

**ADA TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS
RULES AND REGULATIONS**
(updated 2004)

1. PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND NATURAL FEATURES.

No person shall injure, deface, disturb or befool any part of the Park or Recreation Area (hereinafter the "Park") nor any building, sign equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any tree, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed.

2. GARBAGE, REFUSE, ASHES, SEWAGE AND NOXIOUS MATERIAL.

No person shall deposit, permit or suffer to be deposited, in any part of the Park, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, waste or other noxious material otherwise than in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes; nor dump any earth within the Park without specific written permit from the Ada Township Board.

3. HUNTING, FISHING AND MOLESTING WILD LIFE.

No person within the confines of the Park, unless authorized by written permit of the Ada Township Board, shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any other way molest any wild bird or animal found within the confines of the Park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird. No person shall fish in any waters in the Park in any manner or at a time prohibited by State Law.

4. FIRES.

No person shall start a fire in the Park, except small fires for culinary purposes in only such places provided for that purpose. All fires shall be put out by the person or persons starting or using the same before leaving the immediate vicinity of the fire.

5. "DANGEROUS WEAPON"

"Dangerous weapon" shall be defined as:

- 1) any firearm or gun, whether loaded or unloaded, including, but not limited to, the following:
Revolver, pistol; shotgun; rifle; air rifle; air gun; spring gun; pellet gun; pellet gun; paintball gun;
Or black powder gun;
- 2) any other weapon including, but not limited to, a bow and arrow; crossbow; slingshot; metallic Knuckles; sand club; sand bag; gas ejection device; laser; missile-propelling device; spear or spear Gun; switchblade, dirk, dagger, stiletto, razor or knife having a blade over three inches in length; Sword; blackjack; billy club; bludgeon; whip; or ax;
- 3) any other form of weapon potentially dangerous to human or wildlife safety;
- 4) any instrument that can be loaded with and fire blank cartridges;
- 5) any kind of trapping device; or
- 6) any device or explosive designed or used as a weapon and capable of causing death or great bodily harm.

"FIREWORKS"

"Fireworks" shall be defined as a device made from explosive or flammable compositions used primarily for the purpose of producing a visible display or audible effect or both, by combustion, deflagration or detonation.

Firearms and Other Dangerous Weapons

No person shall bring into or upon Township park property, have in her or his possession on Township park property, or brandish or discharge on Township park property, any firearm or other dangerous weapon without written permit from the Township, except to the extent authorized by MCL 28.421 *et seq* or other law. This section shall not apply to any duly sworn law enforcement officer.

Fireworks

No person shall possess, ignite, attempt to ignite, or otherwise cause to explode, discharge, or burn, any fireworks, smoke bombs, torpedoes, rockets, or other pyrotechnics or explosives within a Township park, or adjacent to a Township park where the effects of said ignition, explosion, discharge, or burning are reasonably likely to enter a Township park, without a written permit from the Township.

6. CAMPS

No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place, within the Park without specific written permit from the Ada Township Board.

7. DISORDERLY CONDUCT

No person shall, either by work or act, indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct, or in any manner disturb the peace or good order of the Township within the Park; nor shall any person play at games of chance, drink intoxicating liquor, or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper act therein. No person shall enter a toilet room set apart for the opposite sex.

8. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

No person under the influence of alcohol, narcotic drugs or opiates shall enter or remain within the Park.

9. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

No person shall remain within the Park who does not abide by conditions adopted and posted by the Ada Township Board for the preservation of good order and the protection of property within the Park; and no person shall remain person shall remain within the Park who does not abide by the instructions and directions of duly authorized law enforcement personnel or agents of the Ada Township Board in the lawful performance of their duties. Any person directed by law enforcement personnel or agent of the Ada Township Board to leave the Park shall do so promptly and peaceably.

10. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

No person shall resist or obstruct, or be abusive of or address in a profane or obscene manner, any law enforcement personnel or agent of the Ada Township Board.

11. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

No person shall consume, possess, or bring into the Park any beer, wine, liquor, malt or other intoxicating beverage. This provision may be waived for such periods and at such location with the Park as may be authorized by the Ada Township Board.

12. TRAFFIC.

No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven, along or over any road within the Park, any vehicle at a rate of speed greater than speed limits established by speed limit signs erected along the right-of-way.

No person shall park or store any motor car, motorcycle, bicycle, wagon or other vehicle within the Park, except in places designated by the Ada Township Board for such purposes.

The State laws relating to lights on vehicles shall apply to vehicles within the Park.

13. TRAFFIC

No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled, along or over any road, parkway, drive, or parking area within the Park, any motor vehicle in a reckless manner or in a manner to endanger the life, limb or property of pedestrians, or the drivers or occupants of other vehicles, or any other person with-in the Park.

14. TRAFFIC.

No person shall ride any horse or other animal within the Park, except upon bridle paths designated and established for horseback riders.

15. COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES.

No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within the Park without a permit from the Ada Township Board and no person shall do any begging, peddling or soliciting therein.

16. SIGNS

No person shall expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or display any banner, emblem or design, within the Park, without specific permit from the Ada Township Board.

17. GRAZING

No person shall herd, graze, drive or permit to run at large within the Park, any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep or other animal, or any poultry or other fowl.

18. DOGS AND CATS.

No person shall bring into, have or keep in the Park, any cat or other animal destructive of bird life, nor shall any person bring into or permit within the park, a dog, unless the same is held in control by a leash.

19. PARK CLOSING HOURS.

The Park shall close at dark. All Park users must leave at closing time unless a written permit for later hours has been issued by the Ada Township Board. Upon the parks so closing, it shall be unlawful for anyone to enter upon or occupy the parks without the said permit.

20. CLOSING PARKS OR PORTIONS THEREOF.

The Park, or portion thereof, may be closed entirely or closed to certain uses during any specified period of time by the Ada Township Board where it is determined that the physical condition of the Park or portion thereof is such that intended use of the Park or portion thereof would cause damage and deterioration to the Park or portion thereof in a degree greater than ordinary wear and tear, or that the intended use of the Park or portion thereof would create a health hazard or safety hazard to the proposed user or other citizens. During such a period of time as the Park or portions thereof are closed, these closings shall be prominently posted and it shall be unlawful for anyone to enter upon or occupy the Park or portions thereof contrary to the posted regulations.

21. SPECIFIC USES.

The Ada Township Board may designate from time to time all or a portion of a Park for specific uses. Specific uses may also be prohibited by the Ada Township Board. Uses by way of description but not by way of limitation are: Picnic areas, walking, bike and snowmobile areas, cross-country skiing, other recreational activities, and motor travel. Notices of prohibited uses shall be posted.

VIOLATION OF RULES & REGULATIONS: PENALTY

Any person who shall violate the posted rules and regulations shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment or both such fine and imprisonment.