

TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES

Section 2 (a) The operation of a motorized vehicle is prohibited on any beach, park, or open space area except in those areas designated for such purpose by the Park Commission or Conservation Commission, as appropriate, and excepting official vehicles engaged in maintenance or emergency activities.

(b) No person shall park or store any motorized vehicle, bicycle, boat trailer or personal property at any public bathing beach, boatyard, marina, or Open Space Area of the Town of Fairfield except in those areas set aside and designated for such purpose by the Park Commission or Conservation Commission, as appropriate.

Section 4 (b) Persons using Town beach facilities and swimming in designated areas shall be appropriately attired. No person over the age of five years, male or female, shall allow his or her private parts to be exposed to public view while that individual is on public beach, park or open space property of the Town of Fairfield. For purposes of this section, "private parts" are defined as the genitals, and also as to females, that area of the breast known as the nipple.

Section 10 Loaded firearms are prohibited on any Town beach, marina, park, or open space, except when carried by law enforcement officers in the execution of their duties.

Section 11 (a) No person, or persons, or organization shall camp overnight or construct tents, stands, benches, shelter or other structure of a temporary or permanent nature, nor hold any sponsored gathering or function, on any Town park, beach, marina or open space without the express permission of the Park Commission, Conservation Commission, or their designee, as appropriate.

(b) No alcoholic beverages are allowed on Town parks, beaches, marinas, or open space without the express written permission of the Park Commission or Conservation Commission, as appropriate.

Section 14 (d) No unleashed dogs allowed in Ash Creek Open Space Area. Dogs not permitted in picnic area or play area.

(e) All domestic animals required to be licensed, e.g., dogs, shall be kept under voice command or leash control by their owners at all times, on open space areas.

(f) All dogs shall be kept on a leash if the animals are within one hundred feet (100-ft.) of a parking lot or picnic area or other areas as may be designated by the Conservation Commission, on open space areas.

(g) Persons with dogs and vehicles shall park their vehicles in areas to be designated by the Conservation Commission, on open space areas.

(h) All persons shall remain on designated trails as marked by the Conservation Commission, on open space areas.

(i) All persons walking dogs shall endeavor to remain on designated trails as marked by the Conservation Commission, on open space areas.

(j) No more than three (3) dogs may be walked by a person on any open space area.

Section 15 No person shall light, kindle or use any fire on any Town beach, park, marina, or open space, except in receptacles installed for this purpose, or by the authority of the Park Commission or Conservation Commission, as appropriate.

Section 17 (e) The use of watercraft on Lake Mohegan, except those used by Town agents in performance of their duties, or as approved in writing by the Conservation Commission, is prohibited.

Section 20 (b) All open space areas shall be open from dawn to one hour after sunset, except by authority of the Conservation Department.

(c) The operation of a motorized vehicle is prohibited on any Town park or open space, except in those areas designated by the Park or Conservation Commission, and except for official vehicles involved in maintenance or emergency operations.

Section 22 No camping is allowed on any park or open space area, except by permit issued by the Park Commission or Conservation Department as appropriate.

Section 23 No person shall pick any flowers, foliage or fruit, or shall cut, break, dig up, or in any way mutilate or injure any tree, shrub, plant, grass, turf, railing, seat, fence, structure, or any thing in any park, play lot, open space and beach, or cut, carve, paint, mark or paste on any tree, stone, fence, wall, building, monument or other object therein, any bill, advertisement or inscription whatsoever unless approved in writing by the Conservation Department or the Park Commission, as appropriate.

Section 24 (a) No stone or other missiles shall be thrown or rolled from, into, within or upon any park or open space area. (This section does not prohibit the use of a ball in designated playing areas.)

(b) Hunting, trapping, and discharging of firearms on or into any park or open space area is prohibited. Hunters crossing open space to gain access to State property may proceed through that open space only with an unloaded firearm.

Section 25 Threatening, abusive, boisterous, insulting or indecent language or gesture in any beach, marina, park, or open space area is prohibited.

Section 26 (a) No person shall expose any article or thing for sale in any Town beach, marina, park, or open space area unless a permit is issued by the Park Commission or Conservation Commission.

(b) No person shall destroy, injure or disturb any form of wildlife or its habitat on any Town beach, marina, park or open space excluding fishing, shellfishing and related activities.

Section 27 No person shall discharge or set off within any Town beach, park, or open space area, firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, or any other fireworks, except under special permit issued by the Park Commission or Conservation Commission, as appropriate.

Section 28 No person shall dig up or remove any dirt, sand, stones, rock, or other things whatever, make any excavation, quarry any stone, or lay or set off any blast, or cause or assist in doing any such things, within any Town park, beach, or open space area, except under special permit issued by the Park Commission, Conservation Commission, or other duly authorized agency of the Town of Fairfield.

Section 29 (a) No bottles, broken glass, waste paper, or other rubbish, shall be left in any Town beach, park, marina, or open space area, except in containers designated for that purpose.

(b) No person shall deposit solid waste in any Town beach, park, marina or open space area trash receptacle if the solid waste has been brought from outside said Town beach, park, marina, or open space area.

Section 30 Golfing in Town parks and open space areas is prohibited without the express permission of the Park Commission, the Conservation Commission, or their designee, as appropriate.

Section 31 Ice skating will be allowed in a Town park, or open space area, where a body of water has been posted as "Safe".

Section 32 Mountain bikes or other unmotorized bicycles may be used on Conservation Department designated open space trails only. At no time may mountain bikes be taken off the trails.

Section 33 No dumping is allowed on open space property, and is subject to fines as stated in the Code of the Town of Fairfield.

Section 34 The feeding of any waterfowl is strictly prohibited.

Section 35 (a) A refusal to obey the rules and regulations of the Park Commission, Conservation Commission, Board of Recreation, Police or Fire Departments or any other authorized agent of any of these Commissions, shall be considered a violation of these Rules and Regulations.

(b) Any person who violates any of the rules or regulations of the Park Commission or Conservation Commission may be subject to a fine of not more that \$90.00.

The foregoing are in addition to such prohibitions and penalties as are provided by the Laws of this State and Ordinances of this Town.

The above sections were excerpted from, "Rules and Regulations, Fairfield beaches, waterways, channels, marinas, parks, and open space areas owned and operated by the Town of Fairfield, Fairfield, CT"