Chapter A194. Park Rules and Regulations

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Mansfield 11-25-1974, effective 12-3-1974. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES
Alcoholic beverages — See Ch. 101.
Outdoor burning — See Ch. 114.
Parks and recreation areas — See Ch. 137.

§ A194-1. Permitted activities.

The following park uses and/or activities are permitted subject to additional specific regulations which may be adopted by the Town Council or its designated agency:

A. Hiking, picnicking, organized nature study, bicycling and horseback riding in designated areas.

B. Ice skating, swimming, cross country skiing and fishing at specific times and/or places.

C. Day and/or night camping only in specified areas, with a permit issued by the Town Manager or other designated person or agency of the Town.
   [Amended 7-25-1983]

D. Open fires only in fireplaces in designated picnic areas around Bicentennial Pond.
   [Amended 7-25-1983]

E. Open camping fires are thus prohibited in the remainder of Schoolhouse Brook Park.
   [Added 7-25-1983]

F. Organized games in designated areas.

G. Posting of signs only with permission issued by the Town Manager or other designated person or agency of the Town.
   [Amended 7-25-1983]

H. Special activities and/or programs only upon approval by the Town Manager or other designated person or agency.

I. Pets on leash only.

J. Subject to compliance with applicable provisions of the Mansfield Zoning Regulations, the Parks and Recreation Department may authorize not-for-profit organizations to erect program sponsorship signs/banners in Town parks, subject to the following conditions:
(1) Eligibility. Only not-for-profit organizations that operate to serve Mansfield residents are eligible to erect signs/banners under this subsection. The eligible not-for-profit organizations may erect signs/banners for only those businesses, organizations, individuals and other entities that provide monetary or other material assistance to the eligible organization. Subject to the conditions expressed herein, the Parks and Recreation Department has the discretion to reasonably determine which not-for-profit organizations and program sponsors are eligible to erect signs/banners under this subsection.

(2) Location. The location of program sponsorship signs/banners in Town parks shall be limited to active ballfields at the reasonable discretion of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(3) Duration. Signs/Banners permitted under this subsection may be erected or displayed permanently on scoreboards and for the duration of the season around the perimeter of the ballfields. Signs/Banners around the ballfields must be removed following the conclusion of the season.

(4) Construction. Signs/Banners permitted under this subsection must be single-sided, nonilluminating, and constructed with weatherproof material.

(5) Size. Signs/Banners permitted under this subsection cannot exceed 32 square feet in area or, for scoreboards, cannot exceed 33% of the total scoreboard area.

(6) Color/Format. Signs/Banners permitted under this subsection must be consistent in format. Wording on signs/banners permitted under this subsection is limited to the name, phone number, website and logo of the program sponsor. Sign/Color format of any sign/banner is subject to the reasonable approval of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(7) Enforcement. The Parks and Recreation Department shall administer and enforce the requirements of this subsection.

(8) Other. Subject to the conditions expressed herein, the Parks and Recreation Department has the discretion to impose reasonable restrictions and develop guidelines for program sponsorship signs consistent with these regulations.

§ A194-2. Prohibited activities.

Prohibited activities shall be as follows:

A. Commercial advertising, except for program sponsorship signs/banners as permitted in § A194-1J above.  
   [Amended 1-27-2003, effective 2-25-2003; 6-9-2014, effective 6-30-2014]

B. Vending or soliciting of any type except as authorized by the Town Council.

C. Littering.

D. Removal of or injury to trees, shrubs, flowers and/or other plants.

E. Molesting of birds and/or other fauna.

F. Destruction, misuse and/or defacement of park property.

G. Use or possession of explosives, firearms and/or fireworks.
H. Hunting and/or trapping.

I. Pets in swimming area.

J. All motorized vehicles except on designated public access roads and parking areas.

K. Use of the park, including parking areas, between sunset and sunrise without proper permit.

L. Disorderly conduct or any other illegal activity.
   [Amended 6-9-2014, effective 6-30-2014]

M. Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages.
   [Added 3-10-1975, effective 3-19-1975]

N. Golfing.
   [Added 7-28-1997, effective 8-23-1997]

O. The use, carrying or smoking of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or other device containing tobacco or tobacco products.
   [Added 8-25-2014, effective 9-24-2014]