



# COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

## DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION 610-829-6400

Gordon Heller, Superintendent

### SUMMARY OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY PARKS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Including, but not limited to:

1. Permits
  - A. A permit is required for groups of 10 or more people.
  - B. A permit is required for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages, except where prohibited.
  - C. The person named on the permit is responsible for the actions and conduct of all of the members of the group.
  - D. Permits are required for camping at Wy-Hit-Tuk and Bear Swamp Parks, and only for organized groups of 10 or more. Family and individual camping is not permitted.
  - E. The Park's office reserves the right to close any park area deemed unsafe.
2. A Certificate of Insurance is required for certain activities. This must be discussed with the Recreation Specialist at 610-829-6404 prior to the permit request. Such as, but not limited to, the following:
  - A. Food purveyor(s) catering an event, including food trucks.
  - B. Organized tennis event.
  - C. Organized group camping at approved facility.
  - D. Debris clean-up or other volunteer activities.
  - E. Organized group events where the public is invited.
3. Minors
  - A. No person having custody or control of a minor shall permit such minor to do any act in violation of a rule or regulation of the County. Minors under 14 years of age shall at all times, while on County property, be under the supervision and control of a parent, guardian, or responsible custodian.
4. Do not use staples when covering tables. If using tacks and tape, please remove when finished.
5. The park opens at sunrise and closes at sunset. Pavilions are available starting at 8:00 a.m.
6. Pets are prohibited at Louise Moore, Wayne Grube and Wy-Hit-Tuk Parks, except service animals.
7. Open fires are prohibited.
8. Do not remove, destroy, climb or injure trees, shrubs, plants, flowers or any other natural or physical attractions. The placing of stakes, pegs, and pipes in the ground is prohibited.
9. Motor Vehicle Operation
  - A. Motor vehicles are not allowed on the grass at any time.
  - B. Vehicle parking is restricted to the paved parking lots. Parking is not allowed on the grass or along the roadways.
  - C. See Park Attendants for assistance in moving any food or equipment to and from pavilions.
10. Littering is prohibited.
11. Tennis Courts
  - A. Use of the courts is on a first come, first served basis.
  - B. Maximum playtime is one (1) hour if others are waiting to play, except where a special group permit has been issued. Using the courts for the purpose of collecting a fee, such as private lessons, is prohibited.
  - C. Groups of 10 or more must reserve these facilities at the group use permit rate.
12. Swimming or wading is not permitted in any pond, lake, canal, stream or river.

13. Radios and music players may be used in the park as long as they do not disturb other park users. Disc Jockeys, music groups (live bands) or amplifiers are not permitted.
14. Firecrackers, fireworks and rockets are not permitted. Drones, remote control airplanes and other remote control devices are not permitted.
15. The erecting of tents, dining flies, canopies, sheds or any structure is prohibited. A portable 10 X 10 pop up shelter is permitted with permission.
16. The use of generators, compressors, electrical motors or other similar devices, such as inflatables, is prohibited. Metal detectors may be used to locate lost personal items with a special use permit.
17. No chalk on pavilion floors, walls, walks, parking lots or driveways. No skateboards or skates are permitted at any county park.
18. Any person who violates any rule or regulation may be subject to a fine up to \$300 and damages according to Ordinance No. 140-1988 (amended).

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### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONSUMPTION RULES**

Alcohol beverage permits are valid solely within the context of a meal. **A permit is required for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages**, and is included with a pavilion permit. Cultural and ethnic traditions are respected by this policy. The Pennsylvania State law of 21 years of age is always to be observed.

The following uses of alcohol are not permitted:

1. The drinking of alcoholic beverages outside the confines of pavilions and picnic tables.
2. Use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited after the meal is complete, anywhere.
3. Use of alcoholic beverages in excess of 2-3 drinks a day per legal aged individual.
4. Alcohol beverage permits are not issued to parties of high school and college groups. To do so would be in violation of the state age requirement of 21 years. All members of the group must be 21 years of age.

The individual applying for the reservation permit must assure that his/her guests are aware of the policy and will adhere to this policy. This person will be held responsible for anyone within the group who does not observe this policy. The person with the permit must be on site at all times, otherwise the permit becomes invalid. Proof of age is required. A park security person will check for proof of age.

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### **REQUIRED FEES**

1. **Pavilion Use** – A non-refundable reservation fee is required to hold any reservation date and pavilion, including an alcohol permit, if applicable.
 

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2. **Group Use Permits** – Where pavilions are not available, there is a \$30.00 non-refundable fee for a permit which grants permission to gather in the park and use an area for picnicking. Alcohol use is not permitted with this permit. There is a fee of \$25.00 to rent tennis courts A, B or C at Louise Moore Park.
3. **Special Events** - For special events where additional costs are incurred by the County for facility usage, such costs are to be reimbursed to the County at cost.
4. Where large groups are reserved and where extraordinary stress is placed on facilities, additional charges may apply to offset this use. These charges, if any, will be discussed at time of reservation.
5. Reservations for pavilions and group use permits (including tennis courts) must be made online at [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org). Instructions for the payment of fees are included with reservation. Call the Parks office for more information at **610-829-6400**.