

Sec. 38-25. Recreational activities and facilities in park areas.

(a) *Priority of use.*

- (1) Persons desiring to use a park facility or area for the specific purpose for which the facility or area is designated shall have priority of use over persons using the facility or area for non-designated purposes.
- (2) Persons who possess a permit or who have previously reserved the use of a park facility or area with the Department shall have priority of use over persons who do not have a permit or who have not previously reserved use of such park facility or area.

(b) *Athletic fields, playgrounds and recreational facilities/complexes.*

- (1) The playing of games such as, but not limited to, football, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, rugby, cricket, lacrosse, tennis, badminton and volleyball are limited to the areas, fields, courts or facilities that are specifically designated for such games or for such types of games by the Department.
- (2) Designated athletic fields, courts, recreational facilities or complexes may be reserved by obtaining the appropriate permit from the Department.
- (3) Field, court, playground and recreational facilities/complex lights will be turned on and off at the discretion of park officials.
- (4) Fields, courts, playgrounds, recreational facilities and/or complexes may be closed at the discretion of park officials for maintenance or in the event of inclement weather or if use of such area/facility may present a danger to the public's health, safety and/or welfare.
- (5) All persons must abide by all rules and regulations established by the Department governing the use and operation of such fields, courts, playgrounds, recreational facilities and complexes.

(c) *Bicycles and other self-propelled vehicles.*

- (1) The operation of bicycles, tricycles and other self-propelled vehicles are limited to roads, trails and other areas designated for such type of vehicles unless otherwise authorized by the Director or his/her designee. This prohibition shall not apply to personal assistive mobility devices and law enforcement personnel or park officials who use such transportation in the normal course of their duties.
- (2) No person shall ride a bicycle, tricycle or other self-propelled vehicle on any grassy area, path, or walkway designated solely for pedestrian use. This prohibition shall not apply to personal assistive mobility devices and law enforcement personnel or park officials who use such transportation in the normal course of their duties.
- (3) No person shall operate any self-propelled vehicle (other than a bicycle) at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour while in the parks or on park property.
- (4) **All persons operating bicycles or any other self-propelled vehicle shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations governing the use and operation of such vehicles.**
- (5) All persons operating bicycles, tricycles or other self-propelled vehicles must wear helmets and/or other safety gear in accordance with Florida Statutes. This provision does not apply to personal assistive mobility devices unless otherwise provided for in the Florida Statutes.
- (6) When not in use, bicycles must be placed in designated bicycle racks where available.
- (7) No person shall leave a bicycle, tricycle or other self-propelled vehicles in any place where other persons may trip over or be injured by it.

(d) *Bicycle paths and multi-use paths/trails.*

- (1) No person shall operate a motorized vehicle, go-cart or skateboard on any bicycle path/trail or multi-use path/trail unless the path/trail is specifically designated for such use. This prohibition shall not apply to personal assistive mobility devices and law enforcement personnel or park officials who use such transportation in the normal course of their duties.
 - (2) No person shall hold any competitive event on any bicycle trail or multi-use path/trail.
 - (3) Bicycle paths/trails and multi-use paths/trails may be closed at the discretion of park officials in the event of inclement weather or if use of such paths/trails may present a danger to the public's health, safety or welfare.
- (e) *Skating, skateboards, in-line skating and roller-blading.* Skating, skateboarding, in-line skating, roller-blading and freestyle bicycling is limited to areas specifically designated for such activities by the Department and all participants must comply with all rules and regulations established by the Department and all applicable laws governing these activities, including, but not limited to, laws related to the wearing of safety equipment.
- (f) *Motorized vehicles.*
- (1) The term "motorized vehicle(s)" as used in this section, shall have, but is not limited to, the following meaning: Any all-terrain vehicle, motorized scooter, motorized bike, motorized skateboard, go-cart, golf cart, electrical cart or any other motorized vehicle that is not licensed for use on public highways.
 - (2) No person shall operate or drive a motorized vehicle within the parks or on park property. This prohibition shall not apply to personal assistive mobility devices and law enforcement personnel or park officials who use such vehicles in the normal course of their duties.
- (g) *Remote-controlled vehicles/vessels.*