



CITY OF RENTON

# PARK RULES *and* REGULATIONS



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Authorized by Ordinance No 4419.  
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## A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Section 1. DEFINITIONS

- a. “Administrator” shall mean the Community Services Administrator or designee.
- b. “Authorized Personnel” shall include any City of Renton agent, contractor, employee, official, representative, and/or volunteer performing their assigned duties.
- c. “Park” shall include the following areas: facilities and buildings owned, operated, maintained or managed by the City of Renton; parks, trails, open space areas (a non-developed physical area, including but not limited to natural areas and wetlands); the Maplewood Golf Course; and recreation buildings.

### Section 2. PRIORITY OF USE

Programs and activities scheduled by the Community Services Department will have first priority for use of parks and facilities. Otherwise, use of parks and facilities will be on a “first-come first-served” basis.

### Section 3. DESIGNEE OF ADMINISTRATOR

The authority granted to the Administrator is granted to the Administrator’s designee.

### Section 4. EXEMPTIONS FROM RULES AND REGULATIONS

- a. Section B3, Possession of Weapons & Fireworks, does not apply to law enforcement personnel or to persons performing authorized duties.
- b. Section B5, Overweight Vehicles in Parks, does not apply to City of Renton maintenance vehicles or to authorized or emergency vehicles.

- c. Section B6, Wildlife Harassment, does not apply to Administrator-authorized wildlife control efforts.
- d. Section B9, Domestic Animals in Parks, does not apply to law enforcement K-9 officers in the conduct of their official duties or to animals used by independent contractors if required in performance of the contract.
- e. Section C15, Parking and Moorage, does not apply to park maintenance or law enforcement watercraft.
- f. Section C9, SCUBA Diving, does not apply to Fire Department personnel, persons performing rescue operations, or authorized persons.

## B. CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

Unless otherwise posted, or approved by the Administrator in writing, it shall be a misdemeanor to do any of the following in a park:

### Section 1. POSTING OF SIGNS

Use, place or erect any advertising in any park; or to attach any notice bill, poster, sign, wire, rod, or cord to any tree, shrub, railing, post or structure within any park; or to place or erect in any park, a structure of any kind.

### Section 2. PARK CLOSING

Remain in any park after the posted closing time except when engaged in activities, programs and events scheduled by the Community Services Department.

### Section 3. WEAPONS & FIREWORKS

Possess any fireworks, firecracker, torpedo, explosive, air gun, sword, knife, bow and arrow, BB gun, paint ball gun, slingshot, or any other weapon, unless otherwise permitted by federal or state law.

## Section 4. **SWIMMING AREAS**

Disobey rules, signs or lifelines designating swimming areas; transmit a false signal or false alarm of drowning; or disobey any posted rules and/or instruction of any lifeguard, facility manager, or other authorized Community Services Department employee. Swimming shall be permitted only within the designated swimming areas.

## Section 5. **OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES IN PARKS**

Operate or drive any vehicle with a gross weight of over 32,000 pounds or a maximum width of over 102 inches except for places set apart for such purposes by the Administrator and designated by signs.

## Section 6. **WILDLIFE FEEDING & HARASSMENT**

Tease, annoy, disturb, molest, catch, injure or kill, throw any stone or missile of any kind at or strike with any stick or weapon, any animal, bird, or fowl in any manner; or to feed any fowl or bird in any park.

## Section 7. **CONCESSIONS, SALES, COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, DISTRIBUTION & POSTING PAMPHLETS**

Perform the following activities in a park area:

- a. Operating a fixed or mobile concession or event or traveling exhibition.
- b. Soliciting, selling, offering for sale, peddling, hawking, or vending any goods or services.
- c. Advertising any goods or services other than the direct handing of written advertising to any one person.
- d. Filming, recording, or photographing for commercial purposes without authorization from the Administrator.
- e. Conducting classes or organized competitions.
- f. Distributing any commercial circular notice, leaflet, pamphlet or printed material of any

kind in any Community Services buildings. These facilities are not public forums or limited public forums and are designated solely to the specific purposes for which they are dedicated.

- g. Entering upon, using or traversing any portion of a park for commercial purpose, including fund raising and/or fund solicitation.
- h. Attaching or securing to any vehicle or structure any commercial circular notice, leaflet, pamphlet or printed material of any kind.

## Section 8. **WATER CRAFT**

Have, keep or operate any boat, float, raft or other water craft in or upon any bay, lake, slough, river or creek, or to land the same at any point upon the shores of a park except at places set apart for such purposes by the Administrator and so designated by signs.

It shall be unlawful to launch a boat or other water craft larger than 10,000 lbs. or longer than 30 feet, at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach boat launch.

## Section 9. **DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN PARKS**

Allow or permit any domestic animal, including service animals, to run at large, or enter any swimming area, pond or fountain. A dog brought into or kept in a park or trail area shall be on a leash not more than six (6) feet in length and under direct control of owner. Exceptions to leash requirements may be made only for approved scheduled events.

- a. No domestic animals, except for service animals, will be allowed in any park that permits swimming. Dogs, except for service animals, are not permitted in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Kenndale Beach Park, or the beach at Cedar River Park.
- b. Any person with a dog or other pet in their possession in any park shall be responsible for both the conduct of the animal and for removal from the park of feces deposited by such animal. The person with the dog or

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other pet must have in their possession the equipment or supplies required for feces removal.

- c. No domestic animals, except for service animals, will be allowed at any special event held neither at any park nor in any area in a park posted with signs, unless permission is granted by the Administrator.
- d. No domestic animals, except for service animals, will be allowed at the Maplewood Golf Course, the Farmer's Market and Meadow Crest Playground.

### **Section 10. AUTHORITY TO REMOVE PERSONS IN PARKS**

Stay in a park when directed to leave by an authorized Community Services Department employee or any police officer. Pursuant to RMC 6-30-2, any person violating these Park Rules and Regulations may be subject to expulsion from all city parks.

### **Section 11. VANDALISM**

Remove, destroy, mutilate, deface or tie any material to any structure, monument, statue, vase, fountain, wall fence, railing, vehicle, bench, shrub, tree, fern, plant, flower, lighting system or sprinkling system, or other park property.

### **Section 12. NOISE RESTRICTIONS**

Violate any applicable noise restrictions of the RMC 8-7, and in particular the following provisions:

- a. It is unlawful to play car stereos, radios, or portable audio equipment, such as tape or compact disc players or musical instruments so loudly as to interfere with normal conversations or cause annoying vibrations at a distance of 75 feet or more.
- b. It is unlawful to operate or use any loud-speaker or other mechanical means of amplifying sound in any park without a written permit from the Administrator.

### **Section 13. CONDUCT**

Use abusive, vile, profane, or obscene language

or threats, which interfere with the reasonable use of a park by the general public; engage in acts of violence, including but not limited to fights of any kind, or to act in a violent, threatening, intimidating, or hostile manner toward another person whereby such person is put in reasonable fear for his/her safety; jump off of any bridge or structure into a lake, river, creek or other body of water except as permitted in Section 5 in designated swim areas.

### **Section 14. LOST PROPERTY**

Fail to turn in any property or objects found on any park premises to the park staff or directly to the office of the Police Department at City Hall, Renton, Washington. The article shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable city and state laws.

### **Section 15. INTRODUCTION OF FOREIGN MATTER**

Construct any structure, wall, fence, footing, drive, walk, steps, or path on park property, or to deposit invasive plants onto park property, or to use or maintain park property as an extension of private property.

### **Section 16. URINATING IN PUBLIC**

Urinate or defecate in a public place or in a place open to public view, consistent with RMC 6-18-11A4.

### **Section 17. ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS**

Violate any state or municipal criminal laws.

## **C. CIVIL VIOLATIONS**

Unless otherwise posted, or approved by the Administrator, it shall be a civil violation to do any of the following in a park:

### **Section 1. ACTIVITIES**

Practice or play golf, baseball, cricket, soccer, polo, archery, hockey, volleyball, badminton or other games of like character, or to fly a kite, or to hurl, propel, or fly any airborne or other missile, including model airplanes, radio oper-

ated airplanes or other flying devices except in places and times set apart for such purposes by the Administrator; erect any inflatable structure, such as 'bounce houses', with the exception of city-sponsored events; or access Maplewood Golf Course property for the purpose of 'hunting' golf balls, or to remove practice range balls from the Maplewood Golf Course driving range.

## Section 2. **TRAIL SIGNS**

Disregard or disobey trail signs. All trail users must obey all posted trail signs. It is not a defense in any proceeding that the trail user did not see the posted sign.

## Section 3. **MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES IN PARKS**

Ride, park or drive any bicycle, tricycle, motorcycle, motor vehicle, skateboard, rollerblades, roller-skates, land sailing device, scooter, unicycles or any other wheeled or similar vehicle, horse or pony on, over, or through any park designated by signage; or use the Renton Skate Park at Liberty Park with any device other than a skateboard or in-line skates. This section does not apply to a disabled person using a wheelchair, wheeled prosthetic(s) or other wheeled vehicle.

## Section 4. **MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON TRAILS**

Operate any motorized vehicle on City of Renton trails, EXCEPT those vehicles used by Authorized Personnel in the performance of their assigned duties or authorized projects.

## Section 5. **DISMOUNT ZONES**

Bicycle operators must dismount their bicycle and remain dismounted in a "Dismount Zone". Failure to dismount or remain dismounted in a Dismount Zone is a violation of these Rules and Regulations. Failure to see a sign is not a defense. For purposes of these Rules and Regulations the Dismount Zones on the Cedar River Trail (Trail) are:

- a. The Trail between the South East side of the

Bronson Way bridge to the North West side of the Logan Avenue Bridge.

- b. The Trail between North 6th Street and the mouth of the Cedar River at Lake Washington.
- c. The Pedestrian Bridge under I-405.
- d. For purposes of this Section C 5 the term "dismount" means:
  - I. The bicycle operator walks on foot alongside the bicycle.
  - II. It is not a dismount if the bicycle operator remains seated on the bicycle seat.
  - III. It is not a dismount if the bicycle operator has either foot on a pedal of the bicycle, whether or not the bicycle is being propelled by the rotation of the front sprocket.

## Section 6. **SPEEDING ON TRAILS**

Travel on a trail at a speed in excess of posted speed limits or greater than is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions or in disregard for actual and potential hazards (such as pedestrians or poor visibility). In every event, speed shall be so controlled as is necessary to avoid colliding with others using the trail. Travel at speeds in excess of 15 miles per hour on any trail shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the person violated this section. Travel on the Cedar River Trail, i) between 149th Avenue SE and I-405 Termination Point, or ii) between the NW side of Logan Avenue to North 6th Street at speeds in excess of 10 miles per hour shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the person violated this section.

## Section 7. **VEHICLE AND BOAT REPAIR IN PARKS**

Operate, repair or service any motor vehicle, motorcycle or boat on park property, including docks, for the purpose of testing, servicing or repairing.

## Section 8. **RACING IN PARKS**

Engage in, conduct or hold any trials or com-



petitions for speed, endurance or hill climbing involving any vehicle, watercraft, aircraft, or animal.

### **Section 9. SCUBA DIVING**

Scuba diving from park docks or shorelines, or from areas of boat parking or moorage or at the boat ramp at Gene Coulon Park.

### **Section 10. CAMPING AND OVERNIGHT STAYS IN PARKS**

Erect a tent or shelter or to arrange bedding, or both, for the purpose of, or in such a way as will permit remaining overnight; or park a trailer, camper or other vehicle for the purpose of remaining overnight.

### **Section 11. FIRES AND BARBECUES**

Build fires except in areas designed and set aside for such purpose by the Administrator; use any portable barbecue over 36 inches in length or less than 30 inches in height over a combustible surface unless said surface is protected by a heat shield or fireproof device placed under the barbecue; or place hot coals onto park grounds or into any trash containers or water bodies.

### **Section 12. METAL DETECTING**

Use in any park a device to detect ores or metals, without prior written Administrator approval.

### **Section 13. GLASS CONTAINERS IN PARKS WITH SWIMMING AREAS**

Possess any glass container in any portion of the park or park facility that permits swimming.

### **Section 14. GROUP RALLY/SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

Conduct any group rally in a park area or designated facilities where such activities will conflict in any way with normal park usage, without prior written Administrator approval.

Special permit required. Groups that desire to use City of Renton facilities may be granted Special Use Permits by the department, but will be subject to a user fee. Where appropriate, special conditions of use shall be established by the

Community Services Department and so noted on the Special Use Permits.

### **Section 15. PARKING AND MOORAGE**

- a. Park in an area designated for a particular recreational activity, unless participating in that activity. Vehicles parked in violation of this section may be impounded at owner's expense.
- b. Utilize the boat launch without a permit. Boat or watercraft users who are launching at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park without an annual permit must pay the posted usage fee.
- c. Moor any boat or watercraft beyond posted time limits. Watercraft moored in violation of this section may be impounded at the owner's expense.

### **Section 16. CITY EVENTS**

Disobey any city-sponsored event park signage that relates to special circumstances for that event.

### **Section 17. ALCOHOL**

Possess an open container or consume alcoholic beverages except in areas designated by the Administrator and/or Administrator-authorized events. Designated areas are (a) Maplewood Golf Course, when such beverages are purchased and consumed within the concessionaire's licensed premises; (b) and designated areas of the Renton Community Center and Renton Senior Activity Center facilities as part of a facility rental. All activities shall comply with all Washington State Liquor Control Board requirements.

### **Section 18. SMOKING**

Smoking tobacco, tobacco byproducts or other smoke-emitting substances within Piazza Park, Gateway Park, the former Big 5 lot, and the north side of the Renton Pavilion Event Center. For purposes of this section, "smoking" is defined as the carrying or smoking of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, or any other lighted smoking equipment.

## D. LITTERING:

Littering is prohibited, pursuant to RCW 70.63.060 (Littering prohibited – Penalties – Litter cleanup restitution payment.) Littering includes throwing or depositing any refuse or other material in any park, except in designated receptacles; taking garbage or refuse generated outside a park to a park for disposal; unlawfully dumping yard waste, litter, or debris in any park; and failing to remove or properly dispose of party decorations, including but not limited to, piñatas, streamers, balloons, or picnic items, such as paper or plastic plates or cups or table coverings.

## E. PENALTIES

### Section 1. CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

Those Park Rules and Regulations identified as criminal violations are codified in this Section and punishable pursuant to RMC 1-3-1 and 6-10-1.F. For enforcement purposes, law enforcement and staff may cite to RMC 2-9-8 or the Park Rules and Regulations pamphlet.

### Section 2. CIVIL VIOLATIONS

Those Park Rules and Regulations identified as civil violations are punishable pursuant to RMC 1-3-2. For enforcement purposes, law enforcement and staff may cite to this Section or the Park Rules and Regulations pamphlet.



## F. TRAIL ETIQUETTE

### 1. All Users:

- a. Obey all trail signs and regulations.
- b. Show courtesy for other trail users at all times.
- c. Keep dogs on leash, maximum length 6 feet. (Dogs are not allowed in Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, Kennedydale Beach Park, or the beach at Cedar River Park.)
- d. When entering or crossing a trail at an uncontrolled point, yield to traffic already on the trail.
- e. No group of trail users shall occupy more than half of the trail nor impede the normal movement of trail users.
- f. Stay to the right except to pass.
- g. Pass others, going your direction, on the left. Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past.
- h. Use lights at night.

### 2. Pedestrians:

- a. Listen for audible signals and allow faster trail users to pass safely. When possible walk to the right.

### 3. Bicyclists:

- a. Cyclists are required to wear safety helmets on all trails in King County.
- b. Yield to slower and oncoming users. Always give an early audible (voice, bell, horn) warning before passing another trail user, allowing them adequate time to react.
- c. When possible pass on the left.

# PARKS, TRAILS, RECREATION FACILITIES and NATURAL AREAS

## PARKS

### **Burnett Linear Park**

502 Burnett Ave S

### **Cascade Park**

16165 126th Ave SE

### **Cedar River Dog Park**

(Off-Leash)

1500 Houser Way S

### **Cedar River Park**

1717 Maple Valley Hwy

### **Cedar River Trail Park**

1060 Nishiwaki Ln

### **Earlington Park**

272 Thomas Ave SW

### **Gene Coulon Memorial**

### **Beach Park**

1201 Lk Washington Blvd N

### **Glencoe Park**

4440 NE 24th St

### **Heritage Park**

233 Union Ave

### **Highlands Park /**

### **Neighborhood Center**

800 Edmonds Ave NE

### **Jones Park**

98 Wells Ave S

### **Kennydale Beach Park**

3601 Lk Washington Blvd N

### **Kennydale Lions Park**

2428 Aberdeen Ave NE

### **Kiwanis Park**

815 Union Ave NE

### **Liberty Park & Skate Park**

1101 Bronson Way N

### **Maplewood Park**

3400 SE 6th St

### **Maplewood Roadside Park**

3201 Maple Valley Hwy

### **North Highlands Park &**

### **Neighborhood Center/**

### **Meadow Crest Playground**

3000 NE 16th St

### **Philip Arnold Park**

720 Jones Ave S

### **Piazza – Gateway Park**

(Downtown)

S 3rd St and Logan &

Burnett Ave

### **Riverview Park**

2901 SE Maple Valley Hwy

### **Ron Regis Park**

1501 Orcas Ave SE

### **Sit-In Park**

Mill Ave S at the base of

Renton Hill

### **Sunset Court Park**

1150 Harrington Ave NE

### **Talbot Hill Reservoir Park**

710 S 19th St

### **Thomas Teasdale Park**

601 South 23rd St

### **Tiffany Park**

1902 Lake Youngs Way SE

### **Tonkins Park**

399 Williams Ave S

### **Veterans Memorial Park**

Intersection of Main Ave S

and S 3rd St

### **Windsor Hills Park**

432 Windsor Way NE

## TRAILS

### **Cedar River Trail**

From Lk Washington (1060

Nishiwaki Ln) to 149th Ave S

(Ron Regis Park)

### **Honey Creek Trail**

NE 27th St

### **Lk Washington Loop Trail**

Lk Washington Blvd and

NE 44th St

### **May Creek Trail**

4260 Lk Washington Blvd

### **Springbrook Trail**

Begins at Black River Riparian

Forest, follows Oakesdale SW

to SW 43rd

## SPECIAL USE FACILITIES

### **Henry Moses Aquatic Center**

1719 SE Maple Valley Hwy

### **Maplewood Golf Course**

4050 Maple Valley Hwy

### **Renton Community Center**

1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy

### **Renton History Museum**

235 Mill Ave S

### **Renton Senior Activity**

### **Center**

211 Burnett Ave N

## NATURAL AREA

### **Black River Riparian Forest**

Oakesdale SW & Monster Rd



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