

CHAPTER 170

PARKS

[**HISTORY:** Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hillsborough 5-17-1988.
Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Dogs - See Ch. 123.

Noise - See Ch. 164.

Vehicles and traffic - See Ch. 219.

§ 170-1 Applicability; repealer.

This chapter governs the use of all town parks, playgrounds, beaches and recreational areas (hereinafter called "parks"), including but not limited to Butler Park, Beard's Brook Park, Manahan Park and Grimes Field. It repeals and replaces the Parks, Beaches and Playgrounds Ordinance of July 7, 1980, and Grimes Field Ordinance of June 30, 1954.

§ 170-2 Vehicles.

- A. No unregistered vehicles are permitted in any park.
- B. The maximum speed limit on all park roads is 15 miles per hour.
- C. No vehicles are allowed on any playing field or beach except with the written consent of the Selectmen and the Park Board.
- D. All vehicles must be parked in areas designated for parking.
- E. All traffic signs shall be obeyed.
- F. There shall be no parking between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless authorized by the Board of Selectmen.
[Added 3-22-1995]
- G. There shall be no parking at Grimes Field for any purpose directly associated with the use of the park. Signs shall be posted to read "PARKING FOR PARK USE ONLY."
[Added 3-22-1995]

§ 170-3 Fires.

- A. Wood fires are not permitted without a permit from the Fire Warden and the Park Board.
- B. Properly enclosed charcoal fires and camp stoves are permitted.

C. No fire or stove shall be left unattended.

D. All fires must be completely extinguished when left unattended.

§ 170-4 Littering.

A. No dumping or littering is allowed.

B. Refuse must be placed in trash cans or carried out of the park.

§ 170-5 Park equipment.

A. No person shall damage, deface or destroy any structure, equipment, plant or natural feature.

B. No park equipment shall be removed without permission of the Park Board.

C. Telephones are for official use only.

§ 170-6 Animals.

A. Dogs and other pets shall be kept on a leash at all times.

B. Dogs and other pets shall not be allowed on a beach or in the water.

C. Dogs and other pets shall not be allowed to deposit feces in areas used continually by people, such as picnic areas, playground areas, parking areas, sports fields, walking areas, etc.

D. If a dog or other pet becomes objectionable, its owner shall be required to remove it.

§ 170-7 Group activities.

Group activities, whether formal or informal, shall be held only with the permission of the Park Board.

§ 170-8 Firearms.

Firearms shall not be discharged in any park.

§ 170-9 Soliciting.

Soliciting is not allowed, except by permission of the Park Board.

§ 170-10 Prohibited acts.

Acts endangering others, disorderly conduct and obscene or indecent acts are prohibited and may result in arrest.

§ 170-11 Swimming and beach regulations.

- A. Swimming is restricted to the areas designated as the swimming beaches.
- B. All requests made by lifeguards and other authorized supervisors shall be obeyed.
- C. Missing persons should be immediately reported to the lifeguard. Persons giving false information or alarms about emergency situations will be subject to prosecution.
- D. Inflatables, life jackets, wet suits, face masks, goggles and snorkel tubes shall not be permitted in the swimming area unless part of Park Board sponsored swimming instruction.
- E. Swimming under the raft or horseplay upon it is not permitted.
- F. No boats may be launched or operated within 50 yards of the swimming area or raft.
- G. Lifeguards will not assume parental responsibilities for children left unattended.
- H. Ball playing, horseshoes and similar games are not allowed on the beaches except in designated areas.
- I. Changing clothes is permitted only in bathhouses.
- J. Empty bottles will not be allowed on beaches or in the water.
- K. At Beard's Brook, with the exception of vehicles in designated parking places, no motor-operated machines, including motorboats or water scooters, will be allowed.

§ 170-12 Obedience to signs required.

All official signs shall be obeyed.

§ 170-13 Penalties for offenses.

[Added 3-21-1989]

Any person who shall be found guilty of violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a violation and may be fined up to \$500.