

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY PARKLAND ORDINANCE

The following parks in the Yellowstone County Area are governed by the ordinances described herein. Other park lands may be governed by portions hereof and such applicability will be reflected in appropriate signage posted at the specific park, the required County Resolution making such provision, or included in Section CO 04390-010 through 04390-025 herein .

Parks and park land covered by this entire ordinance:

Two Moon
Zimmerman
Earl Guss Park
Arrow Island II Park

CO (County Ordinance) 04390-010:

All motorized vehicles are restricted as follows:

- a. to designated roadways and prohibited from leaving such roadways;
- b. prohibited from entering fenced or blocked areas designed to prevent vehicular access; or
- c. prohibited from entering areas posted with signs indicating no vehicular access or limiting such access to specified hours noted on the signs.

CO 04390-011:

No refuse of any kind shall be left in the parks. Refuse is here defined as anything of any size not occurring naturally in or is native to the parks. Any articles carried by park visitors into the parks must be taken out with the user when he or she leaves the park area.

CO04390-012:

Fires are allowed only in areas provided as firepits. No fires whatsoever are allowed in the interior of Two Moon Park outside of the entrance/parking areas.

CO 04390-013:

No fireworks (as defined by MCA Section 50-37-101) of any kind are allowed anywhere in the park areas to include carrying, transporting, discharging, or other use of any fireworks at any time of year.

CO 04390-014:

No tree cutting or removal of vegetation of any kind, whether alive or dead, is allowed anywhere in the park areas. Exceptions to this may from time to time be allowed by the

County Board of Park Commissioners, and written notice of such allowance will be provided such action.

CO 04390-015:

Alcoholic beverages involving visiting groups larger than five people over 21 years of age are allowed only with written permission obtained from the County Board of Park Commissioners.

CO 04390-016:

The hunting or trapping by any means of any animals or birds, and the shooting of any firearm, bow and arrow, BB gun, pellet gun, paintball, slingshot, or other similar device are prohibited.

CO 04390-017:

No dogs are allowed in the park areas without their owners in attendance, and the owners shall exercise supervision of their dogs in the park areas to include preventing dogs from chasing or harassing park wildlife or other users of the park areas. All dog owners or walkers with dogs in the parks must pick up any excrement deposited by their dogs on pedestrian and bicycle pathways while in the parks, and the dog owners shall have with them at all times, while in the parks, plastic bags for picking up, carrying, and proper disposal of such excrement. Enforcement of this provision is by the Animal Control Division of the County Sheriff's Department.

CO 04390-018:

The park areas are closed to public access and use at one-half hour after sunset nightly and opened at one-half hour before sunrise daily. In addition, no overnight camping shall be allowed in any County parkland. Exceptions to this may be made by the County Board of Park Commissioners as appropriate by written permission. No County park lands shall be used for habitation or any extended camping activity.

CO 04390-019:

Specific County Park Regulations (regulations specific to and limited to the following listed parks):

Barkemeyer Park:

No skateboarding

Hours of operation are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Pine Hill Park:

Motorized vehicle use restricted to 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Saturday with no motorized use on Sunday.

CO 04390-020:

Hazardous Fire Areas (as per 2009 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code (IWUIC):

The Billings Fire Chief or his designee is authorized to determine and publicly announce when hazardous fire park areas shall be closed to entry and when such park areas shall again be opened to use.

Posting of Hazardous Fire Park Areas:

The Fire Chief or his designee shall post signs prohibiting entry into closed hazardous fire park areas. Post shall be accomplished by placing orange signs of not less than fifty square inches at each normal point of access to the hazardous fire park areas and at regular intervals of not less than every one-fourth mile along roadways with points of access to the closed park areas.

Criminal Trespass to Hazard Fire Areas:

A person commits the offense of criminal trespass to hazardous fire park areas if the person enters or remains unlawfully in a properly posted hazardous fire park area. Exceptions are official County, State, and Federal representatives and their authorized agents acting in the course of duty; and persons engaged in the operation and maintenance of necessary utilities such as electrical power, telephone, gas, water, and sewer.

Tampering with Signs, Barricades, or locks:

No person shall tamper with, mutilate, destroy, or remove locks, barricades, or signs posting or closing hazardous fire park areas.

CO 04390-21:

County Park Special Use Permit:

Persons desiring to use the parks listed at the beginning of this Ordinance for special uses, such as weddings, parties with alcohol, etc., shall complete an application for such use in the format hereto attached.

CO 04390-25:

Violation of any of these rules, as provided under MCA Section 7-16-2322 and developed by the Board of Park Commissioners, adopted by the Yellowstone County Board of

County Commissioners on 4/16/94; amended on 6/7/94, 12/19/96, 10/0/03; 12/16/2008; 1/13/09; and enforced by the County Sheriff's Department after due consideration and public hearing, is deemed a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred (500) dollars, imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months, or both fine and imprisonment.