

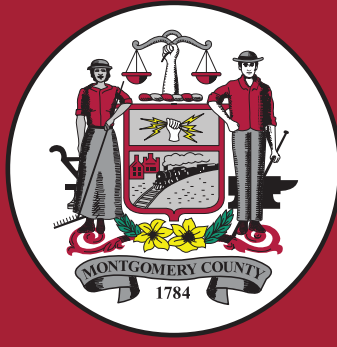
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Division of Parks, Trails, & Historic Sites



WELCOME TO YOUR COUNTY PARKS, TRAILS, AND HISTORIC SITES

RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules will help make your visit pleasant and safe. If anything interferes with your use of this site, please notify any Montgomery County Parks, Trails, or Historic Sites (PTHS) staff. *Enjoy Your Visit!*

- Alcohol and Controlled Substances** – Illegal drugs & abuse of controlled substances are prohibited on County property. Alcoholic beverages are permitted ONLY pursuant to a Special Use Permit at designated facilities.
- Firearms and Other Dangerous Weapons** – No person shall discharge a firearm or possess or transport fireworks, BB guns, bows/arrows, pellet guns, air guns, paintball guns, or slingshots on PTHS property (except under special condition established by PTHS).
- Pets** – Pets are permitted on County property, except in buildings and in certain designated and posted areas. Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet in length and under the owner's control. Pet waste must be cleaned up and disposed of properly. This policy shall not apply to service animals.
- Littering, Debris, and Pollution** – Littering and dumping are prohibited. All trash, refuse and waste shall be removed from the County facility or placed in appropriate receptacles. Dumping of grass clippings, leaves, branches, and other landscape materials is prohibited. Introducing waste into any body of water is prohibited. Draining or dumping refuse or waste from any vehicle, trailer, or camper is prohibited.
- Peace and Good Order** – No person shall engage in unruly, indecent, boisterous, or disorderly conduct including, but not limited to, excessive loud music or abusive language.
- Fires** – Fires are prohibited except in fireplaces or other designed areas. All fires must be extinguished prior to leaving the designated area.
- Smoking** – Smoking is prohibited on County property or inside any building or structure. This prohibition includes E-cigarettes or similar vaporizing devices.
- Parking and Vehicle Use** – Vehicles may park in marked spaces only or where designated by PTHS staff. Parking areas are provided for PTHS facility use ONLY. Parked vehicles belonging to individuals not using a PTHS facility, included but not limited to trails and parks, are considered unauthorized vehicles and may be ticketed or towed. Parking after posted closing time is prohibited without facility permission. The posted speed limit on facility roads and driveways must be obeyed.
- Motorized Vehicles** – The use of motorized vehicles, except those transporting the disabled or on roadways or designated areas is prohibited on County property. These include, but are not limited to, ATVs, motorbikes, and snowmobiles. The use of electric-assisted vehicles to transport the disabled is allowed with a PTHS permit. (See the PTHS "Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices" policy.)
- Hunting, Trapping, Feeding, Disturbing, or Harassing Wildlife** – Hunting and trapping on County property is prohibited, except under special conditions established by PTHS. Feeding, disturbing, or harassing any wildlife is prohibited.
- Animals and Enclosures** – No disturbing of any animals in fenced pastures or enclosures.
- Releasing or Abandoning of Plants and Animals** – Releasing or abandoning any wild or domestic animal, fish, or plant of any type on any County property is prohibited without written permission from PTHS.
- Protection of Natural, Historic, Archeological, and Facility Features** – Defacing, damaging, disturbing or removing any feature or artifact, natural or manmade, from County property is prohibited.
- Metal Detectors** – The use of metal detectors is prohibited.
- Fishing** – Fishing shall be permitted during posted facility operating hours and in designated areas approved by PTHS. All Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Laws apply.
- Boating** – Boating is permitted only in areas designated by PTHS. See specific regulations at each facility. All Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Laws apply.
- Swimming** – Swimming, bathing, diving, or jumping into the waters owned, managed, or leased by PTHS is prohibited.
- Ice Skating and Ice Fishing** – Ice skating and ice fishing are prohibited except at certain designated facilities.
- Camping** – Overnight camping is prohibited, except in designated areas. All individuals and groups desiring to camp must register with the facility. Construction of lodging on County property is prohibited.
- Bicycles** – Bicycles are permitted in designated areas on County property. Cyclists must ride in a safe and controlled manner and yield to pedestrians and horses. An audible warning must be given when passing. In accordance with State law, children under age 12 must wear a helmet.
- Signs** – Temporary signs for events at County facilities are permitted at that location on the day of the event ONLY and must be removed by the end of the day. Posted signs must not cause damage to any County facility feature, natural or manmade.
- Soliciting and Advertising** – Individuals are prohibited from selling merchandise or food, soliciting, or promoting causes, unless associated with a permitted event. Any such sales, solicitation, or promotion is restricted to the area for which a Special Use Permit has been obtained.
- Hours of Operation** – Operating hours for each PTHS facility shall be posted at that site. Accessing a facility beyond the posted hours, without permission, is prohibited. Regional trails shall be open from sunrise to sunset.
- Closed Areas** – PTHS reserves the right to close any facility, or portion thereof, for the health and safety of visitors and/or the protection of a feature, either natural or manmade.
- Fees and Reservations** – Certain activities and the use of certain facilities may require a reservation, security deposit, and/or payment of a fee. See individual facility for additional information.
- Special Events** – Certain activities, depending on size and scope, may require a Special Use Permit and possible fee. See individual facility for additional information.
- Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) and Drone Use** – In an effort to balance public safety, privacy concerns, protection of wildlife, viewshed and sound-shed protection, and FAA rules and regulations with the popular recreational use of drones or other types of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), the use of such vehicles is permitted only in designated and posted areas.
- Site-Specific Regulations** – Individual PTHS facilities may have additional regulations. See individual facility for additional information.

ENFORCEMENT: The foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be enforced by any Montgomery County Parks, Trails, or Historic Sites staff utilizing Ordinance #16-2.

PENALTIES: Any person(s) who violates any of the foregoing Rules and Regulations shall be guilty of a Summary Offense and shall, upon conviction, pay such fine of up to \$100.00, to be recovered before any district justice, which fines shall be paid into the County Treasury.

Thank You!