

16-17 Sale of Goods

- (a) No person shall post, distribute, circulate or display any notice, banner, advertisement or printed material in any park or recreational facility without obtaining written permission from the Director.
- (b) No person shall offer for sale or rent any goods, articles, privileges, commodities or services whatsoever or solicit for any purpose in any recreational facility without obtaining permission from the Director, and for such time and at such places as the Director may determine.

16-18 Concessions

The sale of foods, soft drinks or other like goods is prohibited in any park or recreational facility, except from canteens or concessions operated by concessionaires authorized by the Director.

16-19 Vehicles

No person shall use any park or recreational facility for washing, repairing or servicing, other than replacing a flat tire, of any vehicle designed for self-propulsion. Abandonment of such vehicles is prohibited. If mechanical disablement occurs, immediate steps must be taken for removal.

16-20 Nature Trails, Pedestrian Paths

No persons other than those authorized by the Director shall operate a motorized vehicle upon nature trails, pedestrian paths or bikeways specifically designated and established for such use.

16-21 Operation of Motorized Vehicles

No person shall operate a non-licensed motorized vehicle in any park or recreational facility unless in an area specifically designated for such use by the Director.

16-22 Metal Detectors

No person shall use any type of electronic metal detecting device in any recreational facility, except when approval is granted by the Director and only under the direct supervision of County staff or a qualified archaeologist.

16-23 Rules & Regulations

The Director shall have the right to promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of public parks and recreation facilities and the activities therein. Such rules and regulations shall be posted at such park and recreation facility and available for review in the Office of the County Administrator.

16-24 Violations

Any person violating any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation duly adopted hereunder shall be guilty of a Class 4 Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than **\$250**, unless otherwise specifically provided. In addition, such person may be ejected from the park, building or other facility wherein the violation occurred.

Park Rules

Each park has posted rules and regulations to assist patrons and staff in providing a safe, enjoyable and clean environment for all park users.

1. Animals, except Service Animals as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, are not permitted on athletic fields, sport courts, playgrounds, or any other designated facilities. Owners must remove all animal waste.
2. Hitting golf balls, archery, kites or remote controlled aircraft are permitted in designated areas only.
3. Single free-standing canopies, tents and other types of portable shade structures up 16'x16' are permitted in designated areas of parks and must be anchored per manufacturer's recommendations with tie downs marked in a noticeable manner.
4. Smoking, including the use of E-cigarettes, is not permitted within 25 feet of athletic fields, sport courts, playgrounds, bleachers, pools, rinks, or any other designated facilities.
5. Use of fryers and towable smokers/grills are permitted in designated areas only and require an approved Park Use Permit. Charcoal is permitted in park-provided grills only and only in designated camping areas.
6. Music or noise in violation of the County's Noise Ordinance- audible at 50 feet - is prohibited.

If you have any questions regarding park rules or County codes, please call 757-259-5360 or email us at park.rec@jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation.



Parks and Recreation

Public Facilities

Rules and Regulations

James City County Parks
5340 Palmer Lane, Suite 1A
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757-259-5360
jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation

Dear Visitor:

Our goal is to ensure your visit to our facilities is as enjoyable and pleasant as possible. Over 3.5 million people annually are experiencing the variety of opportunities that are available in our parks.

To keep you informed of current regulations, we're providing you with this **Public Facilities Rules and Regulations** brochure. This brochure details the park and facility regulations and laws that will be enforced while you and your family use the facilities.

By becoming familiar with and following these laws, you and others will have a fun and safe experience.

I want to thank you for visiting our parks and facilities, and for your assistance in maintaining them for all to enjoy.

Sincerely,



John H. Carnifax, Jr., CPRE, Director
James City County Parks & Recreation

16-2 Alcohol

- (a) No person shall consume or possess an open or previously opened container containing any alcoholic beverage, or be under the influence of an alcoholic beverage while in public parks or recreational facilities, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director.
- (b) No person shall consume, possess or be under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined by the Code of Virginia, while in public parks or recreational facilities.

16-3 Parking

No person shall operate or park any vehicle in public parks and recreational facilities except on the roadways and parking areas provided and/or designated for this purpose. Nor shall any vehicles be parked in a manner as to impede or obstruct the normal safe flow of traffic.

16-4 Gambling

No person shall engage in games of chance in public parks or recreational facilities.

16-6 Open Fires

No person shall make a fire in a public park or recreation facility other than in grills, fireplaces or other areas as designated and approved for such use by the Director. All fires shall be closely monitored and completely extinguished by persons starting and using them before leaving the immediate vicinity.

16-7 Use by Children

No parent or guardian shall permit a child under age 12, or such other age as is specifically posted by the Director, to use public parks or recreational facilities without providing for direct supervision of the child.

16-8 Skateboards

No person shall ride or use a skateboard in public parks and recreational facilities except in areas so designated for such use.

16-9 Restrooms

No person shall fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. No person over age six shall enter the restrooms designated for the opposite sex. There shall be no loitering in the restrooms.

16-10 Use of Property & Equipment

No person shall damage, deface, destroy, remove, injure or improperly use public park and recreational facilities, property, equipment or the natural environment.

16-11 Litter

No person shall throw, deposit or leave any litter, refuse or rubbish of any kind in public parks or recreational facilities except in public receptacles and in such manner that the litter, refuse or rubbish will be prevented from being carried by the elements. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter, refuse or rubbish shall be carried away from the area by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.

16-12 Control of Animals

- (a) No person shall permit their animal to run at large. In the case of a dog, the owner or their agent shall secure the animal by a collar with a chain, cord, or leash not exceeding eight feet in length, and have the animal under complete and immediate control.
- (b) Dogs are not required to be secured by a chain, cord, or leash in areas designated as "Off-Leash Areas" and approved for such use by the Director.

16-13 Instruction

No person other than those authorized by the Director shall offer instruction in public parks or recreational facilities.

16-14 Hours of Operation

The Director shall establish hours of operation for public parks and recreational facilities; the hours may prohibit use of certain facilities at certain times. No person shall make use of public parks and recreation facilities during prohibited hours.

16-15 Permits

Permits for the use of public park and recreational facilities may be required by the Director. Where permits are required, no person shall engage in or make use of any park and recreational facility without first paying for same and adhering to the rules and regulations governing use of said facility.

16-16 Lease

When authorized by the Board of Supervisors and upon such terms and conditions as it may provide, public parks and recreation facilities may be leased. The County Administrator shall fix and collect charges for the use of parks, facilities and services and shall fix and collect charges for admission to concerts, entertainments and other recreational activities sponsored by it.

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