



GASTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
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PARK RULES

Thank you for choosing Gaston County Parks and Recreation!

Permits for use of facilities do not include any concession rights whatsoever. Concession rights are retained by the Recreation Department.

The following regulations apply to all facilities operated by the Gaston County Recreation Department:

1. The facility must be left clean and orderly, otherwise, a clean-up fee may be charged to the person reserving the facility.
2. Groups granted reservations of facilities must comply with all department rules and regulations for that facility.
3. All activities shall cease at 11:00 PM unless exception is granted, in advance, by the Recreation Department.
4. All decorations and other equipment must be removed immediately following use of facility.
5. Any person, group, or organization wishing to hold an event in the park that exceeds 100 people or alters the normal operation of the park must complete a Special Events application.
6. The following activities are prohibited on all park facilities:
 - a. Digging, picking, removing any soil, rock, sand, trees, shrubs, plants, or other materials.
 - b. Hunting, trapping, shooting, and killing any wildlife in the park.
 - c. Wading or swimming in any body of the water.
 - d. Camping or parking a car, trailer, or camper for the purpose of an overnight stay anywhere in the park except for areas specifically designated for this purpose, except with a special permit.
 - e. Cook or grill food in sites designated as parking sites.
 - f. Grill within the perimeter of any shelter or dump coals on park grounds.
7. The sale of goods or merchandise within any park is prohibited, except with a special written permit.
8. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in Gaston County Parks.
9. All fireworks or explosives of any kind are prohibited unless used as part of a Gaston County park program or permitted special event.
10. Employees of the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department shall be granted entry to any facility under the jurisdiction of the department, including facilities, which have been rented from the department.
11. A person having a ball field reserved must use good judgment in the use of fields after a rain. Extremely wet fields shall not be used. Damage caused to a field by using it when it is too wet shall be paid for by the person reserving the facility.
12. All dogs, and/or other pets, must be kept on a leash and under control of the owner at all times. Animals that are part of a park program, or are located in a park area specifically designated for said animals, are exempt from this policy.
13. It is unlawful for any person to drive any vehicle of any sort within a park except on paved roads or parking areas, except with a special written permit issued by the Department.
14. As of January 1, 2007, all persons 16 years old and older must possess a valid North Carolina fishing license.
15. All persons must catch fish with a hook and line. Landing nets may only be used to land fish caught with a hook and line.
16. Persons fishing in Gaston County Park lakes may only keep (5) largemouth bass, caught in a single day's fishing. Two (2) of these largemouth bass may be smaller than 14 inches in length, the other (3) fish must be 14 inches or larger. All excess largemouth bass must be immediately returned unharmed to the park lakes.
17. For a complete list of all Park Rules, please see the Ordinance regulating the Use of Gaston County Parks and Recreation Sites.