



## PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Listed are rules and regulations for the City of Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department, grounds, and facilities. If you do not find answers to your questions under the following outline, please call the Park Administration Office, 317-776-6350. For additional regulations for use of the Forest Park Inn and The Lodge at Forest Park, please see these rules and regulations under these two facilities on the Parks' website.

1. **PARK HOURS:** 5AM – 11 PM, unless otherwise posted. Special events being held by the Parks Department or rental groups at the Forest Park Inn, Forest Park Lodge and/or Green Room at Federal Hill Commons are exceptions. The OUTDOOR facilities of the Parks are officially closed from November 1st - April 1st. NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is permitted in the Noblesville City Parks.
2. **ALCOHOL:** Please call the Parks Administrative Office for details, 317-776-6350.
3. **PUBLIC POOL:** The Forest Park Aquatic Center is run by Friends of Central Pool and not the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department. You may contact them at 317-773-4649 or at their website, [www.forestparkpool.org](http://www.forestparkpool.org).
4. **JAMES A. DILLON PARK & FINCH CREEK PARK SPLASH PADS:** There is no charge for the use of the splash pads. They are operated from Memorial Day weekend until the end of September, weather permitting. Consult the Dr. James A. Dillon Park and Finch Creek Park facility on the Noblesville Parks website for operation hours: [www.noblesvilleparks.org](http://www.noblesvilleparks.org)
5. **SHELTERS, PICNIC AREAS, THE FOREST PARK INN, THE FOREST PARK LODGE and THE GREEN ROOM AT FEDERAL HILL COMMONS:** These facilities can be reserved for a fee. They can be reserved up to a year to date in advanced. Please see Facilities under the Noblesville Parks and Recreation website for details on pricing.
6. **FIREWORKS:** No fireworks are allowed in any of the Noblesville City Parks. No person shall possess, discharge, set off, or cause to be discharged, in or into any park area, firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, fireworks, explosives, or substance harmful to the life or safety of persons or property. This shall also include those devices described as "safe and sane" fireworks. For all other areas within the City of Noblesville, please see the City Ordinance #3-1-09.



7. **TRAILS:** No motorized vehicle, including golf carts, are allowed on any trails in the Noblesville City Parks trail system, with the exception of motorized wheelchairs or official city vehicles being operated by Park employees. Ride, walk, run and skate on the RIGHT, except when passing. Cyclists are asked to announce and slow down when they are approaching a pedestrian on the trail and to observe all of the other rules of the road for cyclists. Do not disturb or harass wildlife. Please remember the YIELD rules:
  - a. Bicycles yield to rollerbladers
  - b. Bicycles and rollerbladers yield to skateboarders
  - c. Bicycles, rollerbladers, skateboarders yield to runners
  - d. All yield to pedestrians.
8. **ANIMALS:** Must be restrained per Noblesville City Ordinance 78-12-04: Restraint meaning, "any animal secured by a leash or lead, or under the physical control of the animal's owner or attending party, or within the real property limits of its owner." Removal of Excrement: Persons responsible for an animal shall immediately remove the animal's excrement from public lands or from the property of another, excepting a blind person working with a guide dog." Please refer to the complete ordinance above for additional regulations. Violations will result in fines. Dogs or other pets or domestic animals are not permitted on any athletic playing field, or children's playground area.
9. **BONFIRES:** Are prohibited. Fires are only allowed to be used in the designated charcoal grills at the shelters and picnic areas.
10. **CAMPING:** Policies for Camping
  - a. Each request for special permit overnight camping must be submitted to the Park Board. The Board reserves the right to grant or deny the request based on the following criteria:
    - i. Camping requests must be made at least 30 days in advance
    - ii. Requests for camping will not be considered during the months of November, December, January, February and March
    - iii. Only requests of TENT CAMPING will be considered
    - iv. No camping requests will be considered on Friday, Saturday or holidays between Memorial Day and Labor Day
    - v. All requests must include a plan for security
    - vi. All groups must agree to repair any damage or loss to the Parks Department and must submit the requested damage deposit at least 10 days prior to the event.
    - vii. The Board may require proof of insurance. If insurance is required it must be filed proof at least 10 days prior to the event. The insurance policy shall name the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department as additional insured.
    - viii. The Board reserves the right to require any group to supply additional sanitary facilities and trash receptacles at no charge to the Department.
11. **PONY RIDES:** Horses or ponies are not allowed to be brought into the Noblesville Parks.



12. **DUNK TANKS:** Are only allowed at certain locations in the Park. A water fee will be charged for their use. Call the Park Administration office for details, 317-776-6350.
13. **INFLATABLES:** Are allowed, must come and go the same day of the event being held and may require the renter to provide a generator.
14. **FUNDRAISERS:** You must contact the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department administrative office, 317-776-6350. You cannot have a fundraiser within the Noblesville City Park System without meeting certain criteria.
15. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** Please contact the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department administrative office, 317-776-6350. There is a deposit required and a contract must be issued between the Parks Department and party holding the event meeting certain criteria.
16. **CONCESSIONS:** Concessions in the Parks are contracted out therefore, only those parties approved by the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department may operate any type of concession in the Noblesville Park System, this includes those concessions housed solely in a moving vehicle.
17. **VANDALISM, POSSESSION OF FLOWERS AND SHRUBS:** It is unlawful for any person to remove, destroy, break, injure, mutilate, or deface in any way any structure, sign, fence, wall, railing, vehicle, bench, tree, shrub, plant, flower or any other property in any City park. No person shall climb any tree or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, railing, and fences or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.
18. **PUBLIC RESTROOMS:** It is unlawful to urinate or defecate in any park except in public restrooms. It is unlawful for any person to blow, spread, or place any bodily discharge, or spit, urinate, or defecate on the floors, walls, partitions, furniture, fittings or on any portion of any public restroom, except directly in the particular fixture provided for that purpose.
19. **INAPPROPRIATE** public displays of affection and/or any sexual activity or nudity is not allowed on Park property. Sexual activity or nudity in a public park is a felony.
20. **NO** person shall use PROFANE OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, or conduct oneself in a disorderly manner on Park property.
21. **ADVERTISING/CONDUCTING BUSINESS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit for or conduct any business or to sell or to offer to sell any parcel or service or solicit for charitable contributions in Noblesville Parks unless such person has been granted a permit.
22. **MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT:** It is unlawful to use radios, tape machines, CD players, live musical entertainment or amplification systems in a loud manner that will interfere with others using the park or with park neighbors, except when a permit has been issued by the City or the Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department.

**OTHER FACILITIES WITHIN THE PARK WHICH THE PARK DOES NOT OPERATE:**

**The Forest Park Aquatic Center, (PUBLIC POOL), 317-773-4649, [www.forestparkpool.org](http://www.forestparkpool.org).** The Park offices are unable to assist you with questions about the operation of the public pool.

**The baseball fields in Forest Park** are not available for use by the general public. They are under lease to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball organization.



**Potter's Bridge Park and Morse Beach** along with the trails in those parks are not city properties and therefore **not** managed by Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department. These properties are owned and operated by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department. Please contact the Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department for questions, 317-770-4400 or go to the Department website at [www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/department/?structureid=23](http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/department/?structureid=23).

