

Cypress Forest Park Rules

RULES RELATING TO THE USE OF AND GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES IN CYPRESS FOREST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT'S PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

1. General

The following rules govern the use of Cypress Forest Public Utility District's park properties and facilities by members of the public. These rules define the general privileges of use relating to the parks and recreational facilities and do not create rights of use. The Board of Directors of the District retains the authority to modify these Rules at any time, and is authorized to revoke, suspend, or modify any person's privileges of use upon good cause.

2. Prohibitions

(a) Hours of Operation and Curfew.

The Board is authorized to establish and post the hours during which the District's park and recreational lands shall be open from time to time. The Board is also authorized to modify the park hours without prior notice in response to unusual circumstances or special events, including inclement weather and periods required for park repair or maintenance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a curfew is hereby established within the District's park areas as follows:

Park Land - Sunset (or for so long thereafter as it remains light) each day until 8:00 a.m. Central Time the following day (or at such earlier time as it becomes light).

Park Trails - Sunset (or for so long thereafter as it remains light) each day until 8:00 a.m. Central Time the following day (or at such earlier time as it becomes light); and

(b) *Use of Subject Tracts by Minors.*

Adults should accompany children when coming to, utilizing or leaving the Park. Children under the age of seven (7) years using

the Park shall be accompanied by a supervisor over the age of fourteen (14) years at all times.

(c) *Destructive Activities.*

Activities of any kind, whether conducted within or outside the Park that cause or are likely to cause destruction, damage, defacement or other injury to the parks, recreational areas or to the improvements and facilities thereon, other than ordinary wear and tear, are prohibited. This provision does not apply to persons lawfully engaged in activities exercised pursuant to established rights and privileges, such as pursuant to public utility and drainage easements, nor in activities specifically authorized, approved or directed by the District. The harm, damage or removal of vegetation is strictly prohibited in all District park areas.

(d) *Organized Sporting Events.*

No organized sporting events, team practices, team games or similar events of any kind may be conducted within the Park. Members of the Board are authorized to determine whether any event or activity within the park violates the foregoing prohibition, and may terminate any activity determined to be in violation of the prohibition.

(e) *Group Events.*

Any organized event or activity at any District park area that includes or may include more than 25 participants must receive prior authorization from the District's Board.

(f) *Missiles Prohibited.*

Hurling, throwing, discharging, firing or propelling by any means any missile in, across, into or from the Playground Area, Greenbelt, or Trail Park is prohibited. This prohibition applies, by way of example but not by way of limitation, to firing, discharging, or shooting firearms, pellet guns, air guns, fireworks, slingshots, bows and arrows, and blow guns; and throwing stones, toy rockets, darts, knives, spears and javelins. This prohibition does not apply to balls, frisbees and other play and athletic objects (other than those specifically named in the preceding sentence) used in the usual and ordinary way in the course of play, exercise or an athletic activity. Upon written authorization of and under reasonable conditions established by the Board or any authorized representative of the District designated by the Board, activities otherwise prohibited by this Section may be conducted.

(g) *Golf Prohibited.*

Golf is prohibited in all District park areas.

(h) *Glass Containers.*

Except as may be authorized by the Board, no person shall possess, carry, discard, deposit, use or bring on or to the Park any glass container.

(i) *Trash.*

Place trash in trash receptacles only. Littering, dumping or depositing trash or waste of any type on any park lands or in park waters is prohibited.

(j) *Disorderly Conduct, Loud or Offensive Activities, and Public Intoxication.*

- Any activity within the Park that constitutes a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, assault, criminal mischief, or disorderly conduct within the meaning of Section 42.01, Texas Penal Code, as the same is now or hereafter amended, is prohibited.
- Public intoxication within the meaning of Section 49.02, Texas Penal Code, as the same is now or hereafter amended, is prohibited within the Park.
- No conduct, excessively loud music or noise that may disrupt the use and enjoyment of District parks by others, or that may impact surrounding property owners and residents, is permitted. The Board is hereby authorized to determine whether any activity, music or noise is disruptive, and is authorized to take all actions reasonably necessary to abate the offensive conduct, including ejecting the offender(s).

(k) *Bicycles, Motor-Driven Vehicles and Equipment.*

The use or operation of motor-driven vehicles or motor-driven equipment within the District's parks is prohibited except as provided for in the district's policy regarding the use of other power-driven mobility devices. This prohibition does not apply to the use and operation of motor-driven vehicles and motor-driven equipment related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of the park and recreational lands and the improvements and facilities thereon by authorized personnel and representatives of the District or other governmental agencies in carrying out their responsibilities and duties, nor to persons engaged in activities conducted pursuant to established rights and privileges, such as

pursuant to public utility and drainage easements, or in activities specifically authorized, approved or directed by the District. In the Park, bicycles may be used on established trails or paths only, and shall yield to pedestrians at all times.

(l) *Parking/Towing.*

At present there is no authorized parking on the park Property. If or when parking is authorized, parking of vehicles at the Park shall be in designated places only, and shall be "head-in" only. Parking at all District parks shall be conducted so as to allow for ingress and egress by other vehicles and park users. Parking of vehicles at all District parks is strictly prohibited except for parking conducted in conjunction with the use of the park during authorized hours. The District may have any vehicle towed at the expense of the owner if the vehicle is parked in violation of these rules.

(m) *Pets.*

Dogs and other pets within the Park must be on a leash and under the control of the handler at all times. The handler of each pet shall pick up and dispose of all animal wastes in waste receptacles, if available, or in offsite waste receptacles if no animal waste receptacles are present. All dogs shall have current rabies vaccinations and shall wear visible dog tags. No aggressive dogs or pets are allowed in the District's parks at any time. Handlers are responsible for any and all injuries or damage caused by pets within the District's park areas. Pet handlers must comply with all rules posted at the District's individual park areas.

(n) *Use of Waterways.*

The waters of Cypress Creek are waters of the State of Texas over which the District has no jurisdiction. Said waters are not park or recreational areas of the District. Any person using, entering, or swimming in such waters does so at his or her own risk.

Swimming or wading is strictly prohibited in the ponds within the park boundaries.

(o) *Posting of Signs and Posters.*

The posting of signs, posters, fliers, advertisements and similar literature are strictly prohibited in all District parks, except in areas specifically designated therefore, or in locations approved in advance of posting by the Board.

(p) *Fires.*

Fires are prohibited in all District park areas except as permitted by the Board. .

(q) *Smoking.*

No smoking is permitted within any District parks.

(r) *Alcoholic Beverages.*

The use, presence or consumption of alcoholic beverages within the District's parks is strictly prohibited.

3. Enforcement

Peace officers, the Members of the Board of Directors, and any authorized representatives of the District designated by the Board of Directors of the District are authorized to implement and enforce the provisions of these rules. In addition, peace officers are authorized to make arrests when necessary to prevent or abate the commission of any violation of these rules. The Board members or their authorized representative are hereby authorized to eject, or cause the ejection of, any person or persons who violate any of the District's rules concerning park use, whether set forth herein or posted at the park area.

4. Penalties

In addition to any penalty provided by the laws of the State of Texas, any person violating these Rules will be subject to a District penalty up to \$500 each day for each violation. The District shall seek full restitution for any damage to District property caused by any person that violates these park rules.

CYPRESS FOREST PARK RULES

PARK OPEN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY

**FOR A SAFE AND PLEASANT PARK EXPERIENCE
PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES**

- **No Motorized vehicles**
- **No Wading or swimming allowed**
- **No littering**
- **No unleashed pets**
- **Clean up after pets**
- **No BBQ grills or fires of any kind**
- **No alcoholic beverages**
- **No glass containers**
- **No fireworks or discharging of firearms**
- **Do not disturb the wildlife**
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- **Caution- beware of snakes**
- **Caution- be careful in off trail areas, footing can be hazardous**