

CITY OF MANISTEE PARK SYSTEM RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City of Manistee, in order to maintain and operate the public parks under its jurisdiction in the best interest of the people of Manistee, has adopted these general rules and regulations set forth herein under powers granted to it by Act No. 147, Public Acts of Michigan of 1939.

1. **USE OF PARKS-**

The use of city parks and facilities is at your own risk. The City does not assume responsibility for injury, loss, theft or damage to personal items.

2. **PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY, NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE-**

No person shall injure, deface, disturb, defoul nor in any manner destroy any park, facility, sign, structure, equipment, utility or other property found therein. No person shall dig for, remove, injure or destroy any tree, flower, shrub or growing thing, or any rock, mineral or artifact within a park. No person shall kill, trap, hunt, pursue, or in any manner disturb any wild bird or animal within the boundaries of a park.

3. **BEHAVIOR-**

No person shall:

Assault or commit battery upon any person.

Be drunk in a public park or under the influence of any narcotic drugs.

Engage in any indecent, insulting, immoral or obscene conduct in a public park.

Utter vile, profane or obscene language.

Make any immoral exhibition or indecent exposure of his or her person.

Engage in any disturbance, fight or quarrel in a public park.

Engage in prostitution, gambling, the sale of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

Destroy, injure or in any manner deface any fountain or drinking fountain, or any public property.

4. **SMOKING-**

Smoke-free outdoor recreational areas encourage healthy behavior, help keep our parks clean, reduce unwanted exposure to secondhand smoke, a known carcinogen, and reduce fire hazards.

Smoking of tobacco, marijuana, or any other substance, or use of vapor producing products such as vaping devices, e-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco is strictly prohibited in all city parks, buildings, facilities and playgrounds.

5. **PARK HOURS-**

All parks shall be open from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Considerations will be made for fishing seasons.

6. **FIRES-**
Fires may be built only in picnic grills, fire pits or other devices as placed by the parks department. No person shall dump any burning or hot ash into any trash receptacle or elsewhere unless container is marked as a receptacle for such material.
7. **GLASS / BEVERAGES-**
People of legal age may consume alcoholic beverages in city parks and on the beaches in a responsible manner. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the Riverwalk, except in the social district area in provided containers. No glass containers of any type are allowed on any beaches.
8. **DOGS-**
We are a dog-friendly community to friendly dogs. Dogs are allowed at the North Beach Access, between the Stub Pier and First Street Pier, and on the Riverwalk from Spruce Street north to US 31. Dogs are permitted in city parks only when kept on a leash and kept under the immediate control of some responsible person. Dogs are not permitted in buildings, on beaches, parts of the Riverwalk or other areas as posted. The owner will assume full responsibility for all pets and clean up after them. Guide dogs for the impaired are permitted in all park areas.
9. **SWIMMING, BATHING, AND WADING-**
No person shall swim in the Manistee River between the channel at Lake Michigan on the west and Manistee Lake to the east. No person shall swim or dive from the Fifth Avenue Pier, Stub Pier or First Street Pier, except for authorized public safety purposes. Proper apparel must be worn.
10. **CAMPING-**
No camping in any city park, except by Council authorization.
11. **PICNICKING-**
No reservations are permitted or taken for any city park facility, with the exception of the Lions Pavilion. First Come - First Serve. Roping off or fencing of park areas shall be by permit only, authorized by the City Council.
12. **DISPOSAL OF REFUSE-**
No person shall deposit or abandon in any park or in the adjacent waters or on the adjacent ice, any garbage, sewage, trash or other obnoxious material. Receptacles are placed for park activities-generated or fishing-generated trash only. No household trash permitted.
13. **NOISE-**
No person shall operate or play any musical instrument, radio, tape, or disc player, loudspeaker, public address system, or other sound amplification device, nor yell, shout, whistle or utter other loud vocalizations at such volume as to create a disturbance between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., unless otherwise posted or by permit by Council for special events only.

14. **MOTOR VEHICLES-**
The maximum speed limit for all vehicles shall be 15 miles per hour. Vehicles will be driven only on designated park roads and parked only in designated parking spaces. Horn honking, for other than safety purposes, engine racing and other unnecessary attention seeking actions are prohibited.
15. **OFF-ROAD VEHICLES-**
No motor-driven vehicle, including by way of example any motorbike, dunesmobile, snowmobile, all terrain vehicle or amphibious vehicle, shall be operated within any park, except that watercraft may be short-duration beached on the Lake Michigan shoreline outside designated areas. Golf carts are allowed within the city for transportation.
16. **BICYCLES, ROLLERBLADES, ROLLER SKATES, SKATEBOARDS-**
Bicycles, rollerblades, roller skates and skateboards are prohibited on the riverwalks, piers, city marina area and all walkways within city parks.
17. **FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS-**
No person shall possess or control any rifle, shotgun, pistol, bow and arrow, slingshot, pellet gun, air rifle, fireworks, explosives, paint gun, blow gun or other dangerous substances within the boundaries of any park, except for law enforcement officers duly appointed by the government of the United states, or political subdivision of the State of Michigan. Fireworks require a special permit.
18. **COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES-**
No person or organization other than the City, its hirees and licensees shall, while on park lands, advertise, offer for hire, vend or sell any service, food, beverage, merchandise, carry on or conduct any other business or commercial activity, nor shall any person or organization beg or solicit contributions or donations while on park lands, except by permit from Council.
19. **SIGNS-**
No person shall post, paint or affix any placard upon any structure, tree or automobile within any park, except that temporary directional signs for group events may be placed upon the ground and must be removed at the conclusion of the event.
20. **CLOSING OF PARKS OR PORTIONS THEREOF-**
Any park, or portion thereof, may be closed entirely or closed to certain uses (including such examples as possession of alcohol, dangerous weather conditions, etc.).
21. **CONTROL OF WATERCRAFT-**
The No-Wake rule exists in the Manistee River between the channel at Lake Michigan on the west and Manistee Lake on the East. Other rules, regulations and boater information is included in the MARINA SECTION of this pamphlet.

22. **FISHING-**

Fishing is permitted, in season from all piers and the Lake Michigan shoreline, away from designated swimming areas. A fishing license is required. Further information and licenses may be obtained at local tackle shops.

23. **FISH CLEANING-**

A fish cleaning station is provided at the First Street Boat Launch area. No fish cleaning is allowed in any other area.

24. **OTHER ACTIVITIES-**

Other activities not provided for specifically in these rules may be subject to posted regulations, as deemed necessary for public safety or the orderly conduct of City business.

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