

The primary purpose of the Parks Division is to provide and maintain adequate open space, parks and trails for the residents of Iowa City. There are a total of 50 parkland/open space sites amounting to 1,320± acres, and the various hard surface and "nature" trails are estimated to total 20 miles.

REGULATIONS

Following are the Parks and Recreation Regulations contained in Chapter 10 of the City Code of Iowa City. These regulations have been established to keep our parks beautiful and to ensure your enjoyment.

In any park or playground owned or controlled by the City of Iowa City, including streets or roadways therein, **no person shall:**

A. Damage to Property, Animals, Trees and Plant Materials:

1. Pick or destroy any plant materials or walk or run upon any flowerbeds.
2. Break or tear any limbs or branches from any tree.
3. Throw objects or missiles at any animal or bird or molest any animal or bird in any way.
4. Tear down, mutilate, destroy or carry away any sign constructed under the authority of the City Council or the Parks and Recreation Department.
5. Tear down, mutilate, destroy or burn any building, shelter, equipment, picnic table, grill or any personal property owned by the City.

B. Motor Vehicles and Traffic:

1. Park any vehicle in any area where parking is prohibited by posted signs.

2. Drive any vehicle within any park, except upon the designated streets, driveways and parking areas of such parks, except motorized devices designed for and used by persons with disabilities.

3. Drive any vehicle within any park at a speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.

4. Drive any vehicle in the wrong direction upon any one-way street within a park.

C. Weapons: Carry firearms or weapons into any park.

D. Animals:

1. Bring, cause or permit any pet to enter into any park unless such pet is on a leash or confined in a vehicle or some type of acceptable cage, kennel, crate, or carrier.

2. Ride any horse in any park, except upon streets and trails, and then only if the horse-rider provides for the immediate disposal of solid waste excreted by any animal.

3. This provision does not apply to an animal trained to assist persons with disabilities or to a person issued a permit as authorized in Section 8-4-12.

E. Fires: Build or aid and abet the building of any fire in any park, except in stoves or fireplaces designated for such purposes.

F. Alcoholic Beverages: Possess or consume any beer or alcoholic beverages in any park.

G. Practice Golf: Practice golf in any park.

H. Unauthorized Use of Buildings: Occupy any shelter or building or recreation area which has been reserved by others through the provisions of this Chapter or install any unauthorized reserved sign in any shelter, building or recreation area.

I. Hours: Except as provided for specified parks herein, occupy any park, whether on foot or in a vehicle, or permit any vehicle to remain parked in any park between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless granted special authorization by the City. From April 15 to October 31, the hours shall be 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. in City Park and Mercer Park. Waterworks Prairie Park, Peninsula Park, Hickory Hill Park, and Ryerson's Woods Park hours are from dusk to dawn. Dusk means 30 minutes after the time designated each calendar day as "sunset" and dawn means 30 minutes before the time designated each calendar day as "sunrise" by the United States Naval Observatory for Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa. Said designations can be accessed via the Internet at <<http://aa.usno.navy.mil>>.

J. Bicycles and Nonmotorized Vehicles:

No person shall travel upon or operate a bicycle or nonmotorized vehicle within Chauncey Swan Park. Persons may travel upon or operate bicycles and nonmotorized vehicles in all other City parks except where posted as prohibited, and only to the extent the nonmotorized vehicles are used in a safe manner so as not to injure persons or property. This provision shall not apply to a person with disabilities using a nonmotorized device designed for a person with disabilities.

Enjoy our parks!



**SHELTER RESERVATIONS AND
PARK USE PERMITS**

SHELTER RESERVATIONS:

Reservations for use of park shelters may be made one year in advance of intended use. Payment is required at time of making reservation. The park season runs from April 15-October 31. The only exception is the enclosed shelters in City Park, which are available beginning April 1. **Reservations may be done in person at the Recreation Division, 220 S. Gilbert Street, or over the phone (319) 356-5100 during regular office hours.** Office hours are 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Friday.

PARK USE PERMITS:

For any person or group of persons to use the facilities of any park in Iowa City, in part or in whole, for any public entertainment, parade or any combination thereof or for any use which excludes the use of the facilities by the public or community at large must first obtain a permit from the Director of Parks and Recreation. To obtain a permit, please pick up and complete an "Application for Parade/Public Assembly Permit" at the Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department, 220 South Gilbert Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240-1630. The application is also available on-line at www.icgov.org/publicuse. **More specific information can be obtained by phoning the Iowa City Parks and Recreation Department at 356-5210.**



<u>City Park Shelters #</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Fee*</u>
1, 9	48	\$20
2, 3, 12	80	\$32
4, 5, 7, 11, 13	36	\$14
6	132	\$52
8 (enclosed)	60	\$40
10 (gazebo)	6	\$14
14 (enclosed)	24	\$40
<u>Other Park Shelters</u>		
Benton Hill	12	\$8
Brookland	18	\$10
College Green Gazebo	4	\$20
Court Hill 1, 2, 4	36	\$14
Court Hill 3	18	\$10
Crandic	36	\$14
Creekside	36	\$14
Fairmeadows	36	\$14
Happy Hollow	36	\$14
N. Hickory Hill	60	\$24
S. Hickory Hill	54	\$20
Hunters Run #1	36	\$14
Hunters Run #2	24	\$12
Kickers Soccer Park North & South	24	\$12
Kiwanis	36	\$14
Mercer	60	\$24
Napoleon	36	\$14
North Market Square	36	\$14
Oak Grove	12	\$8
Pheasant Hill	12	\$8
Reno Street	18	\$10
Ryerson's Woods	12	\$8
Scott Park	12	\$8
Terrell Mill	18	\$10
Waterworks Prairie	12	\$5
Wetherby	48	\$20
Willow Creek	54	\$20

****Based on 5 hours of use -
fee doubles for any use over 5 hours.***

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USERS' GUIDE TO IOWA CITY'S PARKS



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