



WASHINGTON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

1307 South Potomac Street, Hagerstown MD 21740

1. Parks are open to the public from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise posted. Access outside these hours is permitted only for special events or planned activities, and trespassing in closed parks is prohibited. Park amenities are generally available May through October.
2. Refunds are not provided for cancellations due to inclement weather. To receive a full refund or credit, cancellations must be made at least 30 days before the reservation date. Cancellations or changes made less than 30 days in advance will result in forfeiture of the entire rental fee.
3. Parking is restricted to designated areas or as directed by staff. Overnight parking without a valid permit is prohibited. Motorized vehicles are prohibited on pedestrian pathways, maintenance access roads, and trails, except for unloading and loading at pavilions.
4. All fundraising, profit-making, and sales activities require prior written approval from the Parks & Recreation Department. This includes private instruction, lessons for a fee, selling goods or services, distributing advertisements, and soliciting. A Special Event Permit and Certificate of Insurance are required for commercial activity or fundraising events.
5. All trash generated during park use must be disposed of in designated receptacles. Littering and disposal of waste not generated within the park is not permitted.
6. All smoking, vaping, alcohol, and tobacco are prohibited, except at Black Rock Golf Course and the Agricultural Education Center. Controlled substances are prohibited.
7. Camping is permitted only in designated parks. A Special Event Permit is required.
8. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 9 feet and under control at all times. Handlers are responsible for immediate clean-up and proper disposal of waste. Pets are not allowed in pavilions, playgrounds, athletic fields, or courts.
9. Defacing, destroying, misusing, injuring, or removing County property is prohibited. No posting notices unless approved by the Parks & Recreation Department.
10. No staples, thumbtacks, or nails are to be used on any County owned property.
11. All park users must be mindful of their impact on other park visitors and the surrounding community. The use of sound amplification equipment is prohibited without prior approval from the Parks & Recreation Department.
12. Possession or discharge of firearms and weapons are prohibited on park property.
13. Possession or discharge of fireworks or other explosives is not allowed, except by authorized individuals during County organized events.
14. Power-operated remote-controlled devices such as model airplanes, drones, and cars are permitted in designated parks and areas upon submission of the request form and waiver.
15. Removing, cutting, trimming, or damaging plant life, trees, or other natural resources is prohibited. The introduction of plants or animals is prohibited.
16. No one may deprive others of reasonable use and enjoyment of the parks. No disorderly, indecent, abusive, or threatening conduct will be tolerated.

17. Skateboards, roller skates, inline skates, and bicycles are not permitted on pavilions, courts, or parking lots.
18. Hoverboards, e-bikes, and motorized vehicles are not permitted on pedestrian walkways.
19. Fires are not permitted except in grills used for cooking food. The use of deep fryers, turkey fryers, or any cooking equipment that heats oil to high temperatures is prohibited.
20. Hunting, trapping, injuring, harassing, or interfering with wild animals is prohibited, except for fishing, which is allowed when conducted in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
21. Temporary shelters (such as canopies, event tents, or tarps) must be anchored in grass areas only, cannot block walkways, and must be self-supporting. Set up and removal must occur on the same day. Washington County is not responsible for any damage to or caused by tents or related equipment. Tents exceeding 144 square feet (equivalent to a 12' x 12' pop-up tent) require a Special Event Permit and Certificate of Insurance.
22. Hitting golf balls is prohibited except at Black Rock Golf Course.
23. Inflatables (e.g. bounce houses) must be provided by a state-certified and insured vendor. Privately owned inflatables are not permitted. They must be securely anchored and powered by a generator supplied by the vendor. A Special Event Permit and Certificate of Insurance are required.
24. A Special Event Permit is required for any event, meeting, party, or activity that falls outside regular park operations, is open to the public, or disrupts pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
25. Horses are not permitted on park property except in designated areas at the Agricultural Education Center.