

ADAMS COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations apply to the use of all of the following Adams County parks and facilities:

- A. Adams County Regional Park Complex
 - B. Rotella Park
 - C. Twin Lakes Park
 - D. Elaine T. Valente Open Space
 - E. Jim Baker Reservoir
 - F. Any land designated as part of the Adams County Parks, Trails and Open Space system.
1. Hours of Use
- A. Adams County parks and facilities are open for public use from sunrise to sunset daily, contracted and permitted events excluded. No person shall remain in any Adams County park or facility at any other time without authorization.
 - B. South Platte River, Clear Creek, Niver Creek and Little Dry Creek Trails are open for public use from 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. daily.
2. Operation of Motorized Vehicles
- A. A person may operate or park a motorized vehicle only on constructed roadways or in designated parking areas within Adams County parks and facilities.
 - B. The speed limit on all roadways and parking areas is 10 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.
 - C. Parking in any area not designated for parking or parking in a designated “no parking” area shall subject the operator to having the motorized vehicle towed away at the vehicle owner’s expense.
 - D. No person shall operate a motorized vehicle on any pedestrian or bicycle path or trail. This shall not prohibit the use of Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) by individuals with mobility disabilities on Adams County parks and trails, as permitted and governed by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, sections 12131-12134 and 28 C.R.F. Part 35.

E. Adams County motorized vehicles may be operated on parks and trails for maintenance, inspection and law enforcement purposes.

3. Inflatable's

As used herein, Inflatable means any inflatable structure used for the sole intent of recreational purposes to include, but not limited to: bouncy houses, castles, slides, jumpers, or any similar structure. Inflatable structures will only be allowed in designated parks and each of the designated parks will have an area identified for the use of such structures.

4. Tents

Tents, booths, stands, awnings, canopies, and similar structures are prohibited unless prior written consent has been granted from the Adams County Parks and Open Space Department. Use of stakes of any kind requires coordination and approval.

5. Damage to Property/Vandalism

It is prohibited to remove, destroy, deface, damage, or in any other way vandalize any amenity, facility, building, structure, sign, fence, marker, statue, or vegetation in or on any Adams County park or facility.

6. Littering

It is prohibited to deposit or leave any refuse, trash, or litter in or on any Adams County park or facility except by depositing such refuse, trash or litter in designated refuse receptacles.

7. Fires

Fires are not permitted in any Adams County park or facility, except in designated picnic grills.

8. Fireworks and Explosives

It is prohibited to possess, ignite, or discharge fireworks or explosive devices in or on any Adams County park or facility unless prior consent has been granted from Adams County Regional Park and Open Space Director and proper permits are obtained from Brighton Fire Protection District.

9. Nuisance-Prohibited Activities

A. No person shall conduct an activity that constitutes a general nuisance.

B. As used herein, "nuisance" means an unreasonable or unlawful use of any Adams County park or facility which causes annoyance, discomfort or damage to any other person utilizing said County park or facility or to any person residing in the area neighboring said County park or facility.

C. It is prohibited to use sound amplification devices in Adams County parks or facilities without the written consent of the Adams County Parks and Open Space Department.

D. It is prohibited to permit unreasonably loud noises that would disturb others.

10. Possession and Discharge of Firearms

- A. It is prohibited to discharge any firearms in any Adams County park or facility. This provision does not apply to a duly authorized law enforcement acting in the line of duty.
- B. These provisions involving discharge of firearms were adopted by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to C.R.S. Section 30-15-302, as amended.
- C. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to restrict or otherwise affect the constitutional right to bear arms or to defend ones' person, family, or property.

11. Alcoholic Beverages

- A. It is permissible to consume or possess alcoholic beverages ONLY at Regional Park premises' that are duly licensed pursuant to the Colorado Liquor Code. Fermented malt beverages (3.2%) may be possessed or consumed in any unlicensed Adams County park or facility. (See exhibit B).
- B. As used herein, "alcoholic beverage" means malt, vinous or spirituous liquors as defined in the Colorado Liquor Code, C.R.S. Section 12-47-103.
- C. Approved non-profit organizations may apply for a Special Events Permit to sell alcoholic beverages at events scheduled at the Regional Park non-licensed area(s). The Special Events Permit must be displayed at the concessionaire area during the event. Proof of insurance must be submitted to the Parks office prior to the scheduled event. (See exhibit B map depicting licensed areas within the Regional Park).

12. Beverage Containers

Glass beverage containers are not allowed. Only metal, plastic and paper beverage containers are permitted.

13. Pets

- A. All pets must be on a leash and under physical control at any Adams County park or facility. "Leash" means a strap, cord, or chain and shall not exceed ten (10) feet in length. Contracted and permitted events excluded.
- B. All persons shall immediately remove and properly dispose of animal excrement that falls on the land within any Adams County park or trail, open space or facility.
- C. It is prohibited for any person to allow a pet under their custody, control, or ownership to harass, feed, chase harm, capture, kill or, maim any wildlife including but not limited to mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish on any Adams County park or facility.

14. Activities

- A. Swimming, bow fishing, boating, ice skating, and ice fishing are not allowed on lakes or other water areas within any Adams County park or facility, unless specifically permitted by a signed contract with Adams County or as allowed below.
- B. As used herein, “belly-boating” means propelling (by kicking) a single or multi chambered, air inflated, floatation device, usually used for fishing. Belly boating is prohibited at Debetz Pit and the north end of Mann Nyholt Lake.
- C. It is prohibited to camp overnight, or to park any vehicle, trailer or camper for overnight camping purposes, in any Adams County park or facility except by permit in areas designated for overnight RV parking.
- D. It is prohibited to conduct any commercial activity or concession, or to provide any service, product or activity for which a fee is charged, in any Adams County park or facility, except when a valid Adams County Vendor Permit has been issued by the Adams County Parks and Open Space Department.

15. Hunting/Trapping

It is prohibited to hunt or trap any wild animal or to place or set traps on any Adams County park or facility, unless specifically authorized by the Board of County Commissioners.

16. Releasing Wildlife

It is prohibited to release any wildlife or domesticated animal in any Adams County park or facility.

17. Fishing

Any person fishing on any Adams County park or facility must comply with the property associated Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife Rules and Regulations regarding fishing adopted in their entirety, as amended by the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife. More information can be obtained at <http://cpw.state.co.us/>.

18. Penalties

In addition to any penalty prescribed by law, any violation of any of the Rules and Regulations herein by any person may subject that person to immediate ejection from the park or facility. Fines and citations may also be imposed.

19. Enforcement

These Rules and Regulations may be enforced by any officer of the Adams County Sheriff's or Adams County Animal Control Officer where appropriate.