

CROOK COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT

RULES & REGULATIONS

General use of District property, to include Park Facilities and Recreational Areas

The Crook County Parks & recreation District Board of Directors, in accordance with ORS 266.410(7)(b), has adopted the following regulations governing the conduct of the users of the parks, trails and recreation facilities within the district (district boundaries) including those facilities located within the City of Prineville (City) and Crook County (County).

ARTICLE 1 – CONDUCT ON DISTRICT PROPERTY

1. The executive Director is authorized to establish rules and regulations that govern the use of specific parks, trails and recreation facilities in any manner that provides for the productive, sustainable and safe operation and use of district resources.
2. No person shall engage in a criminal activity while in district facilities or on district property. All criminal activity shall be reported to the Prineville Police Department or Crook County Sheriff's Department.
3. No person shall disturb, injure or endanger the comfort, health, peace or safety of others on district property.
4. Persons using district property shall obey the following rules and regulations:
 - a) No unauthorized person shall cut, remove or damage vegetation on district property.
 - b) No Person shall build a fire in any area not specifically designated for that use. Portable propane camp stoves and barbeques in safe operating condition may be used in the parks. Portable propane camp stoves and barbeques must be operated in a safe manner that does not cause damage to district property.
 - c) No person shall camp on district property unless it is specifically designated for that purpose. The Executive Director or designee can authorize special use camping for specific events.
 - d) No person shall damage or deface district property.
 - e) No person shall sell merchandise or services, or operate a concession on district property without permission of the district and shall possess, on their person, evidence of such approval.
 - f) No person shall litter on district property. Garbage and refuse shall be deposited in proper receptacles provided for this purpose or carried off site for disposal. Garbage and refuse shall not be brought to district property for disposal.
 - g) No person shall use airborne projectiles such as golf equipment, archery equipment, discus, javelin, or shot-put that may harm district property or people on district property, except as authorized by the Executive Director or designee.

- h) No person shall possess a firearm on district property, except those persons authorized to carry firearms under Oregon Law.
- i) No person shall dig up, deface or remove dirt, stones, rock or other substances nor make any excavation on district property.
- j) No person shall place signs, markers or instructions on district property without authorization of the Executive Director or designee.
- k) No person shall wash clothes or materials or clean fish in streams, ponds or restrooms on district property.
- l) The use of any device that amplifies sound on district property shall be regulated in accordance with City code.
- m) No person shall use any rolling device such as bicycle, skateboard, scooter, inline skates, etc., in a manner that may cause potential harm to other people, pets, and wildlife on district property.
- n) No bicycles or pets, except service animals, are allowed in district restrooms.

- o) No person shall operate a metal detector on district property without a permit in their possession.
- p) No person shall drink or be in possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage on district property without obtaining an alcohol consumption permit issued by the City of Prineville.

- q) No person over the age of six (6) years is allowed to enter a restroom, washroom, or locker facility designated for the opposite sex, except those who need assistance and/or accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or caregiver.

- r) No person shall use a cell phone, camera or other photographic equipment inside a restroom facility, dressing room or changing area.

- s) No person shall organize, conduct or participate in any tournament, camp, or scheduled activity without prior authorization from the Executive Director or designee. Any scheduled district activity has priority use of district facilities.

- t) Sexually explicit material, as defined by Oregon law, shall not be displayed in view of minors. No person or group engaging in an authorized event may display sexually explicit artwork or similar displays or performances that interfere with other patrons' enjoyment of district facilities. Artwork, displays or performances must be stationed so as to minimize disturbance to those wishing to avoid such displays and/or performances, minimize congestion, and promote the flow of foot traffic through the facility. All displays must be placed in areas designated for that purpose.

- u) No person shall tether, launch or land a hot air balloon on district property without authorization of the Executive Director or designee.

- v) No person shall jump, dive or launch themselves from district-owned bridges.

- w) Tobacco products and the personal use of any product that produces smoke is prohibited on all district property. This includes but is not limited to: Tobacco, cannabis, hemp, e-cigarette, cigar etc.
- x) No person shall urinate or defecate on district property except in restrooms or portable toilets provided for that purpose.

ARTICLE 11 – HUNTING, FISHING, FIREARMS & FIREWORKS

- a) No person shall discharge a firearm or use a weapon on district property unless in self-defense of a life and death situation. Weapons include spring or air-activated weapons that propel projectiles by use of a bow or sling, explosives, or jet or rocket propulsion. Only persons authorized by the State of Oregon in accordance with their official duties, or in writing by the Executive Director, shall be authorized to fire or discharge any firearm or weapon.
- b) No person shall hunt on any district property, except as authorized by the Executive Director and/or the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- c) No person shall discharge any fireworks or explosives on district property, except as authorized by the Executive Director or designee.

ARTICLE III - ANIMALS

- a) Domestic animals must be on a leash while on district property. Dogs are allowed off-leash only in designated areas. Dog owners must control their animals at all times and comply with ORD 90.1-90.99.
- b) You must not allow a dog or animal to engage in fighting with other dogs, animals or persons nor shall you allow a dog or animal to harass, threaten or injure any person or other animal.
- c) You must not allow a dog or animal to damage district property or property belonging to persons other than the owner or keeper of the animal.
- d) Animal waste must be removed by the owner or keeper before leaving the area.
- e) An animal must not be left unsupervised or fixed to any stationary object in a manner that may allow the animal to charge, become free or lunge causing injury to humans or other animals.
- f) You must not ride or lead a horse or other stock animal on district property except in designated areas or with a special permit.

- g) While using designated off-leash areas, dogs must be under verbal control of an owner or keeper at all times.
- h) While using designated off-leash areas, owners or keepers must carry a dog leash with them at all times.
- i) Owners or keepers may not have more than 3 dogs in an off-leash area at one time.
- j) Owners or keepers must obey posted times of use in off-leash areas.
- k) Children under the age of 12 may not be in the off-leash area without adult supervision.

ARTICLE IV – VEHICLES

1. Motorized vehicles may be operated:
 - a. On roadways and parking areas specifically designated for motorized vehicles; and/or
 - b. By special permit; and/or
 - c. As needed for public safety purposes.
2. No vehicle shall be parked in a loading zone on district property for more than 30 minutes.
3. Use of parking areas on district property is restricted to users of those sites.
4. No person shall block the flow of traffic in a parking lot, or prevent emergency vehicles access, by double parking or blocking a fire hydrant, driveway or entry gate.
5. No vehicle may be parked on district property between 10:00pm and 5:00am, except by:
 - a. Special permit
 - b. When pre-approved in writing by the Executive Director.
6. Vehicles left on district property for twenty-four hours or more may be considered abandoned.
7. Vehicles may be towed in accordance with the requirements of Oregon law at the owner's expense.

ARTICLE V - SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Persons issued special use permits must abide by all park rules and regulations, and all applicable ordinances. The permit holder shall be liable for any loss, damage or injury sustained by any person using district facilities pursuant to the permit. The Executive Director or designee shall have the authority to revoke a permit upon finding violation of any rule, regulation or ordinance, or for other cause. If the permit holder charges for permission to use a specified part of the district land for recreational purposes and the district gives/provides notice with a description of that part (of the land) the immunities provided by Oregon law apply to the remainder of the district's land.

ARTICLE VI - CLOSURES

1. Parks not designated for camping are closed from 10:00pm to 5:00am unless otherwise posted. It shall be unlawful to enter or remain on district property during closed hours except;
 - a. A person may enter and remain in a closed district property for a reasonable amount of time to retrieve their personal property or vehicle.
 - b. A pedestrian may travel through district property to destinations outside of district property.
 - c. District staff and emergency responders may enter closed areas in the course of executing their duties.
 - d. By special permit.
2. District property may be closed or its use limited by the Executive Director or designee to ensure the safety and security of the public/or district property when fire hazards or other hazards exist.
3. No person shall refuse an order to evacuate any district property in time of an emergency.