

## **GLOUCESTER COUNTY PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Dear Park Visitor,

These “Rules and Regulations” were designed to inform you of the rules and regulations governing our County parks. It is our belief that it is essential to strictly enforce these rules in order to meet the needs of the parks and the vast number of visitors who wish to utilize the park system as it was intended.

Park Rangers will be constantly on duty to not only enforce the park regulations but to assist you and your family in whatever way possible. This is your park; help us keep your recreational investment at a premium.

### **SECTION 1.**

The provisions herein relate to the parks, streams, lakes and recreational areas within the jurisdiction of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey. These rules and regulations shall apply to any and all facilities, structures and natural resources that are part of the Gloucester County Park System, hereinafter referred to as “Park Areas”; and to all persons who enter upon or use the said areas.

### **SECTION 2.**

While in Park Areas, all persons shall conduct themselves in a proper and orderly manner, and in particular,

**NO PERSON SHALL:**

- (a) Willfully mark, vandalize, disturb, interfere with, destroy, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with or displace or remove any property, natural feature, tree, plant, building, bridge, table, bench, fireplace, railings, paving, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards, whether temporary or permanent, monuments or other structures or equipment, facilities or County property or appurtenances whatsoever.
- (b) Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public utility into, upon or across any Park area.
- (c) Molest, harm, frighten, pursue, kill, trap, chase, tease, or throw any object at any wild animal or bird, or remove or take into his/her possession the young of any wild animal or bird, or the eggs or nest of any wild animal or bird.
- (d) Hunt in Park Areas; or to build, erect or use any hunting type tree stands or blinds.
- (e) Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any part of any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing onto such water, any substance, whether solid, liquid or gas, which may result in the pollution of said waters, including but not limited to those materials designated as hazardous waste pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11b.
- (f) Dump or leave in any of the Park Areas any trash or refuse of any kind whatsoever, but shall place all trash or refuse in the proper receptacles where provided, and wherever receptacles may not be available, all such trash or refuse shall be carried away from Park Areas. No such trash or refuse shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to Park Areas.
- (g) Drive any motorized vehicle in any Park Area except on park roads, drives or designated parking areas established for such purpose, or leave a motorized vehicle standing or parked at night in established parking areas or elsewhere in Park Areas.
- (h) Drive or use ATV's, or other such motorized off-road vehicles in any Park Areas, as such use is strictly prohibited.
- (i) Ride a bicycle on other than a paved vehicular road or path designated for that purpose; and to leave a bicycle lying on the ground or paving, or set against trees, or in any place or position where other persons may trip over or be injured by them.

- (j) Bring into or release into any Park Area any pet or other animal of any species, whether domestic or wild, native or non-native. This provision shall not apply to the use of “guide dogs,” “service dogs,” or “seeing eye” dogs by handicapped persons (see N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.), or to the use of working dogs by members of a police, fire, law enforcement or other related emergency service agency (see N.J.S.A. 10:5-29.7 et seq).
- (k) Indecently expose oneself, or dress or undress on any beach or in any vehicle, toilet or any other open or enclosed Park Area.
- (l) Swim, bathe or wade in any lake, stream or other body of water in Park Areas.
- (m) Launch, dock or operate a boat of any type or character in any lake, stream or other body of water in any Park Area.
- (n) Use, carry, possess, or discharge firearms or weapons of any kind or description, including, but not limited to, air-rifles, spring-guns, bows-and-arrows, slings, paintball guns, blank guns or any other forms of weapons potentially harmful to wildlife or dangerous to human safety, or any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges, or any kind of trapping device. Shooting into Park Areas from beyond the borders thereof is strictly forbidden. This provision shall not apply to the organized battlefield reenactments performed pursuant to formal agreement with the County at the annual 18th-Century Field Day at Red Bank Battlefield.
- (o) Picnic in a place other than those designated for that purpose. Use of individual tables, benches and grills will be on a “first come, first served” basis unless reservations are approved in advance by the Gloucester County Parks and Recreation Department.
- (p) Leave a picnic area before a grill fire is completely extinguished and before all trash in the nature of boxes, paper, cans, bottles, garbage, litter and other refuse is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. If no such trash receptacles are available, then all refuse and trash shall be carried away from the area by the picnicker to be properly disposed of elsewhere.
- (q) Set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave in the Park Areas after closing hours any movable structure or special vehicle to be used for such purposes, such as a house trailer, camp trailer, camp wagon, or the like.
- (r) Throw or otherwise propel objects or projectiles (other than soft-style balls or frisbees) such as stones, arrows, javelins, model airplanes, or any similar objects. except in any areas that may be designated for such types of sports or recreation.
- (s) Bring in or utilize propane tanks in any Park Area.
- (t) Park in a designated Handicapped Parking space without a State Division of Motor Vehicles identifying license plate with the “H” and international symbol of a wheelchair, or a State Division of Motor Vehicles dashboard identification with the international symbol.
- (u) Park a motorized vehicle in any area not designated for parking.
- (v) Feed any geese at any time. Any person who violates this provision shall be subject to ejection from the park and/or a fine up to a maximum of \$100, or both.
- (w) Ride or bring a horse into any of the Park Areas.
- (x) Utilize any metal detector in any Park Area, except in the Scotland Run Park beach area.
- (y) Plant, pick, dig, remove, injure or destroy any vegetation, soil or water from any Park Area.
- (z) Possess or consume alcoholic beverages, drugs, drug paraphernalia or narcotics in any Park Area; nor shall any person be permitted in any Park Area under the influence of intoxicating beverages, drugs, or narcotics. Violation of this subsection (a) shall be punishable by a fine in the sum of \$200, or imprisonment in the County Jail for a maximum of 90 days, or both. Any alcohol will be seized and confiscated by the Park Rangers.
- (aa) Utilize or smoke any tobacco in any indoor structures located in any Park Area, except that tobacco use shall be permitted outdoors, except where specifically prohibited.
- (bb) Paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, notice, placard, advertisement, or inscription whatever, nor beg, solicit, sell, or attempt to perform such acts, except as specifically provided in Sections 4 and 5 below.

- (cc) Engage in any commercial uses or enterprises, including, but not limited to the offering of services, soliciting, selling or peddling any liquids or edibles for human consumption, or distribute circulars, or to hawk, peddle, or vend any goods, ware or merchandise in any Park Area, except as specifically provided in Sections 4 and 5 below.
- (dd) Enter into or remain in any park building, section thereof or any other area which may be reserved or designated for the use of the opposite sex. Exception is made for children under six (6) years of age.
- (ee) Solicit or beg for money, alms or other contributions for any purpose in such a way that causes annoyance or alarm to others, or obstructs the free and convenient passage of others.
- (ff) Build, attempt to build, light or maintain a fire in any Park Area at any time, except in such areas and under such-terms and conditions as may be contained in these rules and regulations regarding picnic grills. Nor shall a person drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper or any other inflammable material within any Park Area.
- (gg) Possess, discharge, or set off in any Park Area any fire crackers, rockets, or any fireworks of any kind. This provision shall not apply to the organized battlefield reenactments performed pursuant to formal agreement with the County at the annual 18th-Century Field Day at Red Bank Battlefield.
- (hh) Enter any area posted as "Closed to the Public", nor shall any person use, or abet the use of, any area in violation of posted notices, including but not limited to parking in areas designated for the handicapped.
- (ii) Gamble or participate in or abet any game of chance in any Park Area.
- (jj) Sleep or protractedly lounge on the seats or benches, or engage in loud, boisterous, threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, or engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to be a breach of the public peace.
- (kk) Block, obstruct, or interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any road, drive, parking area, trail, walkway, pathway or common area, nor occupy or interfere with access to any park structure or lavatory in a manner that interferes with its intended use by visitors to Park Areas or by park personnel.
- (ll) Publicly urinate or defecate in any Park Area; all persons shall be clothed sufficiently to conform with commonly accepted standards of dress for recreational apparel.

### **SECTION 3.**

- (a) Lakes, streams and other bodies of water in Park Areas which are suitable for fishing shall be available to the residents of Gloucester County for public fishing at lawful times, and in such lawful manner, as may be permitted by the laws of the State of New Jersey, including, but not limited to, New Jersey Fish and Game Laws; except that any ice and spear fishing is prohibited. The Gloucester County Administrator or his designee may limit, curtail or strictly prohibit any or all fishing privileges authorized hereunder which is deemed necessary for the conservation and preservation of fish or for any other reasonable cause in which the best interests of Gloucester County is in any manner involved or served.
- (b) Park Areas shall be open to the public every day of the year during daylight hours except for Christmas and New Years Day. Closing times at the artificially lit fields at Atkinson Park after daylight hours shall be as posted.
- (c) Park Areas, or any section thereof, may be closed for unusual or unforeseen circumstances or emergencies, or for any other reason deemed necessary by the Gloucester County Administrator or his designee, or may be restricted to use for a special event, at any time and for any interval of time.
- (d) The Board of Chosen Freeholders may establish user fees for Park Areas. Such user fees shall be clearly posted, or due notice given to the public of same.
- (e) Park Rangers, and Gloucester County Parks and Recreation Department staff, in connection with their duties imposed by law, shall diligently and impartially enforce the provisions of these Rules & Regulations.

- (f) Park Rangers shall have the authority to remove from any Park Area any person who acts in violation of these Rules & Regulations or of any conditions or restrictions that may be adopted and posted for the preservation of order or protection of property, and shall have the authority to seize and confiscate any property, thing, or device in any Park Area used in violation of these Rules and Regulations. Violators of these rules and regulations may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- (g) Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of these Rules & Regulations shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$200, or imprisonment in the County Jail for up to ninety (90) days, or both, for each offense, except as otherwise provided in these Rules and Regulations.
- (h) Visitors/users of Park Areas must obey all posted park and trail use regulations.
- (i) Use of any Park Area is done at the visitors' own risk.
- (j) Visitors to any Park Area shall at all times comply with all applicable federal, state or local laws, statutes, regulations and ordinances, in addition to these Rules & Regulations.
- (k) The Gloucester County Administrator or his/her designee is authorized to grant exceptions, waivers or modifications to any of these Rules & Regulations as he/she may deem necessary.

### **FACILITY RESERVATION INFORMATION**

The pavilions in the parks can be reserved by writing a letter of request to our main office. Include in the letter the name and address of your organization; the name, address and telephone number of a contact person; the date, time and approximate number of people; and which park facility you would like to reserve. (In conjunction with the pavilions, a ballfield at Atkinson Memorial Park may be available upon request for your family or group.)

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The County of Gloucester complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status or disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. In addition, Gloucester County encourages the participation of people with disabilities in its programs and activities and offers special services to all County residents 60 years of age and older. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to the Division of Disability Services at (856) 384-6842/New Jersey Relay Service 711 or the EEO office at (856) 384-6903.

### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATEMENT**

It is the belief of the Gloucester County Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and Department staff that recreation should be administered as a public trust so as to multiply opportunities for happiness for all individuals visiting Gloucester County parks, regardless of age, race, sex, creed or condition in life. Furthermore, it is the policy of our Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders to observe and comply with the Civil Rights Act (Title VII) of 1964. The basic requirements of this Act prohibits discrimination against an individual because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or condition in life.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**

Shady Lane Complex, 254 County House Rd.  
 Clarksboro, New Jersey 08020  
 (856) 251-6710  
 FAX: (856) 251-6749  
 Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday  
 web address: [gloucestercountynj.gov/parksandrecreation](http://gloucestercountynj.gov/parksandrecreation)

### **COUNTY PARK LOCATIONS:**

#### **RED BANK BATTLEFIELD PARK**

100 Hessian Avenue, National Park 08063  
 (856) 853-5120

A historic park on the Delaware River. The site of Ann Whitall Museum (1748); open free of charge; and the remains of Fort Mercer. Picnic areas and pavilions, playground, a river promenade and a pier. Open year round except Christmas Day and New Years Day, dawn to dusk.

JAMES G. ATKINSON MEMORIAL PARK

138 Bethel Mill Road, Sewell 08080

(856) 589-0047

An active recreational park which includes three (3) baseball/softball/soccer/football fields (with lights); one (1) baseball/soccer/football field (no lighting); eight (8) tennis courts (with night lighting); two (2) basketball courts (with night lighting); two (2) playground areas; an amphitheatre for concerts; one and one-half (1-1/2) miles of bicycle/jogging trails; picnic area and pavilion. Canopies for sporting events only shall be permitted; however, these must be erected at the beginning of the sporting event, and taken down and removed immediately upon completion of the said event. No tents, nor coverings with stakes, shall be permitted. The park is open year round except Christmas Day and New Years Day. Fall and winter hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Spring and summer hours are from 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

SCOTLAND RUN PARK

Wilson Lake, 980 Academy Street, Clayton 08312

(856) 881-0845

This 1000+ acre parcel is currently open for boating and fishing (handicapped fishing pier), picnic area pavilion and playground. In addition, summer canoe and kayak rentals. The Nature Center is available for grade school students by written request. Open year round, except Christmas Day and New Years Day sunrise to sunset.

GREENWICH LAKE PARK

Tomlin-Station Road (off of I-295),

Greenwich Township 08027

A large lake with picnic facilities. The lake can also be used for boating and fishing. Boat launch is only open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends during trout season, as designated by the NJ Department of Fish and Wildlife.

PITMAN GOLF COURSE

501 Pitman Road, Sewell 08080

(856) 589-6688

Pitman Golf Course, located in Mantua Township, is an 18-hole public layout which plays to a par of 70 and measures 6,125 yards from the blue tees, 5,964 from the white and 4,942 from the ladies' tees. The Golf course is open year-round except for Christmas Day. Starting times are not required through the week and power carts are never required. Call for additional information.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION PRK-8**  
**GLOUCESTER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION ADVERTISING POLICY**

As specifically described below, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders has adopted the Gloucester County Parks & Recreation Advertising Policy (the Policy), which permits, for a fee, commercial advertising signs to be placed on certain fences and building walls, and plaques and/or flags containing memorials or statements of donations to be placed on certain poles and park benches. This Policy applies to all Gloucester County Park Areas except Red Bank Battlefield Park and Pitman Golf Course (i.e., James G. Atkinson Memorial Park, Scotland Run Park and Greenwich Lake Park). No advertising of any kind is permitted at Red Bank Battlefield Park. The Pitman Golf Course Advertising/Donation Program is described in GLF-8.

Statement of the Policy: The fences, poles and building walls (the Structures) that are the subject of this Policy are not and never have been intended or utilized as public forums for general or indiscriminate public discussion (see, e.g., Sec. 4(c) above). With the institution of this Policy they will be intended and used exclusively for the paid display of commercial advertisements of appropriate content. The purpose of the Policy is to generate funds to defray the expenses of maintaining the Gloucester County Park Areas. Those Park Areas are administered as a public trust and are dedicated for use as active and passive recreation, entertainment, and sports activities. Their suitability for use by children is especially important. Any subject matter that is of a controversial or disruptive nature or gives the appearance of endorsing, promoting, favoring, or of imposing upon a captive audience, certain points of views, is contrary to the purposes to which the fences, light poles and building wall displays (the Displays) are dedicated. Accordingly, the advertising signs, memorials and donation displays to be placed on the designated Structures must be only of such a nature that is appropriate for the recreational enjoyment of the Park Areas and must be in conformance with the following terms and restrictions:

- The type and size of the displays, as well as their location, terms and costs are established by the Board of Chosen Freeholders.
- All advertising signs are restricted exclusively to commercial advertising. Displays that endorse, promote, describe or refer to any type of non-commercial viewpoint or venture, including but not limited to viewpoints on social issues, are prohibited. Displays that endorse, promote, describe, or refer to any institution, organization, or viewpoint of a political nature are also prohibited. Displays that endorse or promote a religious viewpoint are prohibited. These restrictions and prohibitions are to be uniformly and consistently applied.
- The following subject matter is deemed to be unsuitable for facilities used by children and minors and is therefore strictly prohibited on all Displays:
  - Advertising for the sale of alcoholic beverages, or for businesses that advertise as bars, taverns, nightclubs or other establishments for which the sale of alcoholic beverages as their primary business.
  - Advertising for the sale of any type of tobacco product.
  - Advertising for "adult" theaters, clubs, video stores or similar sexually oriented businesses, or any other advertising of an explicitly or implicitly sexually provocative or suggestive nature.
- Each contract for the procurement of the Displays will be in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, and regulations promulgated thereunder, whenever applicable. In all cases vendors will submit their applications/requests for the displays in conformance with the applicable specifications set forth by the County, and, the County will then, upon receipt of payment from the vendor, order, procure and place the displays in accordance with the applicable specifications.
- Gloucester County retains the right to cancel or discontinue the Policy at any time and for any reason. If such cancellation or discontinuation should occur, any advertiser will be reimbursed pro rata for the period of time for which the advertisement was not displayed under its then-current agreement.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION GLF-8**  
**PITMAN GOLF COURSE ADVERTISING POLICY**

As specifically described in Administrative Code Section PRK-8, the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders has adopted an advertising policy for the parks owned and operated by the County. This is an expansion of that policy to establish an advertising policy for the Pitman Golf Course which is likewise owned and operated by Gloucester County.

Statement of the Policy: The structures, scorecards, hole flags and tee markers at the Pitman Golf Course are the subject of this Policy. They are not and never have been intended or utilized as public forums for general or indiscriminate public discussion. They may be used exclusively for the paid display of commercial advertisements of appropriate content, and for the placement of memorials and statements of donations. The purpose of the Policy is to generate funds to help defray the costs of the programs and maintenance at the Pitman Golf Course. The Pitman Golf Course is administered as a public trust. It hosts many secondary school matches each season and also encourages youth to learn and enjoy the sport by offering junior clinics. Accordingly, the presence of youth at the golf course must be considered. Any subject matter that is of a controversial or disruptive nature, that gives the appearance of endorsing, promoting, favoring, or of imposing upon a captive audience certain points of view, or behavior that is inappropriate to be provided by a government entity will not be accepted. Accordingly, the advertising signs, memorials and donation displays to be placed in the designated areas must conform with the following terms and restrictions:

- The type and size of the displays, as well as their location, terms, and costs are established by the Board of Chosen Freeholders:
- All advertising signs are restricted exclusively to commercial advertising. Any message that endorses, promotes or describes any type of non-commercial viewpoint or venture is prohibited. Any plaques, flags or advertising signs that endorse, promote, describe, or refer to any institution, organization, or viewpoint of a particular political or religious nature is prohibited. This restriction and prohibition is to be uniformly and consistently applied.
- The following advertising subject matter is deemed to be unsuitable for facilities used by minors and is therefore strictly prohibited for this program:
  - Advertising for the sale of any type of tobacco product.
  - Advertising for "adult" theaters, clubs, video stores or similar sexually oriented businesses, or any other advertising of an explicitly or implicitly sexually provocative or suggestive nature.
- Each contract for the procurement of the displays will be in accordance with the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law, and regulations promulgated thereunder, wherever applicable. In all cases vendors will submit their applications/requests for the displays in conformance with the applicable specifications set forth by the County, and, the County will then, upon receipt of payment from the vendor, order, procure and place the displays in accordance with the applicable terms and specifications.
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