

SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP

REGULATIONS FOR USE OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

PARK HOURS – 6:00 AM to SUNSET

ALL TRASH MUST BE DEPOSITED IN RECEPTACLES PROVIDED

The following acts and conduct are prohibited in Southampton Township Parks:

1. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages without an event permit from the Township.
2. Boisterous, immoral, indecent, or obscene conduct.
3. Discarding of trash, garbage, or other litter, except into the trash dumpster(s)/recycling containers provided in the vicinity of the pavilions. No dumping of trash of any kind that is not generated on the property.
4. Damaging, defacing, destroying, or removing any township owned property, sign, structure, or other material; driving nails or other hardware into trees.
5. Posting of signs; distributing, selling, servicing, or renting of any supplies, equipment, material, or commodity whatsoever, or soliciting for any purpose, without written authorization from the township supervisors.
6. Operating, stopping, or parking of any vehicle or bicycle, except on designated roads, trails, or areas.
7. Operating any vehicle or bicycle in a reckless or negligent manner, in excess of posted speed limit of 15 mph, or in such a manner as to become a nuisance to other users.
8. All recreational vehicles, including, but not necessarily being limited to the following: motorcycles, motorbikes, all-terrain vehicles, motor-driven cycles, motor-scooters, motorized pedacycles, 3-wheelers, and any other vehicle, whether or not same is required to be licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except that individuals may temporarily park campers while utilizing Park facilities during the posted hours that the Park facilities are open.
9. Operating a snowmobile in violation of Chapter 77 of the Vehicle Code; operating a snowmobile on a road, trail or area that has not been posted as open for snowmobiles; operating a snowmobile outside of the period from the day following the last day of regular or extended rifle deer season as established by the Game Commission through the following April 1. Operating a snowmobile requires a securely fastened helmet which meets the specifications established for motorcycle helmets in 67 Pa. Code Chapter 107.
10. Commercial vehicle traffic, unless providing authorized service.

11. Possession, except in transit on self or in vehicle or bicycle operated or owned by person, or discharge of any type of firearms, bows and arrows, air guns, slingshots, or fireworks, gunpowder, explosives or lethal or dangerous weapons. However, in accordance with Game Commission Rules, possession of firearms is permitted for a short period of time an individual is making a reasonable effort to retrieve killed or wounded game or wildlife.
12. Hunting, trapping, and training of dogs.
13. Releasing fish, reptiles, amphibians or other animals of any kind on Park property.
14. Equestrian activities.
15. Picnicking in areas other than except in designated areas and facilities.
16. Feeding wildlife or laying food, fruit, hay, grain, chemical, salt, or other minerals without express written permission from the Township.
17. Fires are prohibited, except for gas grills, camp stoves, and charcoal fires in designated areas. No fires will be left unattended without being extinguished, nor charcoal deposited or discarded. A person who has caused a wildfire, in addition to possible criminal penalty, is liable for damages, costs of extinction and fines.
18. Pets within picnic areas must be kept on a leash with a maximum length of 6 feet.
19. Un-leashed dogs are permitted in Park areas outside of picnic areas only under the following conditions:
 - a. It is attended and under control of an individual.
 - b. It does not behave in a manner that may reasonably be expected to disturb or intimidate another person.
 - c. It does not behave in a manner that may cause damage to property or resources.
 - d. All waste is removed by person in charge of dog(s) in any park.
 - e. Any other animals and/or pets, whatever nature or type are not permitted.
20. Using Township land in connection with or arising out of commercial activity unless authorized in conjunction with a valid permit.
21. The display of temporary signage or banners without the approval of the Township. All temporary signage and/or banners are subject to the Township's approval.
22. All events or planned activities will be subject to Township approval and restrictions.
23. Any form of recreation or activity, except in designated areas established by the recreation board.
24. Disorderly conduct, including any of the following:

- a. Fighting
 - b. Threatening
 - c. Engaging in violent or tumultuous behavior
 - d. Making unreasonable noise
 - e. Using obscene language
 - f. Making obscene gesture
 - g. Creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act which does not serve a legitimate purpose of the actor.
25. Failing to comply with a condition of a permit issued by the Township.
26. Drinking from the streams, springs, or lakes without properly treating the water first.
27. Any township park or facility that becomes hazardous for public use due to weather, fire, water, construction or other conditions may be closed at the discretion of the Township. Whenever possible, 24 hours' notice of the closing will be given to persons holding facility permits for use of such facility.
28. The Township shall schedule the use of all group-use facilities, including but not limited to, pavilions. If such facilities are not scheduled, they would be available to the public.
29. Intentionally breaking, cutting down, digging, collecting, removing or in any matter injuring or defacing any ornament, tree, plant, shrub, fern, flower and turf is prohibited.
30. Constructing, altering, or removing a structure or other improvement.
31. Removing or disturbing historical or archaeological resources.
32. Disturbance of birds' nests, eggs or any other wildlife habitat is prohibited. Maintain distance when observing wildlife.
33. Disturbance of waterflow or washing in water outlets, springs, streams, pools, ponds or basins is prohibited.
34. The use of playground apparatus shall be used primarily by children and youth only.
35. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also referred to as "drones," are prohibited except under the following limited conditions:
- a. Fly the UAS below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles.
 - b. Do not fly over Natural and Wild Areas as people seek these places for quiet solicitude.
 - c. Do not fly the UAS within 100 meters (328 feet) of any wildlife.
 - d. Keep the UAS within your sight at all times.
 - e. Fly the UAS within 5 miles from an airport or backcountry airstrip.
 - f. Keep away from populated and noise-sensitive areas, picnic areas, playgrounds, pavilions, trail heads, and visitor centers.

- g. Obey all privacy laws.
- h. Township has the ability to limit the use of drones if it infringes on the enjoyment of areas for privacy.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATION: Any person violating any of these rules shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine of not less than \$300.00, together with the costs of prosecution in each case.

By allowing you to use the Recreational Facilities of Southampton Township, you are agreeing to pay, protect, indemnify and save harmless Southampton Township from and against any and all liabilities, damages, costs, expenses, fees, including attorney's fees, cause of action, suits, claims, demands or judgments of any kind or nature in connection with personal injury or the loss of life and/or damage to personal property arising from or out of your use of any Southampton Township Recreational Facility as a result of any breach of any covenant or condition, or occasioned wholly or in part by any act, omission, carelessness, negligence or other improper conduct on your part or on the part of others in or about the Recreational Facility or any part thereof.