

*Borough of Hanover, PA
Wednesday, October 12, 2022*

Chapter 259. Parks and Other Public Areas

Article I. Rules and Regulations

§ 259-3. Park rules enumerated.

[Amended 10-31-1968 by Ord. No. 1411; 9-7-1977 by Ord. No. 1688]

The following shall be posted in each public park:

WELCOME

Enjoy your visit. Please be considerate of those who will use this park or recreation area after you. To help ensure your safety and pleasure, please observe the following rules and regulations:

- A. All recreation and park areas are open to the public between dawn and dusk throughout the year. Lighted courts may be used until 11:00 p.m. where provided with lighting specifically for court use, not just security or walkway lights.
[Amended 12-23-2008 by Ord. No. 2144]
- B. In the event of hazardous conditions endangering life or property, any park, recreation area or facility may be closed to public use at the discretion of the Borough Manager.
- C. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.
- D. Consider other users. Boisterous, immoral or indecent conduct will not be tolerated.
- E. Trash, garbage and all other litter must be placed in containers provided for this purpose and shall be limited to materials accumulated during use of park or recreation areas.
- F. Do not remove, molest, injure or damage anything natural or physical within any park or recreation area.
- G. Open fires and the disposal of hot coals from charcoal grills are permitted only in the facilities provided.
- H. The soliciting for any purpose or posting of signs is not permitted. The distribution, sales, servicing or rental of any supplies, equipment, material or commodity is restricted to authorized concessionaires.
- I. The use or discharge of any type of air gun, slingshot or explosive is prohibited.
- J. Outdoor recreational activity in park or recreation areas shall be restricted to locations for which physical improvement or posting designates the appropriate purpose and use.
- K. Unorganized or organized instruction, exhibition, competition demonstration or special camping events first require written application and approval from Hanover Borough Council before such event may be conducted.
- L. No bicycles, minibikes, or motorized vehicles are to be used in or on the recreation areas and parks. The only exception is for scheduled events by the proper authorities and the use of bicycles on trail paths provided for nonmotorized cycles.
[Amended 12-23-2008 by Ord. No. 2144]

- M. No dogs, horses or other animals are allowed in or on recreation areas or parks owned by the Borough of Hanover unless a specific scheduled event in which such animals are permitted is approved by the proper Borough authorities. The only exceptions to this restriction are leashed dogs and horses, which shall be allowed on the Hanover Rail Trail, subject to the conditions set forth below. The following acts shall be considered unlawful in or on recreation areas and parks in the Borough of Hanover:
[Amended 12-23-2008 by Ord. No. 2144; 12-23-2014 by Ord. No. 2213]
- (1) Causing or allowing any animal which one owns or otherwise has control over to run at large.
 - (2) Bringing, driving, riding or leading any horse onto Borough recreational property, with the exception that horses may be ridden or brought onto the Hanover Rail Trail.
 - (3) Bringing, driving, leading or carrying onto Borough recreation property any dog or other animal or pet which is unleashed.
 - (4) Torturing, ill-treating or neglecting any animal.
 - (5) Causing or allowing a pet or animal which one owns or otherwise has under one's control, including dogs and horses, to relieve themselves without cleaning up afterwards.
 - (6) Feeding wild animals, including but not limited to geese, ducks, deer, birds and squirrels.
 - (7) Storing or leaving food on Borough recreation property in a manner that is reasonably likely to attract wild animals.
 - (8) Releasing or abandoning any animal on Borough recreation property.
 - (9) Staging any animal fights for any reason.
- N. Violations are punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100 for each offense or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both, under Chapter 1, Article I, General Penalty, of the Code of the Borough of Hanover.
- O. The use of firearms and fireworks in this park is forbidden. The restriction as to use of fireworks encompasses all types of fireworks, including sparklers.
[Added 6-20-1979 by Ord. No. 1706]
- P. Smoking is prohibited in all public parks and recreation areas maintained and/or owned by the Borough of Hanover, including in the Borough-owned parking areas adjacent thereto and used in conjunction therewith. For purposes of this subsection, the word "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking set forth above.
[Added 10-26-2016 by Ord. No. 2252]