. "Commission" shall mean the Woodhull Parks and Recreation Commission.
- B. "Commission property or Woodhull Park property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Woodhull Parks and Recreation Commission.
- C. "Person" or "persons" shall mean individuals, singular or plural; firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
- D. "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons on the ground or in any manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, trailer-tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, hammock, motor vehicle, boat or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises or waters within any park or recreation area administered by the commission.



E. "Rules" shall mean the rules adopted by the Woodhull Township Parks and Recreation Commission applicable to all property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the said commission and all amendments thereto.

**Section 12: Effective date**

This ordinance shall be published as required by law, to become effective on the date of final publication.