

# Licking Park District Facilities

## **Infirmiry Mound Park**

Located on State Route 37, three miles south of Granville.

## **Frederick R. Reese Wildlife Sanctuary**

Located off SR 79 at the end of Grumm's Lane in Mary Ann Township. The area is not currently open to the public.

## **Lobdell Reserve**

Located one-half mile north of Alexandria on Mounts Road.

## **Morris Woods State Nature Preserve**

Located 2 miles northeast of Johnstown on Dutch Lane Road, 1/2 mile east of US 62.

## **Ohio Canal Greenway**

Located between Canal Park in Hebron and State Route 79 in Buckeye Lake.

## **Palmer Road Swamp Preserve**

Located in the Russell Heights subdivision between Palmer Road and I-70 in Etna Township. The area is not currently open to the public.

## **Riverview Preserve**

Located along the Licking River between the Babe Ruth Complex and Ecology Row in Southeast Newark.

## **T.J. Evans and Panhandle Recreational Trails**

Various access points along a 9.9 mile section between east Newark and Hanover and a 14.5 mile section between west Newark and Johnstown.

## **Taft Reserve and William C. Kraner Nature Center**

North entrance is located on Flint Ridge Road one mile east of Linnville Road. South entrance and Nature Center is located at 10380 Fairview Road.

## **Tyler Powell Preserve**

Located east of SR 310 on Mill Street along Muddy Fork Creek in Pataskala.

## **Boyd-Wilken Reserve**

Located on Wilkens Run Road, 1/2 mile east of SR 79. The area is not currently open to the public.

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# Information and Regulations

Pursuant to Chapter 1545.09 of the Ohio Revised Code, The Licking Park District Board of Park Commissioners publish the following Rules and Regulations:

## LICKING PARK DISTRICT REGULATIONS

- 1.0 Defacement, Destruction, Removal or Disturbance of Property, Equipment and Archaeological or Natural Features.**
- 1.1 Vandalism, Defacement, Destruction, or Removal.**  
No person shall cause physical harm to, or remove any property or equipment owned, leased, or managed by the Licking Park District.
- 1.2 Defacement, Destruction or Removal of Any Natural or Historic Feature.**  
No person shall deface, destroy, or remove any tree, flower, shrub or other vegetation or fruit or seed thereof, or any rock mineral, fossil, or any archaeological feature. Collecting by permit only for research and non-commercial purposes.
- 1.3 Defacement of Surface.**  
No person shall knowingly accelerate a motor vehicle causing the tires to spin, mark, squeal and/or deface the park roadway surface or turf.
- 2.0 Littering, Dumping Garbage, Sewage and Noxious Material.**
- 2.1 Littering.**  
No person, without specific written consent of the Director or his/her designated agent, shall bring into, leave behind, dump, place, or drop in any park area or roadway any trash, debris, refuse, bottle, can, or any other form of refuse in any other place than receptacles provided for that purpose.
- 2.2 Pollution.**  
No person or corporation shall dump, release, or spill any hazardous material or chemical into the air, or land of any park, or adjacent to any park, or into any stream, river, or creek that flows into, through, or adjacent to any park.
- 2.3 Sewage and Noxious Materials.**  
No person or corporation shall dump, release, or spill any hazardous material or chemical into the air, or land of any park, or adjacent to any park, or into any stream, river, or creek that flows into, through, or adjacent to any park.
- 2.4 Household Garbage.**  
No person shall bring into, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind in the parks except the refuse, ashes, or garbage of a picnic, camp, or other permitted activity; such material shall be deposited in receptacles or pits provided for that purpose.
- 3.0 Firearms, Fireworks, Explosives, and Archery Equipment.**
- 3.1 Firearms**  
No person, except law enforcement officers, shall carry, discharge, or possess any firearm of any description, air or gas gun, or any other missile or projectile, ammunition thereof within the park without the express written consent of the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 3.2 Improper Transportation of a Dangerous Weapon in a Motor Vehicle.**  
No person except law enforcement officers, shall transport or have in a motor vehicle a firearm of any description, or any

other dangerous weapon accessible to the operator or any passenger without leaving the motor vehicle.

- 3.3 Carrying Dangerous Weapons.**  
No person, except law enforcement officers, shall have or carry any knives, daggers, or other edged weapons, metal knuckles, slingshots, blow guns, or other dangerous weapons on or about his or her person while in the parks.
- 3.4 Fireworks, Explosives, and Smoke Generators.**  
No person shall possess, use, or discharge any type of fireworks, explosive, or smoke generator within the parks without the express written consent of the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 3.5 Archery Equipment.**  
No person shall release an arrow or have in their possession an arrow, a bow, crossbow, or longbow within the parks other than in areas so designated for that purpose by the Director.
- 4.0 Indecent Conduct and Exposure.**
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No person shall appear in the parks in a state of nudity, or commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior and no person shall make any indecent exposure of his or her person or violate ORC 2907.09 (Public Indecency).
- 4.2 Loitering.**  
No person or persons shall loiter in or about the restroom facilities or vehicles while in the park.
- 4.3 Solicitation.**  
No person shall solicit sexual acts or solicit or ask anyone to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, indecent, or pornographic nature.
- 5.0 Disorderly Conduct.**
- 5.1 Unlawful Assemblage.**  
It is unlawful for persons to collect in bodies or crowds in numbers exceeding fifteen (15) people within the confines of a nature reserve, preserve, sanctuary without an activity use permit. Nor shall people collect in bodies or crowds for unlawful purpose or in riotous assemblage or with intent to annoy, harass, or inflict property damage or bodily injury upon another person, persons, or any park property.
- 5.2 Solicit Unlawful Sales.**  
No person shall beg, hawk, peddle, or solicit within the parks.
- 5.3 Assault, Menacing, and Hazing.**  
No person or persons shall willfully assault or commit bodily injury upon another while in the parks, or otherwise menace, harass, or haze any person or persons, or be engaged in or abet in any fight, quarrel, or other disturbance.
- 5.4 Use of Possession of Intoxicants and Games of Chance.**  
No person shall play games of chance, drink, sell, possess, or offer for sale any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage, or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverages within the park.

- 5.5 Use or Possession of Illegal Drugs, Opiates, Hallucinogens and Related Paraphernalia.**  
No person shall use or possess, smoke, drink, have injected into one's self, or otherwise use or possess any type of illegal drug, opiate, hallucinogen or related paraphernalia within the parks.
- 5.6 Abusive language.**  
No person shall use obscene, profane, or abusive language while in the parks.
- 5.7 Endangering.**  
No person or corporation shall either with willful or wanton disregard for safety, endanger the life or another person in any way, or cause the injury or threaten the personal safety of any person or persons within or adjacent to any parks.
- 6.0 Smoking.**
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No person shall smoke in any building or vehicle under the care or management of the Licking Park District, unless designated acceptable for smoking.
- 7.0 Posting, Displaying Signs.**
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No person shall post, display, distribute, or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice, statement, or display any banner, emblem, or design within the parks without specific permit from the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 8.0 Camps and Camping.**
- 8.1 Camping and Lodging Without Permission.**  
No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place without a specific written permit from the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 8.2 Leaving Personal Possessions.**  
No person shall leave personal possessions in any park area for more than two (2) hours unattended except by written permit from the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 9.0 Fires.**
- 9.1 Unlawful Fires.**  
No person shall start a fire in the parks except for small fires for cooking purposes in park grills, or privately owned grills, or fires in designated places or areas. The Director or his/her designated agent may prohibit fires for limited periods at any location.
- 10.0 Hours of Closing.**
- 10.1 Sunset to Sunrise Curfew.**  
No person shall be permitted to remain within the parks between sunset and sunrise, prevailing local time, except in an emergency or with special permission of the Director or his/her designated agent.
- 10.2 Special Curfew During Open Hours.**  
The Director or his/her designated agent may temporarily close or curtail activities or use upon any lands or waters, or any portions thereof, when it has been deemed necessary to be in the best interest of public safety, conduct, health, or order.

**10.3 Removal of Vehicle After Curfew At Owner's Expense.**

Any vehicle left within the confines of a park between the hours of posted closing and opening shall be subject to removal at the owner's expense.

**10.4 Nature Sanctuaries Closed to Public.**

If it is determined that a park or portion of a park may be threatened or endangered by human presence, or such presence may interfere or hinder its growth, the park or portion thereof may be closed to the public. That park, or a portion thereof will be known as a nature sanctuary and entry will be made only by those persons with specific written permit from the Director or his/her designated agent, and Rangers in the execution of their office.

**10.5 Bikeways, Transportation Corridors, and Greenways.**

Open hours for bikeway, transportation corridors, and greenways shall be established by the Board and posted at facility entrances.

**11.0 Hunting, Fishing, and Molesting Wildlife.****11.1 Hunting, Trapping, and Molesting Wildlife.**

No person within the confines of the parks shall remove, hunt, pursue with dogs, traps, or in any other way molest any wild birds or animals found within, or adjacent to, the confines of the parks or molest any bird nest or take the eggs, or fledglings, of any birds, except by special permit from the Director or his/her designated agent.

**11.2 Frog Gigging**

No person within the confines of a park shall engage in frog gigging.

**11.3 Fishing.**

Fishing shall be permitted subject to the laws of the State of Ohio in park waters. The Director or his/her designated agent may close park water to fishing, and the closing will be posted accordingly. In all park waters the use of hooks left unattended, traps, spears, gigs, or bows and arrows for fishing are prohibited. Fishing shall not be permitted during the hours in which the park is posted closed.

**11.4 Adjacent lands.**

No person shall discharge any firearm, arrow, or projectile toward park lands so as to alarm or injure wildlife from the confines of the park for any purpose. No person shall set or place any trap along park property which will entrap wildlife entering or leaving the park.

**12.0 Dogs, Cats, and Other Household Pets.****12.1 Household Pets.**

No person shall have or keep in a park any dog, cat, or household pet, or other animal destructive to birds and other wildlife, with the exception of dogs and cats, which are permitted in the parks if they are controlled at all times on a leash not more than eight (8) feet long. No animals are permitted in Park District buildings unless required for personal assistance due to disability.

**12.2 Abandoning Domestic Animals Within the Confines of a Park.**

No person shall leave behind, or otherwise abandon, any domestic animal within or adjacent to any park.

**12.3 Releasing Wild or Exotic Animals Without Permission.**

No person shall release any wild or exotic animal within the confines of a park without a specific written permit from the Director or his/her designated agent.

**13.0 Horseback Riding.****13.1 Horseback Riding.**

Horseback riding is prohibited in all parks and on all trails unless specifically designated as an equestrian trail.

**13.2 Riding Etiquette.**

No person in a park shall ride a horse in such a manner as to endanger the rider, the horse, or any other person or any property. Horseback riders in a park shall yield right-of-way to pedestrians and motorists at points where bridle trails intersect foot trails, roads, drives, and parkways.

**13.3 Riding During Curfew.**

No person shall ride a horse in a park when it is closed except with a permit from the Director or his/her designated agent.

**13.4 Leaving a Horse Unattended.**

No person shall leave a horse unattended other than for the purpose of stabling at a designated stable.

**13.5 Treatment of Horses.**

No person in a park shall over-ride, cruelty mistreat, mutilate or torture a horse.

**13.6 Riding on Non-Designated Trails.**

No person shall enter any hiking trail on a horse or any animal or any other vehicle or motor vehicle.

**13.7 Equestrian Trail Closed to Public.**

No person, horse, or any other vehicle or motor vehicle may enter any horse trail when that trail has been declared closed because of weather, ground conditions, or other reason.

**14.0 Swimming and Wading.****14.1 Swimming Prohibited.**

Swimming is prohibited.

**14.2 Wading Restrictions.**

No person shall wade in any waters of the park.

**14.3 Use of Floating Objects.**

The use of life rafts, innertubes, and other objects intended to support persons is prohibited.

**14.4 Use of Aquatic Sporting Equipment.**

Boats, surfboards, water skis, scuba diving gear, and similar aquatic equipment are prohibited.

**14.5 Beverage and Food Containers.**

No glass bottles, metal cans, or containers are permitted.

**14.6 Dogs, Cats, and other Household Pets.**

Cats and dogs are prohibited in all waters.

**15.0 Powered Models, Toys and Noise Making Devices.****15.1 Powered Models.**

Engine powered devices such as model airplanes, boats and cars are prohibited in the parks except in designated areas. Models, boats, and cars may be operated in consideration of other park visitors.

**15.2 Radios, Stereos, Tape Players, Etc.**

Radios, stereos, tape players, etc. will not be operated in the parks at a volume that can be heard by other than the said equipment owner. Toy sirens and other noise making devices are not permitted in the parks.

**16.0 Go-Karts, All Terrain Vehicles and Non-Registered Motor Vehicles.****16.1 Operation of Non-Registered Vehicles.**

No person shall operate within the parks any go-kart, all terrain vehicles, motorized bike, swamp buggy, motor vehicle normally considered a race car, or any other type of motor vehicle which is not customarily registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Ohio.

**17.0 Traffic and Motor Vehicle Regulations.****17.1 Purposes of Way.**

No person shall use any portion of the parks for purposes of way except drives, roadways, paths, walks, and trails established for such purposes.

**17.2 Purposes of Way: Motorized, Animal Drawn, or Human Propelled Vehicles On Trails, Paths, or Walks, Established As Hiking Trails Prohibited.**

No person shall operate or cause to operate any type of self propelled vehicle, motorized vehicle, or any vehicle which is moved by animal or human power over or upon any footpath, bridle path, or turf area that is not specifically designated for such activities.

**17.3 Speed Limit.**

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road or drive within the parks any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than fifteen (15) miles per hour, nor shall any person operate a vehicle at a greater speed as posted on roads adjacent to a park.

**17.4 Parking.**

No person shall park or store any motor vehicle, bicycle, wagon, trailer, or other vehicle within any traveled roadway in the parks or upon any sod, gravel, or other surface not specifically designated for parking. Parking shall be permitted in designated areas only. Park maintenance, emergency and law enforcement vehicles are exempted from this rule.

**17.5 Testing, Washing, or Repairing Vehicles.**

No person shall test, repair, wash, or wax any vehicle or mechanical device within the parks.

**17.6 Failure to Yield to Emergency Vehicles.**

No person shall fail to yield to an emergency vehicle engaged in a law enforcement or a rescue capacity.

**17.7 Unsafe Operation of A Vehicle.**

No person shall operate any type of vehicle on any roadway, trail, path, or transportation corridor in an unsafe or reckless manner.

**17.8 Failure To Yield to Pedestrians.**

No person while operating a motor vehicle, bicycle, or riding a horse shall fail to yield to pedestrians.

**17.9 Operating a Motor Vehicle With Unsafe or Hazardous Equipment, Lights, or Loads.**

No person shall operate a motor vehicle that fails to meet the standards of Section 4513 of the Ohio Revised Code in the parks.

**17.10 Leaving the scene of the accident resulting in damage to Park property or equipment.**

No person shall leave a park or fail to contact the park district in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in damage to park property or equipment.

**18.0 Snowmobiles, Sledding, Skiing & Skating.**

**18.1 Snowmobiles Are Permitted in Designated Areas Only and When Conditions are Favorable For Their Use.**

No person shall operate a self-propelled vehicle that is designated to travel over snow or ice-covered surfaces within the parks other than in areas designated by the Director.

**18.2 Sledding, Skating & Skiing.**

No person shall sled, ski or ice skate within a park except areas designated for such activities by the Director.

**19.0 Encroachment Of Park Land.**

**19.1 Encroachment.**

No person or persons shall willingly encroach upon lands owned or administered by the Licking County Board of Commissioners or Board of Park Commissioners.

**19.2 Quartering or Grazing of Livestock.**

Quartering or grazing of livestock in the park is prohibited.

**19.3 Golfing**

No person shall practice or play golf in the parks.

**19.4 Construction of Any Blind, Stand or Observation Post Prohibited.**

No person shall construct or utilize any blind, stand, or observation post within the parks unless given specific written permission by the Director or his/her designated agent.

**20.0 Bikeways, Transportation Trails and Greenways.**

**20.1 Modes of Transportation.**

Use of trails may include but are not limited to bicycles, horse, walking, hiking, jogging, wheelchairs, non motorized scooters, snow skis, skates and skateboards. Human powered vehicles shall only be used for transportation. Stunt maneuvers and operation in a manner unsafe for the operator or other trail users is prohibited. Horse use is permitted on designated equestrian trails only.

**20.2 Speed Limit on Bikeways, Transportation Trails and Greenways.**

No person shall exceed the posted limit of fifteen (15) m.p.h.

**20.3 Signs, Signals, and Crossings.**

No person shall fail to obey any posted signs or signals. Pedestrians have the right of way; cross traffic has right of way at intersections.

**20.4 Motorized Vehicles Prohibited.**

No motorized vehicles are permitted. Use of motorized wheelchairs are permitted by persons requiring such devices to be mobile. Emergency law enforcement and maintenance vehicles are exempted from this rule.

**20.5 Passing.**

Any person passing another person traveling in the same direction along the trail shall announce their intentions before passing. No person shall pass another trail user in a manner which endangers himself or herself or other trail users.

**20.6 Camping.**

Camping or sleeping along the trail is not permitted except where so designated with a permit.

**20.7 Staging Areas.**

Staging areas are provided along the trails to provide parking and facilities for trail users. Overnight parking by permit only. Loitering in vehicles or in or about restrooms is prohibited.

**20.8 Law Enforcement, Emergency and Maintenance Vehicles.**

Law enforcement, emergency, and maintenance vehicles have the right of way on all portions of the trail. Trail users must yield to emergency traffic. Blocking safe passage of law enforcement, emergency, and maintenance vehicles is prohibited.

**20.9 Equipment Requirements.**

All vehicles using the trail shall be equipped so as to not endanger the operator or other trail users. Trail users operating vehicles after sunset and before sunrise shall have a vehicle equipped with front headlight and rear reflector to provide safe passage for operator and other trail users.

**20.10 Unsafe Equipment and Operation.**

No person shall knowingly operate an unsafe vehicle on any bikeway, transportation trail or greenway. No person shall operate any vehicle or act in such a manner so as to endanger himself, other trail users, or private property owners.

**20.11 Encroachment On Adjacent Land.**

Lands adjacent to bikeways, transportation trails and greenways are private property except public parks and public staging areas. No person shall trespass from a trail onto private property.

**20.12 Conduct.**

No person will adversely affect or interfere with an adjacent landowner's right or privacy.

**20.13 Other Rules and Regulations.**

All trail users are subject to all applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code, Licking Park District law, state law and local ordinances.

**21.0 Boating and Watercraft.**

**21.1 Motors Prohibited.**

No person shall operate any watercraft with a motor in any waters of a park unless posted. Park maintenance, emergency and law enforcement watercraft are exempted from this rule.

**21.2 Unlicensed or Licensable Watercraft or Flotation Device.**

No person shall float or attempt to float or operate or attempt to operate any unlicensed or unlicensable watercraft or flotation device in waters of a park.

**21.3 Restricted Use.**

Licensed watercraft operated by human power or wind power may be operated in areas so designated by the Director.

**21.4 Flotation Devices.**

No person shall operate any watercraft in waters of the park without a Coast Guard approved flotation device.

**21.5 Unsafe Operation.**

No person shall operate a watercraft on park waters in such a manner to endanger the operator or any other person or any property.

**21.6 All Other Rules and Regulations.**

All other users are subject to all applicable section of the Ohio Revised Code, Licking Park District law, state and federal law and local ordinances.

**22.0 Compliance.**

**22.1 Failure to Obey Orders of Rangers**

No person shall fail to comply with any reasonable order relating to the regulations, direction, safety, control of traffic, or to any other order, lawfully given by any law enforcement officer or any other Park District Employee in the execution of their office.

**23.0 Violation of Park Rules - Penalties.**

**23.1 Violations.**

Any person violating any of these rules and regulations shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each violation shall be a separate offense. No person shall violate a rule adopted under this resolution. Whoever violates a rule adopted under this resolution shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). If the offender has previously been convicted of a violation of any rule the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

**23.2 Organizational Violations.**

Any organization violating any of these rules and regulations shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each violation shall constitute a separate offense. No organization shall violate a rule adopted under this resolution. If any organization violates a rule adopted under this resolution, the organization shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) pursuant to OR 2929.31a.

**23.3 Enforcement.**

These rules shall be enforced by a law enforcement officer as defined in Division (K) of Section 2901.01 of the Revised Code. All fines collected for any violation of any rule or regulation adopted under this resolution shall be paid into the general fund of the Licking Park District.

**23.4 Other Regulations.**

All other statutes, codes and ordinances that are appropriate within this jurisdiction apply.

The Licking Park District has adopted these rules and regulations to ensure that visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.