

CITY OF GOLDEN

PARKS AND RECREATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

The City of Golden offers its residents and visitors one of the most comprehensive park and recreation systems in the country, contributing to the City's reputation as a preferred location for people to live, work and play. Golden has 253 acres of parks, 24 miles of trails, 402 acres of open space that are well-used throughout the year by people of all ages, and provide a wide menu of different activities for recreation, leisure and sports.

The Parks and Recreation Department has created a limited number of guidelines to protect our natural resources for the enjoyment of residents and visitors, and to ensure that those new to Golden are aware of what is required to maintain quality parks and open spaces. These are being provided to enable as many people as possible to enjoy our parks system in accordance with the purpose for which they were created, and to preserve these treasured resources for future generations.

These rules and regulations span the following categories:

1. Usage
 - a. Alcohol beverages
 - b. Camping
 - c. Fires prohibited
 - d. Motorized vehicle operation
 - e. Park hours
 - f. Sound amplification
 - g. Vending and peddling prohibited

2. Safety
 - a. Dangerous missiles and firearms
 - b. Going onto ice prohibited
 - c. Possession of glass container
 - d. Slacklining guidelines
 - e. Smoking prohibited
 - f. Unmanned aerial vehicles

3. Property
 - a. Disfiguration and/or removal of City property
 - b. Encroachment prohibited
 - c. Litter prohibited
 - d. Pollution of waters
 - e. Structures and objects in the Creek

4. Pet Enjoyment
 - a. Removal of animal waste
 - b. Running at large

5. Wildlife Care
 - a. Protection of wildlife

1. **USAGE**

- a. **ALCOHOL BEVERAGES:** It is prohibited for any person to possess, consume, or distribute any alcohol beverage within any city park or trail, absent the prior written approval of the city manager or the manager's designee.
- b. **CAMPING:** Camping is permitted only in the designated areas of the Clear Creek RV Park Campground upon the prior acquisition of a permit from the Campground.
- c. **FIRES PROHIBITED:** It is prohibited for any person to make or allow to burn any fire except in designated fire pits, fire places, gas or solid fuel grills. It is prohibited to fail to completely extinguish any fire made or maintained in a designated fire pit, fire place or grill prior to leaving any city park. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Fire Chief or Fire Marshall may impose fire restrictions and bans at any time and upon any conditions as they deem appropriate.
- d. **OPERATION OF VEHICLES:** It is prohibited for any person to operate any motorized vehicle including, but not limited to, any self-propelled vehicle, motorbike, motorcycle, whether designed for travel on public highways or designed for off-road travel, moped, go-cart, golf cart, motor scooter, or snowmobile, Segway, hover board, or similar mode of transportation upon or within any park or trail, except as permitted by law upon established roadways within a city park.
- e. **PARK HOURS:** Parks are open to the public between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 11:00p.m. Trails will remain open 24 hours each day to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- f. **SOUND AMPLIFICATION:** It is prohibited for any person to utilize any machine or device for the purpose of amplification of human voice, music or any other sound in any park without the prior written authorization of the City Manager or the Manager's designee.
- g. **VENDING AND PEDDLING PROHIBITED:** It shall be prohibited for any person to expose or offer for sale any goods or services or to station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such goods or services within or upon any city park or trail. This prohibition shall not apply to any concession operated by or with the approval of the City.

2. **SAFETY**

- a. **DANGEROUS MISSILES AND FIREARMS:** It is prohibited for any person to use, discharge, fire, shoot any firearm, air gun, sling shot, pellet gun, blow gun, paintball gun, air soft gun, spring gun, bow-arrow, or any other weapon; it shall further be prohibited to play golf or hit golf balls or shoot arrows into or within any park or trail, unless in a city operated or approved archery range or golf course.
- b. **GOING ONTO ICE PROHIBITED:** It is prohibited for any person, including any person's animal to go onto ice located upon any waterway within a city park or trail area.

- c. **POSSESSION OF GLASS CONTAINER:** It is prohibited for any person to possess any glass container(s) within or upon any city park.
- d. **SLACKLINING:** (or any other objects tied, fastened or anchored to trees) is allowed under the following guidelines:
 - a. Trees will be protected with padding, prior to the installation of the anchor lines.
 - b. Anchor lines may not be attached to signs, fencing, light poles, playground equipment, or any other park structures.
 - c. Tree's trunks must be at least 1 foot in diameter.
 - d. Anchor points cannot be damaged or altered in order to secure an anchor.
 - e. Slacklines and ground must be level and parallel to each other.
 - f. Slacklines may not exceed 50 feet in length.
 - g. The slackline may not be elevated to a height of more than 4 feet at the center of the span.
 - h. Equipment must not be left unattended, and if not in use, immediately taken down.
 - i. Slacklines must not interfere with other park activities nor cross any sidewalks, bridges or any other right of ways and are prohibited upon any trail.
 - j. Slacklines cannot cross each other.
 - k. No more than one slackline is permitted per one anchor point.
 - l. City personnel may order the removal of a slackline at any time.
- e. **SMOKING PROHIBITED:** Smoking is prohibited in all city owned or controlled parks, trails and recreation facilities which includes, for example, all city owned or controlled property that is within 25 feet of any portion of the Kinney Run Trail, Cressman Gulch Trail, Tucker Gulch Trail, Clear Creek Trail, US 6/SH-93 Trail owned or controlled by the city, within 25 feet of, any playground located within a city park; the Fossil Trace Golf Course and associated grounds and facilities, including the club house, driving ranges and practice facilities, but not to include the actual course of play, or outdoor smoking areas by the clubhouse; all outdoor areas in the Clear Creek RV Park not including city designated smoking areas.
- f. **UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES PROHIBITED:** It is prohibited for any person to operate any unmanned aerial vehicle within or above and city park without written approval by the city manager or the manager's designee.

3. **PROPERTY**

- a. **DISFIGURATION AND/OR REMOVAL OF CITY PROPERTY:** It is prohibited for any person to mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove, any structures, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, waterlines, public utilities, signs, notices or placards whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, boundary markers, equipment, and all appurtenances thereto located within or upon any city park, trail or recreation facility. It shall further be prohibited for ant person to dig or remove any soil, rock, stones, trees, shrubs, or plants, fell, cut, carve or damage any tree, plant, or other wood, or disperse any pesticide, fungicide, insecticide or similar chemicals upon or within any city park or trail without the prior permission of the city manager or the manager's designee.

- b. **ENCROACHMENT PROHIBITED:** It shall be prohibited for any person to construct or maintain any improvements, or grow or otherwise cultivate any vegetation, plant or crop including but not limited to vegetable or flower gardens, landscaping, fences, tree houses, swings, swing-sets, bike ramps, paths or compost piles, or store any personal property within or upon any city park or trail.
- c. **LITTER PROHIBITED:** It is prohibited for any person to throw or deposit, or cause or permit to be thrown, scattered or deposited within or upon any city park or trail any garbage, trash or junk as or hazardous material as defined by 40 C.F.R. Part 261, or other offensive matter unless such is deposited within clearly marked and designated dumpsters or containers.
- d. **POLLUTION OF WATERS:** It is prohibited for any person to throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or trail any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may pollute such waters.
- e. **STRUCTURES AND OBJECTS IN CREEK:** Property or structures which includes, but is not limited to, benches lawn chairs, fire pits, grills, cots, furniture, slides, bicycles, coolers, radio controlled boats, and any other similar object, not commonly associated with wading or swimming are prohibited from the waters and banks of Clear Creek.

4. **PET ENJOYMENT**

- a. **REMOVAL OF ANIMAL WASTE:** It is prohibited for any animal owner to fail to prevent such animal from defecating or voiding excrement on or within any city park or trail. provided, however, that it is an affirmative defense to a charge of violating this rule that the person having charge of the animal immediately removed such defecation or excrement and disposed of it in a pet waste station or in an otherwise lawful and sanitary manner.
- b. **RUNNING AT LARGE:** It shall be unlawful for any animal owner to permit an animal to run at large within any city park or trail except upon the premises of any city designated off-leash facility in accordance with such facilities posted rules and regulations.

5. **WILDLIFE CARE**

- a. **PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE:** It is prohibited for any person or to harass, capture, injure or destroy any wild bird or animal, or attempt to harass, capture, injure or destroy any such wild bird or animal located within or upon a city park or trail or to prevent one's animal from such activities. Feeding of wildlife is also prohibited.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

DEFINITIONS:

City Parks include; all parks and trails maintained and run by the city, to include parking lots and Fossil Trace Golf Course.

EXCEPTIONS TO PARK AND RECREATION RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The exceptions set forth in this document shall apply to:

- (a) Any prior, written approval that has been issued by the city manager or the manager's designee for such activities

PARK RESERVATIONS: At the time any person or group of persons shall reserve the use of a park or portion thereof by making a reservation with the City Manager or their designee and at the time of issuance of a permit pursuant to the section “Exceptions to park closing hours and use of alcoholic beverages”, the City Manager or their designee shall have the authority to require a cash or surety bond up to the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to guarantee the cleanup of the park or portion thereof as used.

CLOSURES: The City Manager or manager's designee may, when deemed necessary, close for any time period any park due to conservation, wildlife, vegetation, management review, contractual or public safety concerns. No person shall enter park areas that are closed by the City Manager.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS: The City Manager is authorized to adopt and enforce administrative rules and regulations that implement and supplement the regulations set forth in this section, when such rules or regulations are necessary for maintenance, repairs, or the protection or conservation of any lands, structures, property, wildlife or vegetation or to protect the public. All persons shall comply with such rules and regulations.

APPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITIONS: The prohibitions contained within this article, unless specified otherwise shall be applicable to all parks, trails, open space and recreation facilities owned and operated by the city, including the Fossil Trace Golf Course, and Splash. The provisions contained within this article shall not apply to city employees or any law enforcement or emergency service personnel engaged in the performance of their duties.

OTHER POTENTIAL RULES:

DOG PARK REGULATIONS

It shall be unlawful for any animal owner to violate any of the following regulations regarding the use of any city designated dog park:

- (a) All dogs that enter the park must be over four (4) months of age, spayed or neutered, have a valid license and current vaccination with an accompanying tag. The tag must be securely affixed to the dog's collar at all times.
- (b) All dogs must be leashed when entering or leaving the park's fenced enclosures and owners must retain possession of the leash at all times when within the park's fenced enclosure.
- (c) Owners must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and remain within the park's fenced enclosure and in control of all dogs under their care at all times when within the park. Owners are limited to three (3) dogs per visit.
- (d) Owners shall immediately pick up their dogs' excrement and deposit it in a park trash receptacle.
- (e) Aggressive, vicious or contagious dogs are prohibited from use of the park.
- (f) Owners shall immediately close and secure the gate upon entering or exiting the confines of the park's fenced enclosure.
- (g) Owners shall immediately pick up any litter or trash, resulting from their use of the park and deposit same in a park trash receptacle.
- (h) Glass containers are prohibited within the park.
- (i) Entrance within the park in violation of its posted hours of 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. or when closed by the city, is prohibited.
- (j) [Responsibility assumed by owners.] Owners voluntarily assume all risks, loss or injury for themselves or their dog(s) associated with or resulting from use of the park.