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PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Any rule or regulation that refers to parks, park usage, or park grounds is intended to include all open space, parks and reservoirs within the City of Aurora, including golf courses, special use sites, natural areas, and trails. The term “park facility” is used to refer to any property owned, leased or managed for public recreational uses by the City of Aurora.

For the purposes of these regulations any reference made to vessel or boat, singularly or together is intended to mean any type of watercraft, vessel, boat, sailboat, sailboard, float tube, kite used for sailing, or any other device capable of being used as a means of transportation of persons or property on or through the water.

6501. Park Usage
   a. Parks, picnic shelters, playgrounds, tennis courts, athletic fields, and other park facilities are available on a “first come, first served” basis, unless the park facility has been reserved by a permit from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space, or his designee. It is unlawful for any person(s) other than those who reserved it to occupy an area when the area has been reserved with a permit.
   b. It is unlawful to exceed the maximum number of people and activities in any park facility as designated by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

6502. Hours
   a. Persons are prohibited from being in any park facility between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., unless otherwise posted, or when the park facility has been fenced, locked, and/or temporarily closed to public use except as authorized.
   b. All persons must exit access gates at posted time.

6503. Unauthorized or Restricted Areas
It shall be unlawful for a person or persons to enter into or remain on any designated unauthorized or restricted areas.

6504. Activity Contrary to Sign
It shall be unlawful to engage in or conduct any activity in any park facility that is contrary to any sign, permanent or temporary, posted by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space or his designee.

6505. Unauthorized Use of City Equipment or Property
It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to use any City of Aurora owned property or equipment, without first obtaining written authorization from the City of Aurora.
6506. Damage to Property
a. It shall be unlawful to alter or damage in any manner lands or any park facility, without written authorization from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space. Alter is defined as, but not limited to, any modification of existing lands or vegetation from its existing condition including any form of digging, landscaping, construction or placement of structures or other.
b. It shall be unlawful to remove, destroy, mutilate, deface or damage any building, structure, facility, sign, marker, rock, vegetation, or other object located on any park facility.
c. It shall be unlawful to construct, place, or maintain any kind of road, trail, structure, signs, markers, fence, enclosure, or other improvements.
d. No vegetation may be introduced into any park facility.
e. Any animal owner whose animal destroys, damages, or injures land or property or a facility in a park or area designated as park land shall be responsible for damage caused by the animal. Owner is defined as any person in possession of, keeping, or having custody or control of any animal.

6507. Hazardous Activities
It shall be unlawful to engage in any activity which constitutes a hazard to the safety of the participant or other persons, except in areas where such activities are specifically authorized.

6508. Commercial Gain
The following activities are prohibited unless a permit has been issued by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department:
a. Use of any park facility for private gain, commercial purposes or non-profit fundraising;
b. Offering any article or thing for sale, including food, within any park facility; or
c. Charging fees for use of any park facility. No admission shall be charged to participate in any event, including but not limited to, lessons, clinics, tournaments, shows, exhibits.

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6510. Vehicular Use
a. Unauthorized motor vehicles either electric or gas powered shall not be permitted beyond designated road ways, parking areas, on paths, trails, along greenbelts and drainage ways, or in posted service yards.
b. Unauthorized motor vehicles, including motorized boats, mini-bikes, scooters, and go-carts are prohibited along the High Line Canal at all times.
c. Individuals with mobility disabilities may use other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMDs) on trails within Aurora parks and open space properties for purposes of locomotion. Authorized OPDMDs shall meet the following criteria:
1. Width of OPDMD must not exceed 40% of the total width of the trail.
2. Length of OPDMD must allow operator to maneuver around all corners without leaving the trail surface.
3. Weight must not cause displacement of trail material.
4. No fuel powered engines allowed.
5. Motor noise level must not exceed 55 decibels.
6. Must not cause damage to the trail, turf, property or natural ecosystem.

6511. Parking
   a. Parking of any vehicles, on public land and/or designated park land is not permitted, except on designated roadways and parking areas including vehicles for purposes of unloading.
   b. Parking is prohibited between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., or as posted.
   c. Parking, stopping and/or loading/unloading in a designated fire lane is prohibited.
   d. Oversized vehicles including recreational vehicles and trailers shall be parked in designated area and not to exceed more than one parking spot.
   e. Vehicles shall not exceed the posted time allowed for loading/unloading zones.
   f. City authorized/owned vehicles are exempt from this regulation.

6512. Handicapped Parking
   No vehicle and/or trailers shall be allowed in handicapped parking areas unless such vehicle and/or trailer displays a current state issued handicap license plate and/or tag.

6513. Bicycles
   a. Bicycles may only be operated on designated trails.
   b. Bicycles shall not exceed posted speed limits.
   c. Allowable electrical assisted bicycles are “Class 1” and “Class 2” as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-102. Generally two, or three-wheeled vehicles with fully operable pedals, and an electric motor not exceeding 750 watts of power, and whose motor ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour. Allowable electrical assisted bicycles must comply with the following:
      1. Speed limit of 15 mph unless otherwise posted;
      2. Weigh less than 100 pounds;
      3. May not be wider than forty percent (40%) of the width of the trail; and
      4. May be operated on any paved multi-purpose trails only.
      5. Electric bicycles are prohibited on the High Line Canal trail, except by authorized agencies.

6514. Activities in City of Aurora Waters.
   a. All activities in City of Aurora waters including the use of watercraft, waders, swimming, and ice fishing shall be at the discretion of the City of Aurora.
b. Swimming, SCUBA diving, snorkeling, tubing, rafting, boating, are prohibited on any lakes, spillways, or canals, except in designated areas.

c. Ice activities are prohibited on any park facility, except in designated areas or as authorized by the posting of signs by the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

d. Ice-fishing shelters must be portable and must be removed each day before closing.

6515. Compliance with Colorado Boating Regulations.

Users must comply with the Colorado Boating Regulations which are hereby adopted in their entirety as amended from time to time by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

a. No person shall operate a vessel that has entered the water unless each child under the age of thirteen who is aboard such vessel is wearing a personal flotation device, unless such child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin. Such flotation device shall be of a type approved by the United States Coast Guard and shall be in good and serviceable condition.

b. All boats and vessels must be registered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife with the proper identification number, hull identification number, and expiration date decal attached as prescribed by the Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations.

6516. Compliance with Colorado Fishing Regulations

All anglers must comply with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Rules and Regulations regarding fishing, which are hereby adopted in their entirety as amended from time to time by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

6517. Fishing

a. Fishing is prohibited both from the shore and watercraft in areas posted as “No Fishing”.

b. Spear fishing/bow fishing is prohibited.

c. Cleaning of fish is prohibited.

6518. Wildlife

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully damage, destroy, or remove any wildlife, habitat, or vegetation.

b. No wildlife or domesticated animals may be introduced into any park facility.

c. It is unlawful for any person to take or have in his/her possession any wildlife from any park facility, except as permitted in these rules and regulations. Possession of wildlife shall be prima facie evidence that the person having such possession is engaged or has been engaged in hunting, fishing, or trapping.

d. No person shall feed, cause to be fed, or provide food to any wildlife or domesticated animal.

e. It shall be unlawful for any owner or person to allow their animal to catch, attempt to catch, molest, harass, worry, harm, chase, injure, or
kill any wildlife.

f. It shall be unlawful for any person to use toxicants, poison, drugs, dynamite, explosives, or any stupefying substances for the purpose of taking or harassing any wildlife, except by written authorization of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

6519. Hunting and Trapping
No hunting or trapping is permitted without permission of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space. If such permission is granted, the hunter or trapper must comply with state statutes and regulations pursuant to Article 6 of Title 33 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Possession of wildlife shall be prima facie evidence that the person having such possession is engaged or has been engaged in hunting, fishing or trapping.

6520. Pets
a. All pets shall be restrained by a leash, cord, or chain a maximum of ten (10) feet in length, and held by a person who is physically able to control the animal unless a park facility or portion of the park facility is specifically posted for off-leash activities.
b. All animal excrement shall be removed immediately from any park facility or shall be disposed of in a receptacle.
c. Pets are prohibited from entering the water or entering onto the ice.
d. Pets are prohibited in beach areas.
e. Pets are prohibited where expressly prohibited by a posted sign.
f. All pets are prohibited at Quincy Reservoir.
g. Restricted breeds are prohibited in the City of Aurora. Reference City of Aurora Ordinance Sec 14-75.

5390. Cruelty; Mistreatment
It shall be unlawful for any person to commit cruelty to animals.

5398. Running at Large
It shall be unlawful for any animal to be running at large within any open space, parks and reservoirs, natural areas, trails, special use sites and golf courses within the City of Aurora.

6523. Horses
a. Horses may only be ridden in designated equestrian areas or on designated trails.
b. Horses are prohibited on paved trails or paths unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.
c. Horses in parades and other events using park roads shall be required to be diapered.

6524. Carts, Carriages
Carts, carriages, wagons and sleighs are prohibited on any park facility unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.
**6525. Livestock**
It shall be unlawful to negligently or intentionally turn livestock onto or to allow to graze in or upon, any park facility, unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

**6526. Alcoholic Beverages**
It shall be unlawful to consume or possess any beverage containing more than 3.2% alcohol in any park facility, unless otherwise posted, without the appropriate permits from the City of Aurora.

**6527. Alcohol at Scheduled Events**
Consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverages (including 3.2% alcohol content beer) by either the participants or spectators at any scheduled athletic event that is not licensed by liquor licensing authorities is prohibited. Participants and spectators may not bring alcoholic beverages into any park or facility at which an athletic event is scheduled, whether or not alcoholic beverages are available for sale. Sales of 3.2% alcohol content beer must be pre-approved by the Local Licensing Authority of the City of Aurora and the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

**6528. Glass Bottles or Containers**
Glass bottles or glass containers of any kind are prohibited on any park facility, unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space or his designee.

**6529. Trash**
Disposal of all litter, trash, and debris, in proper receptacles is required of all park users.

**6530. Dumping**
Dumping of commercial or household refuse, landscape materials, organic or yard waste, or any hazardous substances, on property or into containers managed or owned by the City of Aurora is prohibited.
6531. Urination or Defecation
Urination or defecation, other than in designated restrooms is prohibited.

6532. Fire
It is unlawful to burn any material in a careless manner, or to leave a fire unattended or to fail to completely extinguish fire. Fires are permitted in designated areas, grills, fireplaces, and personal grills only.

6533. Grills and outdoor cooking equipment
The term “grills” means any type of outdoor cooking equipment.
   a. All grills shall only be used on dirt, concrete, or asphalt areas.
   b. Grills are prohibited on any beach area.
   c. Grills are prohibited in natural area and native grass areas.
   d. All coals shall be drowned, cooled, and removed from the park or placed in coal receptacles. All grease must be contained and disposed of properly.

6534. Camping
Overnight camping is prohibited in any park facility, except where specifically designated or as authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space. Prior to issuing a Summons to Municipal Court for violations of this Rule, the Park Ranger will first issue to the person, or post on the person’s property, a Notice of Violation. Such notice shall clearly indicate the specific violation as well as state a reasonable deadline for the person to comply with the rule.
   a. “Camping” means to reside or dwell temporarily in a place with shelter.
   b. “Shelter” includes, without limitation, any tent, tarpaulin, lean-to, sleeping bag, bedroll, blankets, or any form of cover or protection from the elements, other than clothing.
   c. “Reside” or “dwell” includes, without limitation, conducting such activities as eating, sleeping, or the storage of personal possessions.

6535. Amplification\Noise
   a. Amplified sound is prohibited, unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.
   b. It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any unreasonably loud or unusual noise, which seriously inconveniences other persons in the area.

6536. Lighting
Use of artificial lighting or import of mobile or other light fixtures, other than those installed as a permanent part of the site facilities, is prohibited, unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space.
6537. Barriers
Barriers or rope may not be used to mark areas of exclusive use in any park or areas designated for park usage unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space, or his designee.

6538. Firearms
Possession of a firearm is prohibited in any park facility except as authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation & Open Space through an approved Site Use Agreement, or in designated areas, or as allowed by State of Colorado law. Firearms are defined as any crossbow, bow and arrow, slingshot, blowgun, BB gun or pellet gun, whether powered with gunpowder, compressed air, or gas cartridges.

6539. Weapons
Illegal possession, display, flourishing or use of weapons is prohibited in any park facility. Weapons are defined as including but not limited to, any slingshot, razor, dirk, dagger, or any knife with a blade over 3 ½ inches, nunchaku or throwing stars.

6540. Fireworks
Fireworks of any kind are prohibited on any park facility, unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

6541. Missiles
Launching of missiles, rockets, or similar devices of all types are prohibited on any park facility, except in designated areas or unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

6542. Aircraft
It is unlawful to land or launch any aircraft, engine powered, glider, or balloon, on any park facility, unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

6543. Remote Controlled Devices
Remote or radio controlled devices of all types are prohibited on any park facility, except in designated areas or unless authorized by the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department.

6544. Golfing
Use of any park or area designated for park or open space usage, other than golf courses, for any golfing activity is prohibited.

6545. Interference with Park Ranger
It shall be unlawful to interfere with, or attempt to interfere with, by use of any physical action with a Park Ranger while such Park Ranger is discharging or apparently discharging his or her duties.
6546. Disorderly Conduct
It shall be unlawful to engage in disorderly conduct in any park facility, open space area, or reservoir. A person commits disorderly conduct if he or she knowingly or recklessly:

a. Addresses abusive language or threats to any person present which creates a clear and present danger of violence;
b. Fights with another in a public place;
c. Without authorization, alters or befouls public property or the property of another so as to create a hazardous, unhealthy, or physically offensive condition; or
d. Causes or is likely to cause harm or serious inconvenience by failure to obey a lawful order or command by a Park Ranger, acting under the color of official authority. A Park Ranger acts “under color of his or her official authority” when, in the regular course of assigned duties, he or she is called upon to make and does make, a judgment in good faith based upon surrounding facts and circumstances that an order or command should be given by him or her.
e. First conviction of any count of disorderly conduct under this section can result in suspension from any park area for ten (10) to thirty (30) days. Conviction of a second offense of disorderly conduct can result in suspension up to a year.

6547. False Information
It is unlawful to give false or misleading information to a Park Ranger conducting an investigation of a violation of the Aurora City Code or a rule or regulation of the City, or to display any false identification with intent to mislead such Ranger in the performance of his or her duties.

6548. Complicity
A person is legally accountable and may be charged as a principal for the behavior of another constituting a violation of these rules and regulations, if, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of a violation, he or she aids, abets, or advises the other person in planning or committing the violation.

6549. Containers Subject to Inspection
All containers being brought into any park facility, are subject to reasonable inspection by Park Rangers.

6550-6598 Reserved for future needs.
GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO AURORA RESERVOIR & QUINCY RESERVOIR

6600. Park Pass Required.
   a. Access limited to vehicles possessing daily or permanently affixed annual, City of Aurora – Park passes.
   b. Passes are issued to individual vehicles, and are nontransferable.
   c. Annual vehicle passes must be permanently affixed in a prominent location on the right side of the vehicle’s windshield.
   d. Daily vehicle passes must be affixed in a prominent location on the right side of the vehicle’s windshield.

6601. Entrance and Exit
Persons must enter and exit the reservoir by designated gates only.

6602. Time of Operation for Vessels on Aurora Waters
All vessels must be off the water or appropriately moored one-half hour after sunset unless otherwise posted.

6603. Watercraft Access Pass
Aquatic Nuisance Species Risk Watercraft is defined as any watercraft capable of transporting an Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) via any compartment capable of holding water including, but not limited to, live wells, bilge, ballast tank, and other storage compartments within the Aurora Reservoir or Quincy Reservoir Park Areas, or any vessel launched or landed via a trailer which enters the water.
   a. The transport of Aquatic Nuisance Species Risk Watercraft shall require the purchase of a current Watercraft Access Pass (WAP).
   b. WAP shall be permanently affixed to the passenger side of the windshield of the transporting vehicle or in a prominent location on the watercraft.
   c. It is unlawful to launch any ANS Risk Watercraft without first obtaining a mandatory inspection for ANS.
   d. All ANS Risk Vessels must enter and exit from the main gate, and are not permitted to enter from alternate walk-in access points.

6604. Motor Boats
   a. Gasoline powered motors prohibited. Motors for propulsion on the reservoir(s) must be electric. City of Aurora owned/authorized vessels are exempt from all provisions of this regulation.
   b. All portable gas tanks must be removed from vessel.
   c. Use of sails prohibited at Quincy Reservoir.

6605. Watercraft Limitations
All watercraft including but not limited to, belly boats, pontoon boats and sailboards must remain one hundred fifty (150) feet from shorelines occupied by fishermen.
6606. Careless Boating
It is unlawful for any person to operate a vessel in a careless or
imprudent manner without due regard for type of area, traffic,
and other attendant circumstances, or as to endanger any person,
property, or wildlife.

6607. Reckless Boating
It is unlawful for any person to operate a vessel in such a manner as
to indicate either wanton or willful disregard for the safety of persons
or property.

6608. Child Supervision
a. Children nine (9) years of age or younger must be accompanied by
an adult.
b. Children twelve (12) years of age or younger must be accompanied
by an adult while in proximity of the Aurora Reservoir beach area(s),
playgrounds, or picnic shelters.

6609. Fish Retaining Devices
The use of any nets, seines, traps, pots or other retaining devices
which obstruct the free passage of any fish and crustaceans (crayfish,
crawdads) are prohibited, unless authorized by the City of Aurora
Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space.

6610. Distributing Flyers
The distribution of flyers, handbills, or circulars is prohibited at the
Aurora and Quincy Reservoirs, but is permissible at all other parks in
the City.

6611 – 6649 Reserved for future needs.
6650. Swimming
Swimming is permitted in designated swim area(s) only.

6651. Beach Areas
a. Diapers are prohibited in the water unless made for water use.
   b. Grills prohibited.

6652. SCUBA Diving/SCUBA Area
a. SCUBA diving and snorkeling are permitted in designated area only.
   b. Night diving is allowed by Temporary Use Permit only. Permitting requires minimum two weeks’ notice through the PROS Department Event Permitting System.
   c. Ice diving is prohibited.
   d. Each vehicle accessing the SCUBA area must have an authorized scuba area placard and the placard must be visibly displayed in the vehicle’s windshield.

6653. Archery Regulations
a. Bows/arrows crossbows/bolts are permitted in designated areas only. All other firearms are prohibited.
   b. Broadhead/arrows and crossbows/bolts/broadhead bolts are prohibited on City-owned target butts/backstops.
   c. Crossbows may only be cocked/loaded while standing at the firing line. When not standing at the firing line crossbows must be un-cocked/unloaded.
   e. Shooting of arrows/bolts after sunset is prohibited.
   f. All archers must shoot from the distance markers.
   g. All archers under sixteen (16) years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
   h. Alcohol is prohibited on the archery range and within the archery range parking lot.

6654. Use of Metal Detectors
Metal detectors are permitted on the swim beach, within the designated swim area, and the boat launch beach. It is unlawful to fail to fill in holes excavated while retrieving buried objects. Underwater metal detectors are prohibited outside of designated swim areas.

6655. Mooring and Dry Storage
Vessels are not permitted to use mooring buoys, dry storage area, or be left in the park overnight without a current and valid permit for such use.

6656-6674 Reserved for future needs.
AURORA RESERVOIR BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS
2 – Trout any size
5 – Walleye 18 inches or longer (Only one (1) Walleye longer than 21”
can be taken per day.)
5 – Largemouth Bass/Smallmouth Bass 15 inches or longer (in aggre-
gate)
10 – Wiper
20 – Crappie
10 – Channel/Blue Catfish
20 – Yellow Perch
6675. Tackle
Tackle is restricted to artificial flies and lures only.
   a. Possession or use of bait (including but not limited to worms, food substances, live or dead aquatic life, fish eggs, and hand-moldable dough) is prohibited.
   b. Scented flies or lures must be 1 ½ inches in length or longer.

6676. Swimming
Swimming is prohibited.

6677. Bicycles
Bicycles must remain on trails.

6678. Dogs, Cats, and Pets
Dogs, cats, and other pets are prohibited.

6679. Hand Launched Watercraft
Only watercraft launched by hand are permitted. Vehicles and trailers are not allowed in the water.

6680 – 6698 Reserved for future needs.

QUINCY RESERVOIR BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS
2 – Trout any size
5 – Largemouth Bass/Smallmouth Bass 18 inches or longer (in aggregate)
20 – Yellow Perch
20 – Crappie
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SPORTS PARK ONLY

6700. Playing Conditions
The practice, play or other use is prohibited on any turf areas when frost or wet ground is present as determined by authorized City staff.

6701. Bicycles, Skates, Skate Board, Scooters
The use of bicycles, in-line or other roller skates, skate boards, scooters or other devices is prohibited in facility plaza areas and as posted.

6702. Alcohol
No alcohol is allowed at Sports Park without a permit from the Director of Parks, Recreation and Open Space or designee.

6703. Practice or Warm-up
Any pre or post-game practice or warm-up activities must be done in the designated warm-up areas, the use of any other areas for warm-up is prohibited. The use of fences as backstops, etc. or other for hitting, throwing, soft toss or other is prohibited.

6704 – 6749 Reserved for future needs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DOG OFF-LEASH PARKS ONLY

6750. Barking Dogs
It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor any dog, which by frequent, habitual or continued barking, yelping or howling, that causes an annoyance or inconvenience to a neighbor or person passing upon public areas while in a Dog Off-Leash Park.

6751. Unspayed Females
Female dogs in heat are not permitted in a Dog Off-Leash Park.

6752. Supervision
a. While in a Dog Off-Leash Park, all children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Children under 12 years of age are prohibited from supervising any dog.

b. Leaving dog(s) unattended and/or unsupervised while in a Dog Off-Leash Park is strictly prohibited.

c. Abandonment of animals is prohibited.

6753. Maximum Number
A maximum of three (3) dogs per person is allowed in a Dog Off-Leash Park.

6754. Under-Age Dogs
Dogs under the age of four (4) months are not allowed in a Dog Off-Leash Park.
6755. Food and Alcohol
It is prohibited for any person(s) to bring any alcohol or food into a Dog Off-Leash Park.

6756 – 6798 Reserved for future needs.