

# City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

## Program Policies

### Behavior Guidelines- 11080

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#### **POLICY RE:            Behavior Guidelines**

Facilities and programs under the authority of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Bloomington Department of Parks and Recreation are intended for the recreational use and enjoyment of residents of the City of Bloomington and guests. This policy is intended to regulate participants' conduct.

#### **Inappropriate Behavior**

Inappropriate behavior is that which compromises the safety, security, maintenance, use, and enjoyment of the parks and parks-managed properties and facilities. "Inappropriate behavior" includes, but is not be limited to, the following:

- Violations of federal, state, or local laws and ordinances.
- Behavior that is disruptive, harassing, or threatening in nature to park users or staff, including stalking, unwanted physical contact, or verbal abuse.
- Interference with the safe and free passage of park users or staff in parks, including but not limited to, lying, sitting, or placing objects (bags, personal items, strollers) in hallways, aisles, floors, doorways, vestibules, bathrooms, or elsewhere in a manner that unreasonably impedes the free passage of person about the park or within park facilities.
- Selling products or services on Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department property without prior approval of the department, with an exception for those that qualify under Indiana House Bill 1077- Child Operated Refreshment Stands.
- Using tobacco and vaping products, alcohol, or illegal drugs on Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department property.
- Harassing any person on the basis of race, sex, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Parking in areas or spaces not designated for parking.
- Damaging park grounds, materials, furniture, equipment or facilities.
- Improperly using or loitering within park restrooms or facilities in a manner which unreasonably prevents access to and use of the restrooms by other users or City staff, damaging restrooms or leaving them in a condition such that they are unusable by others.

- Engaging in behavior that otherwise unreasonably interferes with the intended use of the park, including making ongoing noise or using personal electronic devices at such a volume that it interferes with park services and activities.
- Using Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department properties outside of their established hours. Exception is granted to those using paved trails for transportation purposes.
- Engaging in any sport, game, or activity in a rough or reckless manner that may endanger, injure, or damage any person or property.
- Climbing trees, plants, fences, walls, or other structures or property other than recreational equipment installed by the Department and intended for use by the public for this purpose.
- Camping on lands of the department or inhabiting any structure or facility overnight without a permit (also see “Use of Structures on Park Properties” - Policy #13220).
- Destructive harvesting and foraging (see related “Foraging” - Policy #13420).
- Using fireworks, air rifles, paintball guns, bow and arrows, crossbows, swords, and pellet guns or any items that may be dangerous or used as weapons.
- Building fires except in locations designated for that use (permanent fire pits and grills).