

## Billings Rules and Regulations

Important City Park Ordinances you should know

1. Park Hours: 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 pm daily, (sec. #19-201).
2. Vehicles: Unauthorized use of vehicles in parks is strictly prohibited for public safety, (sec. #19-205).
3. Projectiles: No golf balls, archery, metal spheres, are to be used in a public park, (sec. #19-209)
4. Tennis Courts: Are for the sport of tennis, not for skateboarding or in-line skating, (sec.#3-202).
5. Alcohol Use: Drinking alcoholic beverages in public parks is prohibited unless an alcohol permit has been authorized by the Parks, Recreation, and Public lands Department, (sec.#3-202)
6. Dogs in Parks: (Policy download available below)

Designated Parks: The following parks within the boundaries of the City of Billings may be opened to use by the public for walking and exercising restrained pets, as listed:

- a. All un-landscaped portions of the Heritage Trail system within the corporate city limits;
- b. Mystic Park, on Buena Vista Avenue;
- c. Swords Park and Black Otter Trail Park, and adjacent city owned property on top of the rims east of North 27th Street and south of State Highway 318;
- d. All natural park areas owned by the city along the rimrocks west of North 27th Street and south of State Highway 3;
- e. The unimproved portions of Centennial Park, Rimpoint Park, Palisades Park, Descro Strip Park, Lampman Strip Park, and Lampman Park;
- f. All unimproved natural park areas owned by the city along Alkali Creek that are within the city limits;
- g. All unimproved property owned by the city in High Sierra Subdivision adjacent to High Sierra Park;
- h. All unimproved park areas in Cedar Park, and Briarwood subdivisions, and;
- i. The walkways within Harvest and Olympic Park Subdivisions.

Parks located within the County Jurisdiction. Coulson, Riverfront, and Phipps Diamond X Ranch Parks are not within the City of Billings boundaries and shall be governed by the applicable Yellowstone County Animal Control Ordinances.

(sec. #4-407)

7. Pools: Swimming or wading in public swimming pools after regularly scheduled hours is restricted due to public safety concerns, (sec #19-207).
8. Violations: Any persons violating any laws in public parks are subject to fines and possible imprisonment if found guilty of a misdemeanor, (sec. #1-110).

## Missoula Park Use Policies

### Hours

Missoula's parks are open to the public from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Lighted riverfront trails are open from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

### Not Allowed In Parks

The following are not allowed in parks:

- Amplified music
- Animals in parks except dogs on leashes
- Charging for entry to parks
- Charging or selling anything in parks without permission from the Parks and Recreation Director
- Digging or driving pegs in the ground
- Firearms or fireworks
- Motorized vehicles except in designated areas
- Open fires
- Overnight camping
- Practicing golf

### Great Falls 9.3.10.010 Park rules and regulations

- ◆ Parks are closed to vehicles and people from dusk to daylight.
- ◆ Motorized vehicles may not be operated in excess of 10 mph and only upon designated road.
- ◆ Parking in front of or within a designated entry or driveway which hinders the use of the park property is prohibited.
- ◆ Destruction, defacement or dismantling of any park equipment; park furnishings; trees, flowers or other planting and facilities on park property is prohibited.
- ◆ Active games around designated flowers/shrub beds or young trees is prohibited.
  - ▶ Practicing or playing golf is prohibited except at designated golf courses.
  - ▶ Snowmobiling on or within park land is prohibited.
- ◆ Organized athletic activities or group functions are allowed upon written permission from the Park and Recreation Director.
- ◆ Littering or dumping debris on or within park land is prohibited.
- ◆ No erection, construction or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath park land without written permission from the Park and Recreation Director.
- ◆ Selling, advertising or solicitation of products/services within park land is prohibited unless written permission is received from the Park and Recreation Director.
- ◆ Metal detectors are authorized only through permit issued by the Park and Recreation Director.
- ◆ All pets must be on a leash and shall be restricted to areas such as sidewalks, roads, trails, or such designated pet walking areas.
- ◆ Large animals such as horses, cows, and mules, which may damage the turf, are prohibited except in designated riding areas.
- ◆ Discharging, possession of or selling of fireworks is prohibited in all dedicated park areas. including golf courses.
- ◆ Use of park land other than its intended use must be approved in writing by the Park and Recreation Director.
- ◆ Except as provided in 9.20.030, public drinking and public display and exhibition of beer, wine or liquor are prohibited.