

# VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP PARK

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Charter Township of Van Buren, in order to serve the best interests of its residents and to maintain and operate Van Buren Township Park, offers the following rules and regulations:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** Alcoholic beverages, such as beer and wine, are allowed within the boundaries of the park within legal limits of the law. No liquor is allowed in the park. All open alcoholic beverages shall be confined to the picnic site. Individuals may not carry open intoxicants outside of a 15 foot perimeter of the individual's picnic site. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the beach area, playground, athletic fields or any other place as determined by the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees or the Parks Department.

**BEACH:** NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY. SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK. Please note that the dock at the beach is owned by the University of Michigan and not intended for park patron use.

**CLOSING OF PARK:** The park, or any portion thereof, may be closed partially or entirely from certain uses (including the use/possession of alcoholic beverages and/or pet, respectively) for such periods of time as may be determined by the Board of Trustees or their representatives. During such periods of time, no person shall enter upon or occupy the park, or any portion thereof, contrary to posted regulations.

**DISPOSAL OF REFUSE:** All refuse will be disposed of in barrels provided for that purpose.

**EXEMPTIONS:** All or any portion of these rules may be exempted or amended for special uses when exemption is approved by the Township Board of Trustees.

**EXPLOSIVES:** NO fireworks or explosives of any kind are allowed on park property.

**FIRES:** Fires may be built only in grills or in other equipment areas designed for that purpose. Outside grills are not permitted.

**LARGE GROUP EVENTS:** No field day, carnival, concert, address, rally, dramatic presentation or the like (events not charging admission) at which more than 500 persons are in attendance (or can reasonably be expected to be in attendance—hereinafter called "Large Group Events") shall be held or conducted in the park unless a permit for such event has first been granted by the Parks Department. Permits of Large Group Events must be obtained no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the event. Conditions for obtaining permits are available at the Parks Department, subject to both Department or Committee and the Board of Trustees review. If admission is to be charged, approval must be granted by the Board of Trustees.

**LAWS:** All Federal, State, County and local statutes will be enforced in the park.

**MOTOR VEHICLES:** Motor vehicles will only be operated on roads designed for such purposes and shall be operated in a prudent manner, abiding by the posted fifteen mph speed limit.

**MOTORCYCLES:** Absolutely no motorcycles, dirt bikes or any vehicle of that nature is allowed in the park. Vehicles of this nature are allowed to park directly inside the gatehouse at no cost and walk into the park.

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, RADIOS, TAPE PLAYERS AND SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES:** No person shall operate or play any musical instrument, radio, mechanical tape player, loudspeaker, public address system or sound amplifying equipment of any kind within the boundaries of the park in such a manner as to disturb adjacent picnickers.

**OTHER VEHICLES:** The following vehicles (including, but not limited to) are prohibited: motorcycles, motorbikes, ATV's, dune buggies, snowmobiles, or any other off-road vehicles. When used as transportation to the park, they may be parked in an area designated for that purpose.

**PARK SEASON:** Open all year round, 8:00 a.m. till Dusk. Hours of operation subject to change due to availability of staff.

**PETS:** Dogs and other pets are permitted in the park only when kept on a leash not to exceed (6) feet in length and under the immediate control of some responsible person. The owner will resume full responsibility for all pets. Leader dogs for the blind are permitted in all areas.

**PICNICKING:** Picnicking is permitted only in designated picnic areas. Picnic groups of twenty-five (25) persons or more may register with the Parks Department to reserve a pavilion.

**PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY:** No person shall injure, deface, disturb, befoul or in any manner destroy or cause to be destroyed any part of the park or parkway or any facility, building, sign, structure, equipment, utility, or other property found therein. No person shall dig, remove, injure, or destroy any tree, flower, shrub, plant, or growing thing, nor any rock, mineral artifact, or other material within the boundaries of the park. No person shall kill, trap, hunt, pursue, or in any manner disturb or cause to be disturbed any wild bird or animal within the boundaries of the park.

**TOBACCO USE:** Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation holds its patron's health in a very high regard. To promote a healthy atmosphere for patrons, tobacco use shall be prohibited within 25 feet of the following areas: playgrounds, pavilions, stages, gazebos, gardens (community, memorial, senior), beaches and any building entrance. Please refer to the Department's attached Tobacco Use Policy for further information.

**SWIMMING AND WADING:** Restricted to area provided. No inflatable or Styrofoam toys are allowed as flotation devices in the water.

**VEHICLE ENTRY FEE:** All motor vehicles must obtain and have affixed to the vehicle, a valid Van Buren Park entry permit. This permit shall be affixed to the lower left hand corner of the windshield. Permits not affixed shall not be honored.

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