

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2003

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR PARKS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL AREAS IN
GUILFORD CIVIL TOWNSHIP, HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to establish rules and regulations for parks and other recreational areas under the jurisdiction and control of Guilford Civil Township, Hendricks County, Indiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Guilford Township Board, Hendricks County, Indiana that:

Section 1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish reasonable and responsible rules for those individuals who use the parks and other recreational areas owned and operated by Guilford Civil Township. This ordinance is necessary to insure that residents fully enjoy leisure and recreational activities available in Guilford Civil Township parks and other recreational areas and to protect health and safety of persons using the parks and other recreational areas.

Section 2. **Parks and other Recreation Areas Defined**

The words “parks and other recreation areas” shall include but not be limited to, any lands, buildings, structures, waters, parks, trails, drives, and roadways in Guilford Civil Township, Hendricks County, Indiana that are under the jurisdiction and control of Guilford Township Board.

Section 3. **Park Hours**

No person shall enter or remain in any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township after the park or recreational area is closed to the public. Parks and other recreational areas in Guilford Civil Township open to the public at dawn and close at dusk or at the conclusion of park approved activities, whichever is later.

Section 4. **Vehicles Left in Parks After Closing Hours**

No person shall leave a vehicle within any park or other recreation area in Guilford Civil Township after the location has closed to the public, except in cases of an emergency or with consent of the Guilford Township Trustee or the Park Administrator. The registered owner of a vehicle shall be responsible for the vehicle being within any park or other recreational area after the location has closed to the public.

Section 5. **Disposal of Rubbish, Refuse and Garbage**

No person shall take into, carry through, or put into any park or other recreation area any rubbish, refuse, garbage or other material. Any refuse or garbage resulting from properly using the parks and recreation areas shall be deposited in receptacles provided. Where receptacles or adequate receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be carried away from the park or recreation area by the person responsible for its presence and disposed of elsewhere.

Section 6. Altering or Removing Signs, Structures, Fixtures and Other Improvements Prohibited

No person shall damage, deface, remove or otherwise alter any sign, structure, fixture, or other improvement in any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township. The signs, structures, fixtures or other improvements shall include, but not be limited to, any drive, roadway, walk, path, trail, bridge, wall, monument, statue, fountain, grill, table, bench, fence, gate, building, pool and recreational equipment.

Section 7. Disturbing, Injuring, or Removing Wildlife and Vegetation Prohibited

No person shall harass, hunt, trap, injure, remove or otherwise disturb any wildlife located in any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township without the express written permission of the Guilford Civil Township Board. The term “wildlife” shall mean any wild mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, mollusk, crustacean, or other wild animal or any part, product, egg, offspring, or the dead body or parts of the wild animal.

No person shall harvest, cut, break, set afire, injure, remove or otherwise disturb, or damage any plant, flower, bush, tree, or other vegetation growing in any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township. No person shall attach any rope or cable or other contrivance to any tree, fence, railing, bridge, bench, or other structure.

Section 8. Swimming Prohibited

No person shall, swim, wade or bathe in any waters that are within any park or other recreational area unless a lifeguard is on duty at the particular site.

Section 9. Pet Supervision Required

No person shall bring any pet into a park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township unless the person shall continuously supervise such pet, including preventing or promptly repairing any damages caused by the pet and picking-up and disposing of any excrement dropped by the pet upon any park property. All pets are to be kept on short leashes at all times. Pets will not be permitted on playground equipment or surfacing.

Section 10. Camping Prohibited

No person shall erect or maintain a tent or other shelter, or otherwise camp within any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township without express written permission of the Guilford Township Board. Permission must be conspicuously posted at the campsite.

Section 11. Fires Prohibited

No person shall build, kindle, maintain or use a fire within any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township unless the person properly contains such fire in facilities designed for that purpose. Any fire shall be continuously monitored and under the care and direction of a competent person from the time it is kindled until it is extinguished. A permit from the Plainfield Fire Department and approved by the Park Administrator is required for any bonfire or fires for cooking not utilizing a grill.

Section 12. Solicitations, Commercial Sales and Commercial Photography Prohibited

No person shall solicit, advertise, sell, photograph or promote for sale any commercial product or event within any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township without the express written permission of the Township Trustee or Park Administrator. The person must conspicuously post such permission at the site of such activity. Distribution or posting of flyers, brochures or other written material is prohibited in parks and other recreational areas within Guilford Civil Township.

Section 13. Speed Limits

No person shall operate any vehicle or bicycle upon roadways within a park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township in excess of the speed limit as posted, which in any event, not exceed or 10 miles per hour, whichever is less.

Section 14. Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Restrictions

No person shall operate any motorized vehicle, motorized bicycle, motorized skateboard or other similar device upon any trail designed for bicycle/pedestrian use in Guilford Civil Township, except if a person with a disability, as defined by the American With Disabilities Act may operates the device specialized motorized equipment designed for their transportation. Motorized vehicles owned and operated by Guilford Civil Township and/or its contractors and subcontractors are permitted on any trail designed for bicycle/pedestrian use within Guilford Civil Township, when doing work for the Township or providing a service for the Township.

No person shall ride or allow any horse on any trail designed for bicycle/pedestrian use or in any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township.

No person shall ride a bicycle at an excessive speed or engage in any racing activity upon any trail designed for bicycle/pedestrian use in Guilford Civil Township. In-line skaters, skate boarders and bicyclist shall yield to pedestrians. Bicyclists shall yield to all trail users. Bicyclists must walk bicycles across bridge(s) in parks and other recreational areas within Guilford Civil Township.

Bicycles, scooters, roller blades, skates or skateboards are restricted to paved roadways and pedestrian/bicycle trails. Bicycles, scooters, roller blades, skates or skateboards are not allowed on sidewalks around Guilford Township Community Center, walkways leading to shelter houses or gazebos, walkways leading to playground areas, playground areas and surfacing, or brick flower beds.

Section 15. Other Prohibited Activities

The following activities are prohibited within any parks or other recreational areas in Guilford Civil Township:

1. Littering
2. Use of a metal detector
3. Parking vehicles on grass
4. Use of fireworks
5. Golfing
6. Use of any aquatic vehicles
7. Children under the age of 12 not accompanied by an adult
8. Fishing from bridges over White Lick Creek
9. Use of park equipment, apparatus, structures and buildings in any manner inconsistent with their intended purposes
10. Swimming in White Lick Creek, ponds, retention ponds or other similar bodies of water
11. Climbing on Park bridges
12. Washing any vehicle
13. Holding public assemblages
14. Conducting exhibitions
15. Conducting a concert or public showing of any kind (non-Park sponsored)
16. Holding a parade
17. Entering an area posted as “closed to the public”
18. Engaging in threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language or engage in any conduct or behavior tending to breach the public peace

Section 16. Possession, Consumption and Sale of Alcohol Beverages Prohibited

No person shall possess, consume, sell, offer for sale, barter or exchange any alcoholic beverage in any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township. The term “alcoholic beverage” means a liquid or solid that is or contains one-half percent (0.5%) or more alcohol by volume; is fit for human consumption; and is reasonably likely, or intended to be used as a beverage.

Section 17. Possession or Use of Weapons Prohibited

No person shall possess or use a weapon in any park or other recreational area in Guilford Civil Township. The term “weapon” means any device, firearm, equipment, or other material that in the manner that it is used or is ordinarily used, is readily capable of causing serious bodily injury. The term “firearm” means any weapon that is capable of, designed to or that may readily be converted to expel a projectile by means of an explosion. This prohibition excludes duly sworn Plainfield Police Officers or duly sworn police officer located in the State of Indiana.

Section 18. PROHIBITED PERSONS

Individuals listed on *State of Indiana Sex Offender Registry* published and disseminated by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute are prohibited from all parks and other recreational areas of Guilford Civil Township.

Section 19. Penalties

A. Any person who violates Sections 3 through and including 15 of this Ordinance shall be fined Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense and Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense thereafter. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day during which or on which a violation occurs or continues to occur.

B. Any person who violates Sections 16, 17 and 18 of this Ordinance shall be fined One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for the first offense and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense thereafter. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day during which or on which a violation occurs or continues to occur.

C. In addition to penalties contained herein, any person who damages park property is subject to payment of restitution in an amount equal to Guilford Civil Township's cost to repair said damage.

Section 20. Remedies

Employees of Guilford Civil Township or other agents authorized by the Guilford Township Board may, in the name of Guilford Civil Township, bring actions in the Plainfield Town Court or the Circuit or Superior Courts of Hendricks County, Indiana for violations and enforcement of this ordinance.

Section 21. Saving Clause

If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be judged to be invalid or constitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any sections, provisions or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 22. Effective date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Guilford Township Board and upon publication as provided by law.

Passed and adopted this 5 day of June , 2003.

GUILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD,
HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA:

/s/ Charles P. Morris
Charles P. Morris

/s/ Charles Ellis
Charles Ellis

/s/ Bradley S. Whicker
Bradley S. Whicker

Constituting a majority of all the members of
the Guilford Township Board

ATTESTED BY:
 /s/ Michael J. Hickam

Michael J. Hickam, Trustee
Guilford Township, Hendricks County, Indiana