



City of Neenah  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
**PARK RULES**

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**The following activities in Parks are regulated in the Municipal Code:**

- ❖ **No alcohol** [11.3] exceptions: The Whiting Boathouse and fenced patio area.
- ❖ **No use of firearms.** [11.84]
- ❖ **No shooting** or throwing objects, projectiles or arrows. [11.85] This does not apply to the Archery Range.
- ❖ **No feeding** ducks or geese. [10-3(14)]
- ❖ **Motor vehicles** are allowed on paved roads and parking areas only, not on turf or pedestrian/bike trails. [16.4] **No motorized recreation vehicles** [11.2] **or snowmobiles** [16.224] except Fresh Air and Rec Park landings for lake access.
- ❖ **Public Nuisance:** Individuals/Groups using the parks and park facilities must be considerate to other parks guests and surrounding-residents. The Police Department will respond to complaints and may issue citations and/or revoke park permits for violations. [10-1].

**The following Park Rules are established by the Parks and Recreation Commission, in addition to the regulations established in the Municipal Code:** These rules are enforceable pursuant to the City of Neenah Municipal Code, Sec. 11-4 “No person shall violate the rules of the Parks and Recreation Commission.”

1. Rules may be waived for sanctioned events with approval of the Parks and Recreation Administration.
2. Parks are open from 4:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
  - a. Boat launching, shoreline fishing and use of paved park trails are exempt from this time restriction.
  - b. Permitted activities at the Whiting Boat House are exempt from this time restriction.
3. Permits are required for the following activities:
  - a. Exclusive use of any park, trail, facility, play area or special use area.
  - b. All public meetings, assemblies, entertainments or tournaments held on park property.
  - c. Geocaching is allowed with permission.
  - d. Groups of 15 or more assembling in parks after 8:00PM.
4. The following activities are prohibited in parks:
  - a. Operating or parking any motorized vehicle in a park during closed hours.
  - b. Golfing.
  - c. Building fires other than for cooking in City provided grills or commercially produced barbeque grills.
  - d. Digging or removing turf, trees, shrubs, flowers, wildlife or objects of archeological interest.
  - e. Swimming or wading within any park including but not limited to fountains, storm water facilities, ponds or streams, with the exception of the swimming pool.
  - f. Skateboarding in park shelters, on tennis or basketball courts, in Shattuck Park or along the Riverwalk.
  - g. Smoking within 100 feet of park buildings, structures, athletic facilities and playgrounds.
  - h. Bringing animals onto park property, with the exception of leashed dogs on roads and trails.
  - i. Erecting a temporary / semi-permanent enclosed structure (i.e. ice fishing shelter or tent.)
  - j. Use of park property for private gain, including selling or offering for sale any tangible or intangible item or soliciting for any trade, occupation business or profession. This shall not apply to non-profit agencies or concession sales as part of an approved event, or to events operated by the Parks and Recreation Department.
  - k. Mooring boats adjacent to park shorelines, except in the harbor as allowed in the municipal code.
  - l. Any specific activity determined by the Parks and Recreation Department to be unsafe and posted as such.
5. Persons cited for violations of park rules or city ordinances in parks, twice in one 12-month period, will be evicted from the parks for an additional 12-month period.

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