

# Bergen County Parks System

## Rules & Regulations

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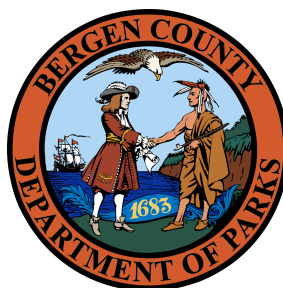
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## Introduction

The following rules and regulations apply to all properties owned and operated by the Bergen County Department of Parks, or other recreational facilities owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise under the control of the County of Bergen. These rules and regulations shall be enforced by the Bergen County Sheriff's Department and any other enforcement officer with the powers of peace officers as defined by the laws of the State of New Jersey. Any questions about the status or application of the following rules and regulations can be directed to our office at One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ, by calling (201) 336-7275.

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## ARTICLE I

### Definitions

**Animals** - any living creatures within the park's jurisdiction, other than service animals.

**Bicycle** - any device or conveyance upon which a person or persons may ride propelled wholly in part by human muscular power and having one or more tandem wheels.

**Cartway** – the paved area of a path, street, road, way, or highway, designed for vehicular traffic.

**Commerce** - sale of goods or services.

**County** - the Bergen County Board of County Commissioners, the Sheriff of the County of Bergen, and their authorized representatives.

**Department of Parks** - the Bergen County park system was operated from February 5, 1947, to May 6, 1987, by the Bergen County Park Commission, which was created by authority of L. 1946, c. 276, and succeeded May 6, 1987, by the County of Bergen, Department of Parks on the adoption of a new Administrative Code of the Bergen County established by authority of Optional County Charter Law, L. 1972, c. 154.

**Director** - the Director of the Bergen County Department of Parks.

**Drives and Roadways** - as defined in TITLE 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**Encroachment** – To cause any unauthorized use, occupation, possession, or obstruction of, or other interference with, park property.

**Facility** – any building, parking area, field, structure, improvement, and its included area or any part thereof.

**Fields** – any grass or turf expanse intended or able to be used for organized play.

**Litter** - any refuse, garbage, rubbish, paper, metal, wood, beverage container, glass, or other material or substance which is thrown, deposited or permitted to collect or remain in a place on park property which could affect health, welfare or safety of the public or wildlife therein or render the roadways, playgrounds, streams, lawn, tree unsightly.

**Loiter** - remaining idle in approximately one location, including the concept of spending time idly, loafing, or walking about aimlessly. Standing or speaking in a quiet, reasonable, and orderly manner shall not be considered as loitering.

**Motorcycle** - as defined in TITLE 39 of the Revised Statute of the State of New Jersey.

**Motor Bike** - as defined in TITLE 39 of the Revised Statute of the State of New Jersey.

**Motor Vehicle** - as defined in TITLE 39 of the Revised Statute of the State of New Jersey.

**Motorized Vehicle or Device** - an electric or gas-powered vehicle or device that is equipped with a helper motor but shall not include a mobility disability-related motorized personal mobility transportation device. It shall include but not be limited to all cars, trucks, bicycles, mopeds, cars, motorcycles, unicycles, all-terrain vehicles, segways, scooters, carts, skateboards, and similar devices.

**Municipality** - any city, town or township, borough, or village within which any portion of the Bergen County Park system is situated.

**No Thru Traffic Route** – a path, street, road, way or highway, or section thereof, on which motorized vehicular traffic is prohibited from traveling from one end to the other without stopping to use a facility located along said route.

**Organized Play** – the use of any field or facility requiring a permit and/or the playing of any sport, athletic, or competitive contest or event that includes uniformed participants and an assemblage of people such as contestants, officials, or spectators.

**Park** - any park, parkway, trail, playground, golf course, reservation, wilderness area, nature reserve, historic site, reservation, or other recreational facility owned, leased, maintained, or otherwise under the control of the County of Bergen, including but not limited to any land or water devoted to park or recreational uses and all vegetation or natural conservations, facility or other buildings, fixtures, monuments, structures and their contents located on such land or water

**Park Program** – any activity, program, or event utilizing park property held or sponsored by the County.

**Path or Bridle Path** - any path, footpath, walk or walkway maintained for pedestrians or in some cases for persons riding horses or bicycles respectively.

**Pedestrian** - a person afoot.

**Permit** - any written license or authorization issued by or under the authority of the County of Bergen or by the Department of Parks for park use.

**Pets** - all animals, other than service animals, under the control of a person, which, in the case of a dog, must be licensed.

**Person** - any natural person, corporation, company, unincorporated association, joint stock association, organized group, firm, or partnership.

**Police or Officers** - a Bergen County Sheriff's officer or person employed by the County of Bergen as a Parks Department enforcement officer, security guard, or other representative designated by the Director or a municipal police officer.

**Private Road or Drive** - means every road or lane or driveway not open to the use of the public in general.

**Right-of-Way** - means the privilege of using a road, drive, or path. (ee) Safety Zone – any space established for pedestrians.

**Smoking** - means the burning of, inhaling from, exhaling the smoke from, or the possession of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco or any other matter that can be smoked, or the inhaling or exhaling of smoke or vapor from an electronic smoking device.

**Special Events** - include concerts, sporting events and tournaments, regattas, fairs, festivals, corporate events, non-profit fundraisers, walkathons and races, and similar events that have the effect, intent, or propensity to draw a crowd of onlookers, and for which an area is being reserved.

**Stopping or Standing** – when prohibited, means any cessation or movement of an occupied motorized vehicle or device, except when necessary to avoid conflict with traffic.

**Swim Season** - the time dedicated to swimming at Darlington Park between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

**Snowmobiles** - as defined in TITLE 39 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey.

**Traffic** – shall refer to pedestrians or motorized vehicles or devices (either singly or together) while in the confines of the Parks jurisdiction.

**Wildlife** - means any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, crustacean, or other wild animal or any part, product, egg, or offspring thereof.

**Wildlife Sanctuaries** - that portion of a County park dedicated to the preservation and protection of the wild animals inhabiting that portion of the park.

## ARTICLE II Regulated Uses

The following activities are permitted only at times and in areas so designated by the Department of Parks for such activity and are otherwise prohibited in the Parks:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archery</li> <li>• Ball playing</li> <li>• Boating</li> <li>• Biking</li> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Carnival Rides</li> <li>• Commerce</li> <li>• Cooking</li> <li>• Dog, or other household animal, walking or other activity</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filming</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Fireworks</li> <li>• Golfing</li> <li>• Group activities of 15 or more participants</li> <li>• Hiking</li> <li>• Horseback Riding</li> <li>• Ice skating</li> <li>• Kite Flying</li> <li>• Motorized vehicles</li> </ul> |
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- Paddleball
- Parking
- Pet walking
- Professional Photography
- Pickleball
- Picnicking
- Remote control planes, boats, drones, etc.
- Roller Skating
- Skiing
- Sledding
- Special Events
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Volleyball

The above list is not to be considered an exclusive list but a list of examples of regulated activities.

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### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Prohibited Acts**

The following acts are prohibited in or about the Bergen County Park System. A violation of the prohibition of these acts shall subject the Person violating the same to those penalties set forth herein.

**(a) Advertising.**

- Advertising by display, flier, or broadcast for commercial purposes or special interests is prohibited. No person shall post, paint, affix, distribute, hand out, deliver, place, cast, or leave about any of the following: flags, banners, transparencies, targets, signs, placards, or any other matter for advertising purposes without the written authorization of the Department of Parks.

**(b) Animals/Wildlife.**

1. Only household pets of a gentle nature are permitted on park premises.
2. All animals required by federal, state, county, or municipal rules or laws to be licensed must be currently licensed while on park premises.
3. No person shall feed, harm, hunt, kill, wound, trap chase, remove, or interfere in any manner whatsoever with the wildlife in or on park premises or any part thereof.
4. Unless in a designated area, no animals or fowl shall be allowed to run at large on or within park premises, and dogs on said premises shall be restrained by a leash not more than six feet in length.
5. Owners and caretakers must scoop up and securely bag or wrap the pet's droppings and deposit them in a waste container.
6. No persons except an employee of the County shall ride an animal on or within the parks, reservations, or parkways except upon the designated drives and bridle paths; nor shall anyone ride an animal or stop same in a manner to obstruct the general traffic.
7. No horse shall be driven or ridden in the parks except at such locations designated for this purpose by the Department of Parks. No horse shall be unbridled or left unattended in any unenclosed area without being securely fastened. Horseback Riding is limited to official

park patrol and the Department's concession-operated riding centers. All rules and regulations established by the concessionaires must be followed.

8. With the exception of Service Animals, pets may not be taken into the McFaul Environmental Center, the Bergen County Zoo, Darlington Park, Department golf courses, horseback riding areas, or inside any park's buildings.
9. No person shall fish in any of the rivers and lakes within the parks unless he or she has a state license. Fishing is subject to State fishing regulations, and is permitted except on County golf courses, the Environmental Center, and as otherwise posted. Fishing licenses must be worn in a conspicuous place on outer clothing while fishing and must be presented to law enforcement personnel when requested.

**(c) Bare feet.**

- Bare feet are prohibited except in the swimming lake at Darlington Park.

**(d) Bikes/Roller Skates/Sleds/Carts.**

1. No person shall roller skate or ride a bicycle, sled, cart, hoverboard, scooter, or a similar device on or within park premises except upon a path, roadway, or other area designated by the County and in such manner as not to interfere with another's enjoyment of park premises.
2. Bicycles roller skates, sleds, carts, hoverboards, scooters, and similar devices are prohibited on any path within the Bergen County Parks except within Saddle River County Park and where posted and permitted by the Department. No jumps or freestyle maneuvers are permitted.
3. No Bicycles roller skates, sleds, carts, hoverboards, scooters, or similar devices are permitted at or in the vicinity of any carnival or other permitted special event unless the same is specifically allowed pursuant to the issued permit.

**(e) Climbing.**

1. No person not an employee of the County of Bergen shall climb or stand upon any wall, fence, shelter, balustrade, tree, statue, structure, or other formation.
2. No person shall stand or lie down on any bench or picnic table on or within park premises.
3. No employee of the County does any of the foregoing unless such act is done in the actual performance of his duties as such employee and in the furtherance of the business of the County.
4. Rock climbing and rappelling are prohibited.

**(f) Commercial Vehicles.**

- No person shall operate a motor truck, bus, or other commercial vehicles on or within park premises without prior written permission from the County provided that this shall not prohibit the operation of passenger cars, bearing commercial license plates or identification so long as same are not used for commercial purpose on the park premises. This shall not prohibit vans, or pick-up trucks with a maximum load capacity of one ton.



This shall also not prohibit the operation of commercial vehicles on business of the County.

**(g) Controlled Dangerous Substances.**

- No person shall have in their possession, display, bring, use, or be under the influence of, barbiturates, narcotics, or other controlled dangerous substances, as defined in Chapter 35 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey while on park premises.

**(h) Cooking.**

- Cooking by visitors is prohibited except where permitted on portable grills in designated picnic areas and campsite ground fires except at Van Saun County Park where the permanent grills must be used. Grilling of any kind is not permitted at Overpeck County Park. Cooking with propane or similar fuel, except for certain events with the necessary permits, is prohibited.

**(i) Disorderly Conduct.**

- Disorderly conduct as defined in Chapter 33 of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, is prohibited on park property. Behavior that is considered annoying and/or hazardous or lewd to visitors or animals, is prohibited. Disorderly Conduct shall include activity that annoys, disturbs, or endangers the comfort, health peace, or safety of any person.

**(j) Entrance/Exit.**

- No person shall enter or exit park facilities except at established entrance and exit.

**(k) Explosives.**

- No person shall bring into or have in their possession explosives at any park, including any substance, compound, mixture, or article having properties that alone or in combination with another substance may produce rapid flaming combustion, or administer a destructive blow to surrounding objects, except pursuant to a permit.

**(l) Fire.**

- No person shall start or maintain a fire, except in the places provided for such purpose.

**(m) Fireworks.**

- No person on or within Park premises shall have in his possession, or use or employ, any firecrackers, torpedo, firework, or explosive of any kind or nature whatsoever without prior written permission from the County or its designated representative.

**(n) Gambling.**

- No person shall play, engage, or take part in any game or sport for money or other valuable thing, nor shall any person wager or play or participate in any game of chance, or have possession of any instrument or device of trophies, medals, or other nonmonetary

prizes for competition in organized activities or sporting contest without prior written permission from the County.

**(o) Geocaching.**

- No person shall participate in the activity of geocaching on park premises including without limitation on the hiding or seeking of geocaches or caches.

**(p) Golf.**

- No person shall use or play with golf clubs or golf balls in any of the parks except on golf courses provided for the purpose and then only under rules and regulations that may be adopted from time to time by the County.

**(q) Indecent Exposure/Lewdness.**

- Indecent exposure or Lewdness, as defined in Title 2C of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey, is prohibited on park property.

**(r) Injury to Property.**

- No person shall remove, injure, deface, displace, defile, remove, destroy tamper, or damage in any manner whatsoever any park property, real or personal, including grounds, plant life, structures, turf, equipment, fossils, archaeological or cultural artifacts and all other park appurtenances or any other things located on park premises.

**(s) Intoxicating Liquor.**

- No person shall have in their possession, display, bring, or use, intoxicating liquor on park premises, except pursuant to a permit or other authorization from the County.

**(t) Interference with Park Operations.**

- No person shall remove or open temporary barriers, signs caution tape, directional gates, or fences, or interfere with the free flow of traffic through parking areas, park drives, paths, and/or other park facilities.

**(u) Kite Flying.**

- Competitive sport or stunt kite flying such as flying sport kites in formations and precision maneuvers or competing in team events is not permitted in or on park premises.

**(v) Littering.**

- No person shall take into, throw, deposit, or leave any foreign material, including, but not limited to, rubbish, refuse, litter, garbage or waste, or recyclable material within the Park system except in designated receptacles provided, therefore.

**(w) Loitering/Trespassing.**

1. No unauthorized person shall occupy or be present on park premises, except during the hours when said premises are open to the public, provided however that organized groups may be present during other hours only with the prior written permission of the County.

2. The park premises, unless posted otherwise, shall open daily from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sundown with the exception of the Bergen County Zoo, the James A. McFaul Environmental Center, Overpeck Park, and the golf courses all of which have specialized hours of operation. However, the County or its duly designated representative may, by resolution or other appropriate action, extend the closing hours on such days and for such periods of time as it may deem to be in the public interest.
3. The County or its duly designated representative may also grant permits to individuals or groups for the use of park premises during hours when the premises may otherwise be closed to the public.
4. No person shall enter upon portions of the park premises in disregard of signs, barricades, posted notices, or any other means of closing off park property.
5. No athletic games may be engaged in except in such areas and at such times as shall be designated by the County, and all picnic parties, all assemblages of person, and all business and entertainments permitted shall occupy only those grounds or areas designated thereof by the County and shall under the control and supervision of the County or its designated officers.
6. No person shall refuse to vacate an area reserved by permit by another.

**(x) Metal Detectors.**

- Metal detectors are prohibited on park property except for official use.

**(y) Model Airplanes/Drones/Radio Controlled Aircrafts.**

1. No person shall fly a model airplane, drone, or other radio-controlled aircraft in or on park premises without a permit issued by the Bergen County Parks Department.
2. Drones weighing more than .55 pounds must be registered with the FAA. All drones that require registration must have the registration label affixed to it and a flight I.D. card must be in the Flyer's possession.
3. All operators of model airplanes, drones, and other radio-controlled aircraft must at all times obey all applicable Federal or State laws and/or regulations.
4. All accidents, resulting in an injury, minor or otherwise, must be reported immediately by the Operator.
5. Model airplanes, drones, and other radio-controlled aircraft:
  - a. are only permitted to be flown in areas, designated and marked by the Bergen County Parks Department.
  - b. shall not be used in a way to harass or disturb wildlife.
  - c. shall not be flown in a reckless manner
  - d. shall be flown at all times during flight within the visual sight of the Operator, with no visual aids authorized
  - e. must not be fueled by flammable liquids.

**(z) Motorized Vehicles or Devices.**

**(1) Operation of**

- A. No person, unless authorized by the County of Bergen, shall use or operate any type of motor-driven vehicle or device, including but not limited to, cars, recreation vehicles,

trucks, bicycles, mopeds, cars, motorcycles, unicycles, all-terrain vehicles, segways, scooters, carts, and skateboards upon any path, multi-use path, shared-use path, cartway or on any designated pedestrian path, sidewalk, or sidewalk area, except upon a permanent or duly authorized temporary driveway. As used herein “Motorized Vehicle or Device” shall mean an electric or gas-powered vehicle or device that is equipped with a helper motor but shall not include a mobility disability-related motorized personal mobility transportation devices.

- B. Motorized Vehicles or Devices shall be operated at a moderate speed, not to exceed 10 Miles Per Hour, within park premises and in no event at a speed exceeding the posted speed limit or a limit prescribed by the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of New Jersey.
- C. No person shall use park premises for the purpose of instructing or learning to drive a Motorized Vehicle or Device.

## **(2) *No Through Traffic***

- A. No person shall operate a motorized vehicle or device in a manner that allows the operator to travel from one end of a No Thru Traffic Route to the the opposite end, unless:
  - a. Said person is stopping for business along the No Thru Traffic Route;
  - b. Said person is stopping or has stopped to utilize a facility located along the No Thru Traffic Route; or
  - c. Said person resides on the No Thru Traffic Route,
- B. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a person has not stopped for business or to utilize a facility or has utilized a facility located along a No Thru Traffic Route if the motorized vehicle or device travels the entire length of the No Thru Traffic Route without doing one of the following:
  - a. Bringing the Motorized Vehicle or Device to a complete stop in a designated parking area along the No Thru Traffic Route, turning the motorized vehicle or device off or placing it in park; or
  - b. Picking up or dropping off passengers at a Facility adjacent to the No Thru Traffic Route.
  - c. No Thru Traffic Routes shall be identified by the posting of signs at the beginning and end of said route, and at other locations, the County may deem necessary, and in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways published by the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
  - d. Challenger Road in Ridgefield Park and Fort Lee Road in Leonia is hereby designated a No Thru Traffic Route.

## **(3) *Parking***

- A. No motor vehicle, motorcycle, or similar vehicle shall be parked upon park premises, except in such locations or areas as may be designated by the County or its duly designated representative nor shall the same be parked upon park premises before or after park hours.

- B. No drapes, curtains, blinds, or other materials, with the exception of a sunscreen located in the front window, shall be used to cover the windows of motor vehicles parked upon park premises.
- C. No person shall surreptitiously or sneakingly invade the privacy of another by peering into windows or other openings of motor vehicles lawfully parked upon the property of the Bergen County Park System for any unlawful purpose.
- D. No person shall service or repair a motor vehicle anywhere on park premises, provided that this shall not prohibit the making of emergency repairs.
- E. Motor vehicle washing, cleaning, or servicing is prohibited
- F. Obstruction of parking areas, drives, paths, and/or park facilities is prohibited.
- G. Informal Car meets or gatherings for the public exhibition of automobiles are
- H. strictly prohibited.
- I. All electric vehicles or plug-in hybrid vehicles must be actively charging when parked in an authorized designated charging space and shall not be permitted to stay in the space longer than when the vehicle is done charging or more than the posted time amount, whichever is sooner.

**(4) *Commercial Vehicles***

- A. No person shall operate a motor truck, bus, or other commercial vehicles on or within park premises without prior written permission from the County provided that this shall not prohibit the operation of passenger cars, bearing commercial license plates or identification so long as same are not used for commercial purpose such as soliciting fares, vending, advertising on the park premises. This shall not prohibit vans, or pick-up trucks with a maximum load capacity of one ton. This shall also not prohibit the operation of commercial vehicles on business of the County.
- B. Motor vehicle use in the park for commercial purposes such as soliciting fares, vending, advertising, demonstrating, or instructing is prohibited.

**(aa) *Noise Pollution.***

- A. Noise so uncontrolled, loud, raucous, and/or obscene as to be offensive to other park visitors is prohibited. Sound amplification is prohibited except for official use or pursuant to a permit. The making, continuing, or causing to be made or continued any loud or unusual noise, or any noise which annoys, disturbs, or endangers the comfort, health peace, or safety of any person. The prohibition includes sound trucks on park premises. The following acts are hereby declared to be examples of loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise in violation of this ordinance:
  - a. The using, operating, and permitting to be played, used or operated, of any radio receiving set, television, musical instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, or other machine or device for the producing or reproducing of sound, in such a manner as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of neighboring inhabitants, or with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person inhabitants, or with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are voluntary listeners thereto.

- b. The operation of any such set, instrument, phonograph, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, machine, or device in such manner as to be audible at a distance of 25 feet from the place where it is located, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this ordinance.
- c. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in the vicinity.
- d. The use of violent, obscene, or profane language while on park premises.

**(bb) Permit.**

- A. No person shall participate in or operate any permit-required activity within the Parks without first obtaining the proper permit(s).
- B. No person who a permit has been granted to shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of said permit.

**(cc) Pollution of Property.**

- A. No person shall throw, discharge, or place any foreign or waste substances at or on the parkland or in any lake, river, lagoon, pond, creek, brook, stream, storm sewer or drain, or other waterway of the parks or into any waterway leading into or bordering upon the aforementioned any substance, matter or thing which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.
- B. A violation of the within section shall be punishable by a fine of no less than \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) and not more than \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars), (dd) Posted Rules and/or orders or direction of the Police or Officers.
- C. No person shall fail to abide by a posted rule at any County Park or disobey the order or direction of the Police or an Officer as defined herein.

**(ee) Private Gatherings.**

- The conducting on park premises of any organized programs or classes, regardless of their size, such as, but not limited to, exercise or training programs or classes, dog or other animal training, or sports or educational-related training, is strictly prohibited.

**(ff) Public Gatherings.**

- No person or group on or within park premises shall conduct a public meeting or gathering or entertainment of any kind, preach or make any harangue, or conduct or move in a parade or procession without prior written permission from the County.

**(gg) Smoking.**

- Smoking or vaping and/or the use of any tobacco, cannabis, and hookah products, including the same being used by way of electronic delivery devices at or in any area of the Bergen County Park System is prohibited.

**(hh) Snow Removal.**

- No person or group shall organize and/or participate in any form of snow removal on any County-owned athletic field.

**(ii) Solicitation.**

- A. Solicitation of park visitors or personnel for donations, purchases, or any other form of solicitation is prohibited.
- B. No person shall sell, expose for sale, or give away any comestibles, goods, wares, or circulars without prior written permission from the County.
- C. No person shall solicit alms or contributions for any purpose.

**(jj) Storage.**

- No person shall store or maintain on park premises any tangible property or material of any kind, except as authorized by the County.

**(kk) Swimming.**

- Swimming, wading, or splashing is prohibited in or on park premises with the exception of at Darlington Park during swim season.

**(ll) Tents/Stands/Other Structures.**

- A. No person shall erect any tent, stand, or structure in any of the parks, occupy any tent, Stand, or structure for camping, or sell or give away from any tent, stand, structure, or vehicle any food drink, or any other thing without permission from the County.
- B. All tents, stands or other structures must be properly weighed down and secured and shall be done so without the use of stakes, which are prohibited.

**(mm) Urination or Defecation.**

- Urination or defecation in the open, or not in available provided facilities, is prohibited.

**(nn) Use of Park Waters.**

- No person shall skate on any park water or pond, or use any boat, canoe, or raft in such water or pond except at such times and in such places as may be designated by the county or bathe, wade, swim, or fish in any water within the park premises, unless in a designated area.

**(oo) Vending.**

- No person shall sell or offer for sale any object or merchandise or any other thing within the parks except by permit of the Department of Parks.

**(pp) Weapons.**

- No person not duly authorized by law shall discharge, use, or employ any firearm or other weapon, including but not limited to any bow or arrow, slingshot, or weapon whose propelling force is a spring or air.

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**ARTICLE IV**  
**Special Rules for Certain Facilities and/or Activities**

In addition to all rules and regulations set forth herein any person utilizing the following facilities and/or participating in the following activities shall follow the rules set forth below:

(a) **Campgaw Mountain Ski Center**

1. Skiers shall not stop or loiter in a place that will obstruct a trail, or where they are not visible from above or in any way impede the normal passage of other skiers.
2. A skier entering a trail or scope from a side or intersecting trail shall yield to approaching skiers.
3. Hikers are strictly prohibited from utilizing the ski slope during the ski season when there is any amount of snow on the slope.
4. All skiers must wear safety straps.
5. Skiers shall not enter any closed or posted trails and shall obey all posted signage.
6. Skiers shall obey all instructions or orders from County staff, including but not limited to, all lift attendants, ski patrol, and management as well as all posted rules.
7. The construction or use of jumps or other obstacles on the slopes is strictly prohibited.
8. Snowmobiling, except by authorized personnel, is strictly prohibited.
9. Skiers shall at all times be courteous and mindful of other skiers and visitors and shall not unreasonably interfere with their usage of the facilities.
10. All vehicles and packages are subject to be searched by County personnel.

(b) **Darlington County Park**

1. All vehicles and packages are subject to be searched by County personnel.
2. Visitors shall not possess, use, or be under the influence of any intoxicating liquor or narcotic.
3. Children under the age of 18 years must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.
4. No pets, with the exception of a service animal, are permitted in the park.
5. No metal detectors are permitted.
6. No visitor shall be entitled to, for any reason, a refund or rain check. Visitors leaving the park temporarily must obtain a re-entry permit at the exit gate. During no re-entry permits will be available as no visitors are permitted to temporarily leave the park during holidays.
7. Use of portable charcoal grills are permitted but cooking on County-owned tables is prohibited. All ashes must be deposited in ash barrels. Propane or other similar gas grills are strictly prohibited.
8. No buses shall be permitted in the park on weekends and holidays during the swim season.
9. Visitors shall at all times be courteous and mindful of other visitors and shall not unreasonably interfere with their usage of the facilities.
10. During swim season no permits shall be issued relative to the use of Darlington Park on weekends or holidays.
11. Visitors are prohibited from reserving or saving parking spots or picnic tables.



***BATHING BEACH RULES:***

- Swimming is permitted only in designated areas and when lifeguards are on duty.
- Facemasks and snorkels are not permitted.
- All children must be accompanied by an adult when in the water.
- Swimmers must pass a deep water test or stay inside the ropes or fenced area if you are 18 years or under.
- No diving. All swimmers must enter the water facing forward.
- Outdoor bathing will be prohibited during an electrical storm.
- Approved toys and floatation devices must stay inside the fence or ropes.
- No eating or smoking/vaping on the beach.
- Persons with open sores or infections are not permitted in the lake.
- Swimmers experiencing or recovering from diarrhea, or have had any signs of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past seven days are not permitted in the water.
- All children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug-fitting elastic waist and leg bands.
- Lifeguards may test the swimming competency of any swimmer
- Non-swimmers of any age are not permitted in the deep end of the lake
- Breath-holding activities are not permitted
- Children aged 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult (18+) in the water and remain within arm's reach
- Children aged 6-11 must be actively supervised by an adult in the swimming area
- Children who require assistance or a flotation device must have an adult with them in the water
- No Horseplaying
- Flotation devices must be US Coast Guard-approved. No inflatables
- Swimmers who are currently experiencing the following: Open sores, infections, or diarrhea are not permitted in the water.
- Proper swim attire must be worn at all times
- No animals, except for service animals, shall be allowed
- No glass bottles or containers permitted
- Conduct which endangers the safety and comfort of others shall be prohibited
- No person suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol may enter the water
- No motorized vehicles, except emergency and maintenance vehicles, shall be permitted in the swimming and bathing area
- No boating, water skiing, sail boating, windsurfing, scuba diving, or surfboarding permitted in the swimming and bathing area
- Entry and exit from the bathing area only through designated locations
- Swimming is permitted in designated areas only
- No swimming under the concrete pillars
- No moving across the yellow fence demarking the deep-end swim area and the Kiddie Beach swim area.

***DEEP WATER TEST:***

- Children aged 14 and under, must take and pass a deep water test administered by the lifeguards at the lifeguard station.

- Lower Lake Test: jump off the dock and continually swim past the first raft doing the crawl stroke. Turn at a -90-degree angle, and swim to the shore. The candidate must demonstrate to the lifeguard that they have the proficiency to do this without stopping.
- Upper Lake Test: Enter the water at the shoreline, swim past the raft, make a 90-degree turn, and swim back to the shore. The candidate must demonstrate to the lifeguard that they have the proficiency to do this without stopping.
- Children who pass the test will be issued a wristband, and their names recorded at the lifeguard station, and kept on file.

***Wibit-Specific Rules:***

- Personal Floatation Device (PFD) must be worn at all times
- No swimming under the Wibit
- No diving underneath the Wibit
- No eating on the Wibit
- Remove watches, jewelry, keys, or other sharp objects
- Do not access Wibit if you are pregnant
- Children must be under direct supervision by an adult. Adults must wear PFD in Kid's section

**(c) James A. McFaul Environmental Center**

1. Feeding of wildlife is strictly prohibited.
2. Destruction, disturbance, or removal of animals, plants, or property is strictly prohibited.
3. No pets, with the exception of a service animal, are permitted.
4. Walkways, with the exception of a mobility disability-related motorized personal mobility transportation device, are for pedestrian traffic only.
5. Children ages 12 years old and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. One adult may accompany and supervise no more than nine (9) children at a time.
6. Visitors shall at all times be courteous and mindful of other visitors and shall not unreasonably interfere with their usage of the facilities.
7. No sledding, snowshoeing, skiing or cross-country skiing
8. Photo Shoots require a permit acquired from the center
9. All vehicles and packages are subject to be searched by County personnel.

**(d) County Golf Courses**

1. Golfers play at your own risk
2. All Golfers must purchase a greens fee and upon request from a County staff member present the same.
3. Golfers must have proper identification when checking in with the cashier. A registered resident must present a current Bergen County Golf Card to be eligible for a discounted rate. A New Jersey resident must show a valid NJ driver's license or similar NJMV identification. Any Golfer who cannot present the required identification will be charged the out-of-state fee.
4. Proper golf attire is required at all times. i.e. collared shirts, slacks, or mid-length shorts with a length of no more than five (5) inches above the knee. Examples of improper golf attire are tank tops, fishnet shirts, short shorts or skirts, sweat pants, baseball pants,

spandex or bike shorts, and pants with holes. Only golf shoes and sneakers are permitted to be worn while golfing. Metal spikes of any kind are not permissible.

5. Golfers may not share bags and/or clubs.
6. A golfer is responsible for any damage or bodily harm caused by his or her golf ball or club. A golfer must immediately inform a golf course employee if any such incident occurs.
7. The minimum age to play golf on a Bergen County Golf Course is twelve (12) years of age. Non-Players and children under the age of 12 years old are not permitted in the golf course unless authorized by the golf administration office. Children aged 12 or 13 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times while playing.
8. Golfers must, upon causing the same, replace their divots, rake their marks from sand traps, and repair their ball marks on greens.
9. Golfers must play "ready golf" and keep up with the group or ahead of them. Searching for a lost ball is limited to three (3) minutes. Golfers shall practice continuous putting and be ready to hit the ball when it is their turn. Slow play shall not be permitted.
10. Only motorized golf carts rented out by the County of Bergen shall be permitted to be used at a County golf course. Said golf carts shall only be used in designated areas, for their intended purpose and in a non-abusive or careless manner. Failure to follow the above shall result in an automatic forfeiture of a Golfer's privileges and their removal from the golf course.
11. It is the Golfer's responsibility to protect themselves from the weather.
12. Alcoholic beverages, with the exception of at Valley Brook and Soldier Hill Golf Courses, are prohibited unless the same is approved in writing by the County for outings or tournaments. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased and consumed at Valley Brook Golf Course under a special concessionaire permit. Outside of alcoholic beverages purchased at the Valley Brook Golf Course, no other alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed there.
13. Golfers shall at all times be courteous and mindful of other Golfers and shall not unreasonably interfere with their usage of the facilities. Golfers shall at all times adhere to the traditions and etiquette of the game.
14. All vehicles and packages are subject to be searched by County personnel.

**(e) Bergen County Zoological Park and the Environmental Center**

1. Feeding of the animals is strictly prohibited.
2. Destruction, disturbance, or removal of animals, plants, or property is strictly prohibited.
3. No pets, with the exception of a service animal, are permitted.
4. Walkways, with the exception of a mobility disability-related motorized personal mobility transportation device, are for pedestrian traffic only. Visitors must stay on the walkways.
5. Children aged 14 years old and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. One adult may accompany and supervise no more than nine (9) children at a time.
6. Use of audio or video equipment is prohibited.
7. Visitors shall at all times be courteous and mindful of the animals and other visitors and shall not unreasonably interfere, annoy, or harass the animals or other visitors.

8. Permits for the Environmental Center and the Zoological Park are applied for and obtained directly from these facilities.
  9. All vehicles and packages are subject to be searched by County personnel.
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## **ARTICLE V**

### **Permits**

The County of Bergen or its Department of Parks are the only parties that may authorize, approve, and schedule events within the Bergen County Parks. A permit to do any act shall authorize the same only insofar as it may be performed in strict accordance with terms and conditions. These Regulations shall be deemed a part of each permit issued.

An official application must be submitted on the form or means provided by the Parks Department. Requests made by any other means – phone, email, etc. will not be considered. All park-related permit applications are available at [www.co.bergen.nj.us/permits](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/permits).

Permits shall be required for the exclusive or special use of Bergen County Parks or facilities or the use of Bergen County Parks or facilities when they are otherwise closed to the public. Permits are issued at the sole discretion of the County and applications may be denied for any reason.

Permit holders must be present, with a copy of the permit, during the full length of any event, including the setting up or the taking down of any equipment, all permits that are granted must be produced upon demand. Failure to produce the proper permit(s) may result in removal from the Park.

Permits are not transferable. Any activity authorized by a permit may only be performed by the organization, person, or persons that the permit has been issued, and any such authorization cannot be assigned or delegated unless authorized by the Parks Department.

All Permit Holders shall be bound by this ordinance and any Park regulations in force as though the same were outlined in the Permit.

All Permit Holders shall be required to sign a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement in favor of the County.

Proof of insurance in an amount determined by the County if determined to be necessary by the County. If insurance is required the County and the NJDEP must be included as additional insured.

Upon approval of a permit, a permit will only be issued upon receipt of full payment of the permit fee and the security deposit, if applicable, a signed hold harmless and indemnification agreement, and proof of insurance, if required.

The Permit Holder or a designated representative must be in attendance at all times and have possession of the permit on his or her person.

The Permit Holder shall be liable to the County for any loss or damage to County property resulting from its use.

All permit fees and security deposits, with the exception of government-issued checks or government-issued purchase orders, must be made via certified funds such as a money order, bank check, credit card, or ACH payment.

Access to any area of the park system may be restricted or closed, whether an event or program is scheduled at the said area and without notice when it is determined by the County that the closing of the same is in the best interests of the general public.

Certain of the County of Bergen Parks have a thunderstorm warning system. An automated alarm sounds to notify Park users of severe weather conditions. When the alert sounds all organized play and permits are suspended. Park users must seek shelter or take the appropriate action to ensure the safety of their group.

Police or Officers may remove persons and players who fail to suspend activities.

## **Section I**

### **Permit Required Activities**

The following activities are permitted only at times and in areas so designated for the purpose by the Department of Parks and are otherwise prohibited within the parks. All persons using the facilities of the Bergen County Park system must obey the posted rules and regulations established for the proper, effective, and safe utilization of those facilities.

#### **(a) Alcohol:**

- I. No person shall consume, bring into, or have in his possession any alcoholic beverage as defined by the state statute, including, but not limited to, beer, wine, or liquor, anywhere within the Bergen County Parks except as stated hereinafter.
  - A. **County Golf Course Exception.** Alcoholic beverages may be consumed at County golf course clubhouses and on the courses provided that the alcoholic beverage has been purchased, for immediate consumption at the golf course, from the County's contracted vendor operating under a special concessionaire permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.2. Operating golf carts under the influence is against the law. The Department of Parks may issue a Special Permit for the consumption

of alcoholic beverages on County golf courses during outings or tournaments if they are purchased from the County's vendor operating under a special concessionaire permit pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.2.

- B. **Event Permit Exception.** The Department of Parks may issue an Event Permit for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, which permit shall designate the Park, the area within the Park where alcoholic beverages may be sold and consumed, the duration of the permit, and include other terms and conditions necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public. If an Event Permit is issued, the applicant must also obtain a temporary permit issued by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:2-5.5 and any other applicable permits or requirements.
- C. **Special Permit Exception.** The Department of Parks may issue a Special Permit for the consumption of alcoholic beverages within a Park, which permit shall designate the Park, the area within the Park where alcoholic beverages may be consumed, the duration of the permit, and include other terms and conditions necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

**(b) Archery:**

- I. Archery is permitted only at the Campgaw archery range, from dawn until dusk.
- II. Access to the archery range is permitted only to individuals possessing a current valid annual archery permit.
- III. In addition to all other applicable rules, ordinances, and laws Relevant to the Bergen County Park System and its use the following rules shall apply:
  - A. Parking at the Campgaw archery range is permitted only for holders of an archery permit
  - B. To be eligible for an archery permit, applicants must be certified by an accredited archery group and must sign a hold harmless agreement.
  - C. Users under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
  - D. No broad heads or crossbows are permitted at the archery range.
  - E. Users must follow marked trails from target to target and proceed from one target to the next in numerical sequence only.
  - F. Users must properly dispose of broken arrows.
  - G. The Campgaw archery range area is within a wildlife sanctuary; Hunting, Trapping, and fishing are prohibited.
  - H. No alcoholic beverages are permitted
  - I. Users must obey all other posted rules.

**(c) Boating:**

- I. Boating is not permitted in Bergen County Parks except in Overpeck Lake, Riverside County Park, and Vanbuskirk Island and as otherwise posted.
- II. Use of the formal, buoyed rowing course on Overpeck Lake is by permit only.

- III. Except for official use or use pursuant to a permit or contract or where posted otherwise, no gasoline motors of any type are allowed. Boating is limited to canoeing, kayaking, and other small human-powered watercraft. Rafts, tubes, houseboats, propeller-type airboats, hydroplanes, aquaplanes, surfboards, windsurfers, paddleboards, novelty crafts, non-seaworthy crafts, and the like are not permitted.
- IV. In addition to all other applicable rules, ordinances, and laws Relevant to the Bergen County Park System and its use the following rules shall apply:
  - A. All watercraft must be hand carried in; no trailer-launched watercraft are permitted., except by permit.
  - B. No person shall launch any watercraft without carrying aboard a U.S. Coast Guard Type III personal floatation device (PFD) for each occupant and a throw device TYPE IV.
  - C. All recreational boaters must wear a PFD with the exception of sculling events and practices or other events approved by the Department.
  - D. No person shall load any watercraft with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity.
  - E. No person shall operate a watercraft in a reckless, careless, or negligent manner.
  - F. No person shall secure a watercraft overnight.
  - G. No person shall launch, dock, or remove any watercraft in any area except designated launching areas.
  - H. No watercraft shall be operated during any part of the period between sunset and before sunrise except by special permit.
  - I. Any Park Supervisor, or Police or Security Officer shall have the authority to order termination of the use of a boat because of unsafe conditions (unsafe conditions are but not limited to; overloaded boats, insufficient or improper PFDs, not wearing a PFD, neglectful operation, operating under the influence, weather conditions or actions deemed unsafe).
  - J. All Boaters shall operate at their own risk.
  - K. Boaters must obey all other posted rules.

**(d) Camping:**

- I. Camping season is from April 1 to November 30. There is a two-week limit per person, per year on camping permits issued.
- II. You must be at least 21 years old to obtain a camping permit. All minors must be chaperoned by a parent or guardian at all times.
- III. Six (6) people are allowed per campsite. After dark, all people visiting a campsite not listed on the permit must leave by legal closing of the park, which is half an hour after sunset.
- IV. All permit holders must display their permits on the dashboard of their vehicle for overnight parking. Vehicles parked after dark without a proper permit may be towed away at the owner's expense.
- V. A separate Fire Permit from the Fire Warden is required for camping fires. Fire Permits may be obtained when applying for a camping permit. All terms of the Fire Permit must

be obeyed. All fires must be kept in approved fireplaces. All combustible materials are to be kept at least ten feet away from fires. Tents must be flameproof or fire-resistant. Never leave a campsite with a live fire unattended. Do not chop down any trees or standing timber.

- VI. Use sanitary facilities where provided.
- VII. Campers must bring their own plastic bags for garbage and dispose of refuse in the appropriate containers provided.
- VIII. Obtain water only from approved sources.
- IX. Camping is permitted only around the lower lake at Ramapo Reservation in designated areas. Ramapo visitors' cars must be parked in the parking lot and all gear must be carried into Ramapo Reservation, a wilderness park.
- X. All accidents must be reported to the Bergen County Public Safety Operations Center at (201) 785-8500.
- XI. Campers shall at all times be courteous and mindful of other campers and visitors and shall not unreasonably interfere with their usage of the facilities.

**(e) Carnival Rides:**

- Carnival rides shall be allowed by permit only. All operators of carnival rides must comply with the Carnival-Amusement Ride Act, N.J.S.A. 5:3-31, et seq., as well as any associated regulations including regulations dealing with inflatables, N.J.A.C. 5:14(a)-31.1 through 13.15.

**(f) Events:**

- Any organized event exceeding 15 people shall require an event permit. Rallies and other organized activities are prohibited (other than any events from which the Department of Parks has granted specific advance written permission).

**(g) Food Concessions:**

- I. Permits or other written authorization shall be required in the Bergen County Park System year-round.
- II. Permits shall clearly indicate the approximate location inside the specific park of the Bergen County Park System where the food concession shall be authorized to conduct business;
- III. Proof of Insurance shall be required;
- IV. Proof of all applicable health code permits or approvals shall be required;
- V. Permits are not transferable;

**(h) Model Aircraft:**

**1. General:**



- I. Unmanned remote-control model aircraft, which meet the definition of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), may be operated only as set forth herein within the aerodrome located at 95 State Rt. 4 Teaneck N.J. within Overpeck Park, and elsewhere within the Parks as designated by the Department. A Department permit is required for the operation of all such devices. All such aircraft shall only be flown within designated areas marked by the Department of Parks.
- II. Aircraft weighing less than 0.55 lbs. (250 grams) may be operated without a permit on park property except in the aerodrome.
- III. The Overpeck Park aerodrome may be used for combustion-engine or electric engine fixed wing model aircraft daily from 8:00 a.m. until one hour prior to the posted time of the park's closing.
- IV. Aircraft are prohibited from flying over New Jersey Department of Transportation's Route 46, Route 80, and Route 95 rights of way. No more than five radio-controlled aircraft shall be airborne at one time, no more than four of which shall be combustion-engine aircraft.
- V. The Parks Department may close the aerodrome at any time because of inclement weather, scheduled events, or other reasons.
- VI. No club or individual shall have the exclusive right to any flying field at any time without the specific written permission of the Director of Parks.
- VII. All accidents and injuries shall be reported immediately by phone to the Parks Department at 201-336-7275 or the Department of Security at 201-336-6099 and confirmed within 24 hours by email or letter to the Director of Parks, 1 Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

## **2. Flying Model Aircraft – Requirements**

- I. All permitted aircraft (including any payload) must weigh less than 55 lbs. at the time of takeoff. Aircraft must be used strictly for recreational, and noncommercial purposes. Aircraft must be flown within the visual line of sight of the person operating the aircraft. Aircraft may not be flown at any height above 400 ft. from the ground. Aircraft must be flown in a manner that does not interfere with and gives way to any manned aircraft. Fixed-wing aircraft are limited to a maximum wing span of 90 inches and 50cc engine size (or electric-powered equivalent).
- II. All combustion engines shall be equipped with mufflers in order to limit the decibel level to 96 dB. at a reference distance of twenty (20) feet. All Flyers must ensure that they comply with FAA airspace regulations, including but not limited to, any required waivers for the aerodrome due to its proximity to Teterboro Airport.

- III. The FAA registration number must be displayed on the device (aircraft) and, in accordance with 14 CFR 45.21(c), the number must generally be:
  - A. 1. painted on the aircraft or affixed to the aircraft by some other permanent means
  - B. 2. have no ornamentation,
  - C. 3. contrast in color with the background and be legible.
- IV. Flying of model aircraft shall conform to AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) safety standards.
- V. Individuals must be 18 years old, or accompanied by an adult, in order to fly model aircraft.
- VI. All flyers shall have in their possession at the flying field an AMA card and an FAA number label for radio-controlled model aircraft in their possession.
- VII. All Club members shall also have their Club Membership Card in their possession at the flying field.
- VIII. All flyers using the flying fields under the AMA definition and requirements for a guest flyer shall sign the “Field Use Form” located at the site.

### **3. Permits:**

- I. Permits expire on March 31st of each year.
- II. For all aircraft weighing more than 0.55 lbs., proof of registration with the AMA and the FAA is required before issuance of a Department permit.
- III. All requests to hold contests and special events shall be submitted in writing to the Park’s Department at least thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed event date. Approval shall be on a first-come, first-served basis. Any contests held must meet AMA contest and insurance/s requirements.

### **4. Clubs:**

- I. **Club members:**
  - A. Only club members with a “Pilot” or “Instructor” status rating shall be permitted to fly solo.
  - B. Club members with a “Novice” or “New Flyer” status rating shall be supervised by an “Instructor”.
  - C. To fly solo, new flyers and novices shall pass the Flying Qualifications Test administered by a permitted “Instructor”. This change in status shall be indicated on the club’s updated roster and permit card which is displayed/worn at the flying field at all times.

**II. Clubs may obtain an annual permit to fly model aircraft by submitting the following:**

- A. Completed permit application form
- B. Copy of the Club Roster including each member's name, address, phone, email, and, if applicable, flying status (i.e., novice, pilot, instructor), AMA number, and FAA number. The Club Roster shall be updated and forwarded to the Department of Parks whenever there are changes, including new members and their flying status, changes in members' flying status, and deletions.
- C. Certificate of Insurance, listing "County of Bergen" as an additional named insured. Insurance coverage shall be a minimum of \$1,000,000 in bodily injury and property damage.
- D. Copy of Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Chartered Club Certificate.
- E. For any club operating out of Overpeck Park, a mutually agreed upon operating procedure with the Airport Operator and Air Traffic Control Tower at Teterboro Airport must be signed.
- F. Payment of applicable permit fee.

**5. Individuals:**

**I. Individuals who are not affiliated with a club:**

- A. Shall be permitted to fly solo if they have a "Pilot" or "Instructor" status rating.
- B. Shall be supervised by a permitted "Instructor" if they have a "New Flyer" or "Novice" status rating.
- C. To fly solo, individual new flyers and novices shall pass the "Flying Qualifications Test" administered by a permitted "Instructor", or provide current AMA documentation with "Pilot" or higher status indicated. A successful "Flying Qualifications Test" shall be documented with the Instructor's name, AMA number, and the date and place of the test. The resulting change in status shall be indicated on the permit card which is displayed/worn at the flying field at all times and supplied to the Director of Parks in order to update the individual's Annual Permit.

**II. Individuals may obtain an annual permit authorizing them to fly model aircraft by submitting the following:**

- A. Completed permit application form.
- B. Copy of AMA License for radio-controlled model aircraft, with an indication of flight status level.
- C. Individuals rated AMA aircraft "New Flyer" or "Novice" shall be accompanied by an "Instructor" from a county-approved club.

- D. In order to fly solo, individual new flyers and novices shall pass the “Flying Qualifications Test” administered by a qualified “Instructor”, or provide current AMA documentation with “Pilot” or higher status indicated.
- E. Certificate of AMA’s or equivalent Insurance coverage for flying site owners listing “County of Bergen” as an additional named insured. Insurance coverage shall be a minimum of \$1,000,000 in bodily injury and property damage.
- F. Individuals flying at the Overpeck Park flying fields must agree to abide by AMA and FAA Safety Guidelines and a mutually agreed upon operating procedure with the Airport Operator and Air Traffic Control Tower at Teterboro Airport.
- G. Payment of applicable permit fee.

**(j) Model Boats:**

- I. Operation of model boats in County Parks shall be by permit only. Radio-controlled model boats only. No fueled watercrafts are allowed.
- II. Model boat operation is limited to:
  - A. Dahnert’s Lake in the Dahnert’s Lake County Park
  - B. Wild Duck Pond in Ridgewood
  - C. the pond in the Otto Pehle section of the Saddle River County Park
  - D. the pond at Wood Dale County Park
  - E. the pond at Pascack Brook County Park
  - F. Walden Pond at Van Saun County Park
  - G. Overpeck Lake at Overpeck County Park.

**(k) Professional Photography/Filming:**

- Professional Photography or filming is allowed in County Parks by Permit only. In addition to the permit fees, a reimbursement of security and manpower fees is required. All areas must be restored to their original state and the County shall be reimbursed for any expenses or damages incurred due to the filming or photography. Permit Holder must maintain liability insurance in an amount no less than \$1,000,000.00 with the County of Bergen named as an additional insured.

**(l) Picnics:**

- Picnic fees, as well as cleanup deposits, are required for groups of 15 or more persons. Picnicking is limited to designated picnic areas and such additional spaces as may be made available. Visitors may not bring food into concession-operated snack areas

**(m) Recreation Fields and Facilities:**

- A permit is required for the organized use or play on any recreation field or facility which is in or on park premises. Public unorganized use of the recreation fields and facilities, unless posted otherwise, is permitted on a first come basis, whenever the same is not being used for a scheduled permitted program or event. A recreation field or facility may be closed at any time, whether an event or program is scheduled and without notice when it is determined by the County that the closing of the same is in the best interests of the general public.

1. At the close of each application period all applications will be processed in order of priority as follows:

- Priority #1: County of Bergen Entities (Including, but not limited to, Bergen Community College, Bergen County Technical Schools and Bergen Academies)
- Priority #2: Bergen Municipalities and their Public Schools
- Priority #3: Bergen County Private Schools
- Priority #4: Non-Profit Organizations
- Priority #5: For-Profit Organizations

2. Permit Fees and Security deposits are assessed upon approval of an application

3. In addition to all other applicable rules, ordinances, and laws Relevant to the Bergen County Park System and its use the following rules shall apply:

- A. The permit holder is prohibited from performing maintenance on fields
- B. Equipment that may cause damage to the fields is prohibited
- C. Glass containers and/or bottles are prohibited
- D. No food is permitted on the field area, including sunflower seeds and gum
- E. No metal spikes
- F. Permit holder is responsible for disposing of trash in dugout and field areas prior to end of the permitted time slot.
- G. Weather is unpredictable and can pose certain health and safety hazards. In severe weather situations, the Park may be partially closed and everyone in the Park may be directed to certain areas or directed to leave the Park altogether. Obey all instructions from County employees and officials, if any are given.
- H. Tennis and pickleball players at the Department of Parks free public courts must wear tennis shoes on the courts and must limit play to one hour when others are waiting to use the courts.
- I. Use of the fields in the Spring season will begin when conditions are satisfactory, which will be determined by B.C. Parks Supervisors.
- J. Fields may not be altered in any way.
- K. Fields are used in "As Is" Condition.
- L. No spectators are permitted on the field at any time.
- M. No metal spikes are permitted on any artificial turf fields.
- N. Permitted users are responsible for cleaning up after using fields.

- O. No gum, sunflower seeds, chewing tobacco, food, or other staining substances are allowed on turf fields.
  - P. All posted rules must be obeyed.
4. A permit will only be issued upon the Parks Department of a completed and approved application:
- A. A completed application
  - B. Permit fee payment
  - C. Security deposit payment
  - D. Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement
  - E. A Certificate of Insurance
5. Use of County crew boat launches for rowing or kayaking shall also require a permit under this section

## (n) Special Permits

### 1.) Permit Process

All Special Event Permit Applications must be submitted in a timely manner to allow sufficient time for planning and permitting purposes. While it is recommended that the planning and permitting process for a special event should begin at least one year before the proposed date, **all information, fees, insurance, and execution of the permit must be completed at least 30 days in advance of the event date. Failure to have the permit completed 30 days in advance of the proposed event date may result in a denial of the Special Event Application.** Events requiring a special permit shall include, regardless of the number of people expected to attend, but not be limited to: concerts, sporting events, tournaments, regattas, fairs, festivals, corporate events or outings, nonprofit fundraisers, walkathons, races and similar events that have the effect, intent or propensity to draw or attract onlookers.

- A. The application and appropriate application fee must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the event. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. If the event is large, complex, or a concert-type event, at least one year's notice is recommended. Applications can be accepted up to 16 months prior to the event.
- B. At least 60 days prior to the event a detailed Operations and Site Plan must be submitted for review and approval. For large events, the County may require additional time. In the event that the same is not timely submitted or is approved the permit application will be denied.
- C. As the applicant is completing the Operations and Site Plan, the applicant may schedule an on-site visit(s) with designated site personnel to conduct a walk-through of the site and answer questions.

- D. Once the applicant has completed the Operations and Site Plan, it must be submitted to the designated personnel, who will then schedule a meeting to review required revisions, if any.
- E. After revisions are submitted and final plans are approved, a Special Event Permit and estimate of fees for services will be generated. The estimate of fees will be described in two sections, "Facility Fees" and "Bergen County Sheriff's Office Security Fee". Facilities Fees are to be paid prior to the event; the Bergen County Sheriff's Office Security Fee will be invoiced and must be paid no later than fourteen (14) days before the event. Security fees shall only be refunded upon a minimum of Twenty-Four (24) hours' notice of the cancellation of the event.
- F. Once the final permit is signed and Facility Fees and Security fees are paid, the applicant is authorized to have the event. Advertising for events must not occur prior to the permit being signed. If early advertising is needed the Applicant will need to begin the permit process further in advance.
- G. No changes to the permit will be allowed unless submitted in writing and approved by the Park Superintendent. Submittals for change must be received at a minimum of 14 days prior to the event.
- H. Failure to comply with any of the above requirements may result in the Special Event Application being denied.
- I. Failure to respond to a request from the County within 7 business days may result in cancellation of the application.
- J. A requested date shall be reserved or held only upon submission of a completed application. Rain dates can not be reserved.

## **2. Insurance and Performance Bond**

A certificate of insurance (COI), that meets or exceeds the standards below, must be submitted at least 30 days before an event. A COI that meets these standards is additionally required for any vendors that will be operating on State property as part of the event. Insurance requirements are non-negotiable.

The insurance to be provided by the permittee shall be as follows:

**A. General liability policy** as broad as the standard coverage forms currently in use in the State of New Jersey which shall not be circumscribed by any endorsements limiting the breadth of coverage. The policy shall be endorsed to include:

- 1. GENERAL COMMERCIAL LIABILITY**
- 2. PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS**
- 3. PREMISES/OPERATIONS**

The limits of liability for bodily injury and property damage shall not be less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000.00 aggregate general liability, and \$5,000.00 per person for medical expenses.

**The County of Bergen, and its officials, employees, and agents as well as The New Jersey, Dept. of Environmental Protection shall be named as an “Additional Insured”.**

**B. Workers’ Compensation Insurance** applicable to the laws of the State of New Jersey and Employer’s Liability Insurance with limits not less than:

\$1,000,000 **BODILY INJURY, EACH OCCURRENCE**  
 \$1,000,000 **DISEASE EACH EMPLOYEE**  
 \$1,000,000 **DISEASE AGGREGATE LIMIT**

**C. Automobile Liability Insurance** which shall be written to cover any automobile used by the insured. Limits of liability for bodily and property damage shall not be less than \$1 million per occurrence as a combined single limit.

**D. Coverage for Alcoholic Beverage Service** shall be procured if alcoholic beverages are to be served.

**E. Performance and Payment Bond**, if required by the Department, in an amount as dictated on the permit to ensure the completion of post-event repairs.

**F.** Any other insurance or bonds in the types and amounts as dictated on the permit as required by the Department.

### **3. Additional Permits and Documentation**

- A. Applicants may be required to contact municipal, county, state, or federal authorities to inquire about other permits necessary to carry out their event or may require additional permits from the County for activities such as the sale or consumption of Alcohol, onsite cooking, and use of inflatables or tents.
- B. Copies of all permits must be provided to the County prior to the event. If the applicant has contracted with vendors or subcontractors, all permits, and documentation must also be provided prior to the event.
- C. Non-profit organizations must provide proof of their federal non-profit status. If the event is a fundraiser, a Letter of Compliance from the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs – Charities Registration Section must be provided as well.
- D. Organizations/Businesses that are having special events and charging fees for attendance and sales of products will need to provide a copy of their Business Registration Certificate from the New Jersey Division of Revenue. Any vendors



selling products as part of the event will also need to provide a copy of their Business Registration Certificate from the New Jersey Division of Revenue.

#### **4. Terms and Conditions**

- A. Special Event Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis and determined on a site's ability to accommodate the proposed event. Only one Special Event Application per site, per day, will be accepted.
- B. Special Event Permits can only be issued to formal organizations such as non-profits, commercial entities, institutions, and government entities. For personal celebrations and parties, a Picnic Permit for a Picnic Area or Pavilion can be obtained.
- C. Special Event Permits do not grant a property right and only grant a license to use Parks property and can be terminated at any time by the Parks Department in accordance with the needs or requirements of the Department or in the interests of public safety.
- D. Permits may not be assigned, in whole or in part, to any other person or entity.
- E. No signs or advertisements of any kind shall be painted or posted on the premises other than those approved in writing by the County.
- F. Site rental is "as is". The applicant must provide all amenities, e.g. chairs, tables, amplification equipment, water, electric power, etc.
- G. Requests for the exclusive use of specified areas must be made at the time of application. Public thoroughfares must remain open at all times.
- H. Entrance to a park cannot be restricted and admission fees may not be charged to enter a Park. Event admissions must be limited to a defined perimeter and be approved by the County. Suggested donation amounts must be approved by the County. The permittee shall not charge any fee for use of the premises by any individual, group, entity, organization, etc. without the written approval of the County.
- I. The County's authorized representatives shall at all times have access to the premises and/or structures described herein.
- J. Applicant must check in at the County or with the assigned event liaison upon arrival and prior to any deliveries or set-up.
- K. The permittee must have a representative on-site to direct all deliveries and pick-ups at the site and County personnel will not accept nor be responsible for deliveries. Deliveries without applicant representation will be turned away.
- L. The permittee shall commit no act of waste. The permittee shall take good care of the premises. Upon the termination or expiration of this permit, the permittee shall surrender the premises and the improvements thereon to the County in as good condition and repair as reasonable and proper use of the premises thereon will permit, normal wear and tear excepted. The permittee is responsible for all damage from the permittee's contractors and subcontractors, employees, agents, and participants of the permittee's event.

- M. The permittee agrees to abide by the existing rules and regulations of the County or those hereafter adopted concerning the use of the premises and shall advise others governed by this permit to obey such rules and regulations.
- N. The permittee shall, at the permittee's sole cost and expense, keep and maintain the premises in a neat, clean, and sanitary condition. The permittee shall, at the permittee's own expense, make arrangements to pick up, remove, or dispose of all garbage, rubbish, or other waste accumulated on the premises by the permittee, the permittee's contractors, and subcontractors, employees, agents, and participants of permittee's event.
- O. The permittee shall not erect any structures, make any additions or modifications to existing structures, or modify the premises in any way whatsoever without the approval in writing from the County.
- P. This permit shall expire on the last day of the term granted hereunder and may be renewed only upon the acceptance by the County.
- Q. The permittee shall, during the term of this permit, promptly pay when due all taxes and/or assessments, together with interest and penalties thereon that are levied upon or assessed by any government body by reason of the permittee's use of the premises. The permittee immediately shall forward any notice of such tax payment to the County and any notice of assessment, tax bill, or any other notice, correspondence, or document relating to local property taxation of the premises to the County.
- R. The permittee shall comply with any requirements of the federal, State, and municipal authorities with respect to the aforesaid premises.
- S. The permittee shall, in the use of the premises, conform to all laws, orders, and regulations of the federal, State, County, and local governments pertaining to the premises and the permittee's use of the premises.
- T. The permittee shall be solely responsible for supervision of the event, activity, service, or other permitted activity as well as the activities of any subcontractors. The permittee shall immediately notify the County or other authorized County staff of any incidents whether resulting in injury or not, violations of the permit, violations of the law, or any other such incidents.
- U. The permittee shall be responsible for the protection of their personal property. Neither the County nor its Officials, Employees, or Agents shall be liable to the permittee for any loss, damage, or destruction of the permittee's personal property.
- V. As part of the permit process, the applicant will have to sign a photo/video release waiver to allow site personnel to take photos or videos of the event to use for archival documentation or promotional or educational purposes.
- W. The permittee shall not abuse, mutilate, injure, remove, or destroy any living plant without the permission of the County. All abused, mutilated, injured, removed, or destroyed plants shall be replaced per the County's plan for restoration.
- X. The permittee shall not abuse, mutilate, injure, remove, or destroy any living animal. If the permittee abuses, mutilates, injures, removes, or destroys a living

animal, the permittee shall be subject to the fines, penalties, and punishment as allowed by law.

- Y. The permittee shall not abuse, mutilate, injure, remove, or destroy any structure or physical feature. If the permittee abuses, mutilates, injures, removes, or destroys any structure or physical feature, the permittee shall be responsible for the full cost of repairing or replacing such structure or physical feature at the permittee's sole expense.
- Z. The permittee shall not abuse, mutilate, injure, remove, or destroy the ground or any land without the permission of the County. Any abused, mutilated, injured, removed, or destroyed ground or land shall be restored per the County's plan for restoration.
- AA. The permittee shall, for the permittee and the permittee's successors and assigns, assume all risks and liabilities arising out of the permittee's use, operation, and maintenance of the premises. The permittee covenants to defend, protect, indemnify, and save harmless the County, its Officials, Employees and Agents and hereby releases the County and each of its officers, agents, employees, successors, and assignees from and against any and all such liabilities, losses, damages, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees and expenses), causes of action, suits, claims, demands, or judgments of every nature arising from or claimed to arise, in whole or in part, in any manner out of, be occasioned by, or result from any injury to, or the death of, any person in or on, or any damage to property which occurs in, on, or about the premises, or in any manner growing out of or connected with the use, nonuse, or condition of the premises; violation of any condition of this permit by the permittee, its agents, employees, contractors, invitees (express or implied), or anyone claiming by or through the permittee; violation by the permittee of any federal, State, or local law, ordinance, or regulation affecting the premises and/or the permittee's use thereof; or any act, error or omission by the permittee, its agents, employees, contractors, invitees (express or implied), or anyone claiming by or through the permittee in the performance of this permit. This indemnification obligation is not limited by but is in addition to the insurance obligations contained in this permit.
- BB. No private security may be used for an event. All required security shall be performed by the Bergen County Sheriff's Office. The need for and amount of security and/or Bergen County Sheriff's presence, if any, at an event shall be determined by and in the sole discretion of the County and the Bergen County Sheriff's Office to protect, preserve and safeguard the attendees, other park visitors, the residents of Bergen County, including their constitutional and civil rights, and the Park.

## **5. Disclaimers.**

- A. The permitted area may be unavailable for an event or a portion thereof because of fire, flood, or other emergency over which the County has no control. The County, because of an emergency may find it necessary to postpone, cancel, or

move the event location or date. Neither the County nor the site being utilized will be liable to indemnify or reimburse the applicant for any damage or loss arising because of such an emergency action.

- B. All site construction and capital improvement or maintenance projects may take precedence over events. However, after an agreement is made with the County to hold an event, the County will not plan or conduct operations that would substantially hinder the operations of the event.
- C. Permits do not include rain dates.
- D. Information provided to the County as part of the special use permit process may be subject to review and inspection under the Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A 47:1A-1)

## **6. First Amendment Guidelines**

- A. The County will allow public assemblies, meetings, demonstrations, religious activities, and other public expressions of views conducted under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution in parks, in accordance with the County regulations provided that a permit has been obtained from the County.
- B. To ensure public safety, protect site resources, and avoid assigning the same time and location to two or more activities, the County may manage these activities by regulating the time, location, number of participants, use of facilities, and number and types of equipment used, but not the content or message.
- C. Locations within the site that are available for public assemblies and other First Amendment activities, including the distribution of printed matter, will be designated on a map by the County. When the County allows one group to use an area or facility for expressing views, it must allow all other groups a similar opportunity, if requested.
- D. No group wishing to assemble lawfully may be discriminated against or denied the right of assembly, provided that all applicable permit criteria and requirements are met.
- E. Whenever religious activities are conducted in parks, any County Service actions pertaining to them must reflect a clearly secular purpose, must have a primary effect that neither advances nor inhibits religion, and must avoid excessive governmental entanglement with religion.
- F. County Staff on duty at an area in which a First Amendment activity is being conducted will be neutral toward the activity but will remain responsible for the protection of participants, spectators, private property, public property, and park resources. On-duty staff may not participate in the First Amendment activity. County employees exercising their First Amendment rights when off duty will not imply any County endorsement of the activity.

## Section II

### Permit Revocation/Denial

1. Any violation by the holder of a permit or his agents or employees of any terms or condition thereof, or any State Statute, County Ordinance, rule, or regulation relative to the County Parks shall constitute grounds for its revocation by the County or by its authorized representative, whose action therein shall be final. In case of the revocation of any Park permit, all monies paid for or on account thereof shall be forfeited to and be retained by the County; and the holder of such permit, together with his agents and employees who violated such terms and conditions, shall be jointly and severally liable to the County for all damages and loss suffered by it in excess of the money so forfeited and retained; but neither such forfeiture and retention by the County of the whole or any part of such monies, nor the recovery or collection thereby of such damages, or both, shall in any manner relieve such person or persons from liability to punishment for any violation of any provision of this ordinance.
2. The County shall have the right to deny any future permits to any individual or party who has previously violated the terms of a permit issued by the County or another governmental agency or authority.
3. If any person shall be found guilty in a court of competent jurisdiction of the violation of any provision of this ordinance the conviction shall operate as a revocation of any permit granted by the County without further action.
4. The Parks Director or designee shall have the authority to immediately revoke for good cause any permit or reservation issued by the County Parks Department.

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## ARTICLE VI

### Park Hours

All Bergen County Parks operate on a sunrise-to-sunset schedule, open 30 minutes after sunrise and closing 30 minutes before sunset unless otherwise posted. Individual park facilities—such as the Bergen County Zoological Park, James A. McFaul Environmental Center, and Golf Courses—may have separate operating hours. Visitors are encouraged to check the operating hours of any County Parks facility before visiting. Current Bergen County Parks facilities hours, unless otherwise posted, are as follows:

- Bergen County Zoological Park: Daily, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM *\*Last entry at 3:00 PM\**
- James A. McFaul Environmental Center: Daily, (hours change with the seasons)
  - Weekdays: 8 AM - 6:45 PM
  - Weekends and Holidays: 8:30 AM - 6:45 PM
  - Museum hours:
    - Weekdays: 8:30 am - 4:45 PM
    - Weekends: 10:00 am - 4:45 PM
    - Holidays: CLOSED
- The Golf Office: Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Notwithstanding the above-listed hours, hours on a temporary or permanent basis may be required to be altered. For said reason, posted hours for any park, activity, or section shall control and take precedence over the above-listed hours.

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## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Fees & Damages**

- The County shall set fees for the use of designated areas or facilities and activities within the areas under the control of the County.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to use an area or facility or engage in an activity for which a fee has been established by the County Parks Department without payment of such fee unless the payment is waived by the Parks' Director.
- The Parks Director may assess damages to the person or persons responsible for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by the County Parks Department.
- The Parks Director, with the approval of the Office of the Bergen County Executive, has the authority and flexibility to adjust permit fees as needed due to specific circumstances.

The following fees shall apply for the stated activity:

#### **Archery**

##### **Bergen County Club Rate:**

\$120.00 annually

##### **Bergen County Individual:**

\$20.00 annually

##### **Non-Bergen County Club Rate:**

\$375.00 annually

##### **Non-Bergen County Individual:**

\$60.00 annually

#### **Bleacher Use**

\$250 (municipalities/public schools)

#### **Cross Country**

##### **Bergen County:**

\$20 per team, per meet

##### **Non-Bergen County:**

\$30 per team, per meet

#### **Overpeck Rowing**

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Bergen County</b>	<b>Non-Bergen County</b>
Annual Membership Fee	\$100	\$200
Annual Storage Fee	\$100	\$200
Spring Membership Fee	\$50/athlete	\$75/athlete
Summer Membership Fee	\$10/athlete	\$15/athlete
Fall Membership Fee	\$25/athlete	\$35/athlete
Annual Boat Storage Single	\$100	\$150
Annual Boat Storage Double	\$160	\$240
Annual Boat Storage Quad	\$320	\$480
Annual Boat Storage Eight	\$640	\$960

### **Model Planes**

#### **Bergen County Club Rate:**

\$120.00 annually

#### **Bergen County Individual:**

\$50.00 annually

#### **Non-Bergen County Club Rate:**

\$250.00 annually

#### **Non-Bergen County Individual:**

\$100.00 annually

### **Permit Fees**

#### **Permit Fees for Use of Athletic Field:**

#### **Seasonal Field Fees:**

#### **Bergen County Resident:**

Season - \$395.00

Time Slot - \$145.00

#### **Non-Bergen County Resident:**

Season - \$790.00

Time Slot - \$225.00

#### **Specialty Field Fees:**

#### **Bergen County Resident:**

Day Timeslot - \$175.00

Night Timeslot- \$245.00

#### **Non-Bergen County Resident:**

Day Timeslot - \$295.00

Night Timeslot- \$475.00

**\*Fees for Bergen Municipalities/Public Schools – 50% of Permit Fee\***

**Snack Bars:**

**Bergen County Resident:**

3 Hours \$100.00

Full Day \$200.00

**Non-Bergen County Resident:**

3 Hours \$195.00

Full Day \$360.00

**Permit Fees for Camping:**

**Bergen County Resident:**

\$25 per site, per night

**Non-Bergen County Resident:**

\$50 per site, per night

**\*Security Deposit: \$25 for both resident and non-resident\***

**Permit Fees for Special Event Permit:**

<b>No. of People</b>	<b>Bergen County Resident Fee</b>	<b>Non-Bergen County Resident Fee</b>	<b>Security Deposit</b>
10-49	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
50-99	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
100-149	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
150-199	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
200 - 499	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
500-999	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$500.00
1,000-3,000	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00
3,001-5,000	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$1,000.00
5,001-10,000	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$2,000.00
10,001 and Up	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00

**\*For use of the Overpeck Amphitheater, in addition to the above fees\***

**Event Day Permit Fee:** \$6,000

**Setup/Breakdown Day:** \$2,000

**Holiday Surcharge:** 25%

**Permit Fees for Picnic Permit:**



<b>No. of People</b>	<b>Bergen County Resident</b>	<b>Non-Bergen County</b>	<b>Security Deposit</b>
Over 15	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
For Pavilions:	\$195.00	\$275.00	\$50.00

**Bergen County Zoo**

<b><u>Zoo Entrance Fees</u></b>	<b>Bergen County Resident</b>	<b>Non-Bergen County Resident</b>
Under 3	Free	Free
Child (3-14)	\$4.00	\$7.00
Adults (15-61)	\$6.00	\$10.00
Seniors (62-up)/Disabled	\$2.00	\$4.00
Active Military/Veteran	Free	Free
<b>Train or Carousel</b>	\$3.00	\$3.00
School Programs	\$75.00	\$125.00
Scout Programs	\$75.00	\$125.00
Amphitheater Programs	\$75.00	\$125.00
Education Programs	\$15.00	\$20.00
Library Programs	\$75.00	N/A
Outreach Programs	\$200.00*	N/A
Birthday Party	\$350.00	\$400.00
Summer Camp	\$250.00	N/A
Mini-Camp	\$50.00	N/A

*\*Add'l Same-day Outreach Program \$75.00 each\**

**James A. McFaul Environmental Center**

**Nature Programs:**

SCHOOL GROUPS – Public, private, or homeschool

Bergen County Group

- Pre K - 6th Grade: \$50.00 per class (max. 25 children)

Out-of-County

- All groups: \$75.00 per class (max. 25 children)

**SCOUT GROUPS** (In-county and out-of-county scout groups)

Groups (max 25 scouts\* ) - \$50.00 per class (max. 25 children)

**\*Please note – siblings of participating age must be included in the total group size.**

**SENIOR GROUPS**

In-County and out-of-county senior groups \$50.00 per class (max. 25 adults)

***FOR ALL GROUPS OVER 25 PARTICIPANTS THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$10.00 PER PERSON***

**Professional Photography:**

Written permission and a fee are required to conduct a photo session wherein any professional photographer profits from the photos taken on the premises. Fees are assessed in accordance with Bergen County Ordinance 19-24. Please contact: BCFilmOffice@bergencountynj.gov for more information.

**Summer Workshop – 4-Day Sessions**

\$50.00 per session

Kindergarten: 4 days - 3 hours per day

1st Grade – 6th Grade: 4 days – 3 ½ hours per day

**Golf Fees**

- Winter Golf rates are \$35 on weekdays and \$40 on weekends for all golfers **when permitted.**
- Current Active US Armed Forces ID required for **Active Duty** discount
- Military Veteran Status ID required as well as proof of residency for **Veteran** discount
- Twilight Rates are only offered at our 18-hole golf courses at designated times, there is no Twilight play at our 9-hole courses, for the Twilight schedule, please flip to **pg. 42**

**Annual Registration**

- Bergen County Resident (Age 18-61) .....**\$60.00**
- Bergen County Resident (Age 62 and above) (Senior).....**\$45.00**
- Bergen County Resident (Age 17 and below) (Junior).....**\$45.00**
- Bergen County Resident – Military/Military Veteran.....**\$45.00**
- Non-Bergen County Resident.....**\$100.00**

**Green Fees-Weekday-18 Holes**

	<b><u>Registered</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Registered</u></b>
Adult	\$37.00	\$74.00
Senior	\$28.00	\$74.00
Junior	\$28.00	\$74.00
Active Military	\$10.00	\$10.00
Veteran	\$28.00	\$28.00
Disabled	\$28.00	\$74.00
Non-Resident	\$52.00	\$74.00
Adult ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$32.00	\$64.00
Senior ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$22.00	\$64.00
Junior ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$22.00	\$64.00
Disabled ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$22.00	\$64.00
Non-Resident ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$42.00	\$64.00

### **Green Fees-Weekend-18 Holes**

	<b><u>Registered</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Registered</u></b>
Adult	\$45.00	\$90.00
Senior	\$42.00	\$90.00
Junior	\$42.00	\$90.00
Active Military	\$15.00	\$15.00
Veteran	\$42.00	\$42.00
Disabled	\$42.00	\$90.00
Non-Resident	\$55.00	\$90.00
Adult ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$36.00	\$72.00
Senior ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$31.00	\$72.00

Junior ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$31.00	\$72.00
Disabled ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$31.00	\$72.00
Non-Resident ( <b>Twilight Hours</b> )	\$55.00	\$72.00

**Twilight Time Schedule:**

- March & April, 3 PM
- May & June, 4 PM
- July & August, 5 PM
- Sept., 4 PM
- Oct., 2 PM
- Nov & Dec, 1 PM

**Green Fees-Weekday-9 Holes**

- Nine Hole Rates are available only at the Orchard Hills 9-Hole Golf Courses and on the Back 9 at our 18-Hole Courses during the first hour of play in the morning.
- Rockleigh Blue Nine Hole Golf Course has special discounted greens fees. **Registered Golfers are \$20 weekday and \$25 weekend and Not Registered Golfers are \$30 weekday and \$35 weekend.**

	<b><u>Registered</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Registered</u></b>
Adult	\$30.00	\$60.00
Senior	\$25.00	\$60.00
Junior	\$25.00	\$60.00
Active Military	\$10.00	\$10.00
Veteran	\$25.00	\$25.00
Disabled	\$25.00	\$60.00
Non-Resident	\$42.00	\$60.00

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Active Military	\$15.00	\$15.00
Veteran	\$33.00	\$33.00
Disabled	\$33.00	\$74.00
Non-Resident	\$50.00	\$74.00

#### **Golf Cart Rate:**

- Gas Carts - 18 Holes.....**\$40.00**
- Gas Carts - 9 Holes.....**\$22.00**
- Gas Carts - Twilight.....**\$24.00**
- Gas Carts - 1/2 Cart 9 Holes.....**\$11.00 per person**
- Gas Carts - 1/2 Cart 18 Holes.....**\$20.00 per person**
- Pull Cart.....**\$6.00**

#### **Miscellaneous Golf Fees:**

##### **- Outings**

- Shotgun Start.....**\$100.00**
- Tee Time Start.....**\$80.00**

#### **Group Golf Monday to Friday starting at 11:00 am, with a maximum of 28 Golfers**

- Valley Brook, Soldier Hill, Darlington Overpeck, and Rockleigh.....**\$80.00**
- Orchard Hills.....**\$40.00**

#### **League Fees**

- Tee Time.....**\$30.00 per player**

**No Show Fee.....\$25.00**

**Lost Card Fee-Reprinted.....\$25.00**

**Darlington Driving Range – Cost of Buckets**

- Small Bucket (45 Balls).....**\$10.00**
- Medium Bucket (70 Balls).....**\$12.00**
- Large Bucket (100 Balls).....**\$15.00**

**All Other Courses – Cost of Buckets**

- Warm-up Bucket (17 Balls).....**\$5.00**

**Bergen County Tournaments**

- Tournaments except BC Amateur.....**\$80.00**
- Tournament Fee (Non-Bergen County).....**\$40.00**
- Bergen County Amateur.....**\$150.00**

**Pioneer Tour (Ages 8 to 18)**

- Application Fee.....**\$20.00**
- Clinic Fee.....**\$80.00**
- Tournament Fee.....**\$15.00 per player**
- Tournament Q-Tour Fee.....**\$75.00**

**Scholastic Fees**

- Annual Highschool Fee.....**\$750.00 per team**
- College Team.....**\$4,000.00 per semester**

**Golf Lessons**

- (1) ½ Hour Lesson.....**\$65.00**
- (1) 1 Hour Lesson.....**\$120.00**
- (5) ½ Hours Lessons.....**\$300.00**
- (5) 1 Hour Lessons.....**\$550.00**
- (3) 1 Hour Junior Lessons.....**\$300.00**
- (6) ½ hour Junior Lessons.....**\$300.00**
- (5) Day Junior Summer Camp, Monday to Friday.....**\$299.00**

**Special Attractions****Darlington Swim Season**

	<b>WEEKEND RATE</b>	<b>WEEKDAY RATE</b>
<b>BERGEN COUNTY ADULT (18-61)</b>	<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>OUT-OF-COUNTY ADULT (18-61)</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$15</b>

<b>CHILDREN (5-17)</b>	<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$8</b>
<b>BERGEN COUNTY SENIORS (62+)</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>\$3</b>
<b>OUT-OF-COUNTY SENIORS (62+)</b>	<b>\$6</b>	<b>\$3</b>

#### **The Splash Zone: The Lakes at Darlington**

- Regular Single Session (In-County).....**\$15**
- Regular Single Session (Out-of-County).....**\$15**
- Kiddie Single Session.....**\$7**

#### **Winter Wonderland:**

- General Admission.....**\$10.00**
- Senior Admission.....**\$5.00**
- Military/Veteran Admission.....**\$5.00**
- Skating Fee.....**\$10.00**
- Children Under 3.....**Free**
- Skate Rental.....**\$5.00**
- Skate Aid.....**\$10.00**
- Blitzen's Bumper Car Ride.....**\$12.00**
- Private Rental.....**\$500 per hour**

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **Annual Resident Card**

Bergen County residents, upon proper proof of residency, may obtain an annual registration and Bergen County golf card which shall entitle the holder to special user fees at certain facilities operated by the Bergen County Department of Parks. Registration, with the exception of the County golf courses, shall cover and include the applicant, his or her spouse, and his or her children under the age of 18 years that are listed on the application.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **Enforcement/Fines & Penalties**

- Designated Parks employees and the Bergen County Sheriff's Office may enforce the provisions of this ordinance and eject from the County Parks persons acting in violation of this ordinance. Any ejection may result in a seasonal or lifetime ban of said person.

- Law enforcement authorities where County Parks' property is situated shall have jurisdiction to patrol and enforce the Bergen County Park Ordinance on County Park property. They also shall have jurisdiction to enforce any violation of state law or local laws which shall occur on County Park property.
- Any person who is found guilty of committing an act which is prohibited, or which is declared to be unlawful or an offense, or is found guilty of the non-performance of an act which is required to be done by the Ordinance, or is found guilty of violating either a rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this Ordinance, or any of the terms or conditions of any permit issued hereunder, and for which this Ordinance provides no specific penalty, shall be punished by imprisonment in the County jail or in any place provided by the County for the detention of prisoners for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days or by a period of community service not to exceed ninety (90) days and/or by a fine of no less than \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) and not more than \$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars), or both, and, shall further be subject to the replacement, repair or restoration of any damaged County property if the unlawful act or offense involved the damage or destruction of County property.
- In addition, any person who is found guilty of committing an act which is prohibited or which is declared to be unlawful or an offense, or is found guilty of the non-performance of an act which is required to be done by the Ordinance, or is found guilty of violating either a rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to this Ordinance, or any of the terms or conditions of any permit issued hereunder within one year of the date of a previous violation of the same ordinance and who was fined for the previous violation shall be sentenced as a repeat offender. The additional fine imposed by the Court upon a person for a repeated offense shall not be less than the minimum or exceed the maximum fine fixed for a violation of the ordinance and shall be calculated separately from the fine imposed for the violation of the ordinance.
- Any person who is found guilty of throwing, discharging or placing any foreign or waste substances at or on the parkland or in any lake, river, lagoon, pond, creek, brook, stream, storm sewer or drain, or other waterway of the parks or into any waterway leading into or bordering upon the aforementioned any substance, matter or thing which may or shall result in the pollution of said water in violation of Article IV Section (aa) herein shall be punished by a fine of no less than \$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) and not more than \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars)