

Dear Citizens;

We welcome you to Windsor Castle Park. As always, our goal is to make sure your visit is as enjoyable and pleasant as possible. In order to ensure that you are aware of current regulations that apply to the use of this park and recreation facilities, we are providing this Park User Guide. This Guide is intended to inform you of existing park rules and regulations that will be enforced while you and your family use this public park and recreation facility. By becoming familiar with and following these laws, you and others will have a more enjoyable and safe park experience. I want to thank you for visiting our park and for your assistance in maintaining it for others to enjoy.

Sincerely,

David M. Hare, Mayor
Town of Smithfield

1) Alcohol

- (a) No person shall consume or possess an open or previously opened container containing any alcoholic beverage while in public park and recreation facilities.
- (b) Persons hosting and attending authorized on site special events will be held accountable to rules and regulations established in a separate policy.
- (c) No person shall consume, possess or be under the influence of any controlled substance, as defined by the Code of Virginia, while in public park and recreation facilities.

2) Parking

No person shall operate or park any vehicle in public parks and recreational facilities except on the parking areas provided and / or designated for this purpose. Nor shall any vehicles be parked in a manner as to impede or obstruct the normal safe flow of traffic.

3) Gambling

No person shall engage in games of chance in public park and recreational facilities.

4) Weapons

Illegal weapons are not permitted in the public park and recreation facilities. Further no hunting is allowed.

5) Open Fires

No person shall make a fire in a public park at any location other than designated brick grills within the picnic area.

6) Use by Children

No parent or guardian shall permit a child under the age of twelve years, or such other age as is specifically posted by the Town Manager, to make use of public park and recreational facilities without providing for direct supervision of the child.

7) Skateboards & Bicycles

No person shall ride or use a skateboard in public park and recreational facilities. No bicycles are allowed on pedestrian trails. **Conversely no pedestrians are allowed on the Mountain bike trail.**

8) Restrooms

No person shall fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. There shall be no loitering in the restrooms.

9) Use of Property and Equipment

No person shall damage, deface, destroy, remove, injure or improperly use public park and recreational facilities, property, equipment, historic structures or the natural environment.

10) Litter

No person shall throw, deposit or leave any litter, refuse or rubbish of any kind in public park and recreational facilities except in public receptacles and in such manner that the litter, refuse or rubbish will be prevented from being carried by the elements. Where public receptacles are not provided all such litter, refuse or rubbish shall be carried away from the area by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.

11) Animals

No person shall permit his animal to run at large. In the case of a dog, the owner or his agent shall secure the animal by a

collar with a chain, cord, or leash not exceeding eight feet in length, and have the animal under complete and immediate control. **Please note there are separate rules and registration required for the Dog Park.** No horses are allowed on pedestrian trails.

12) Instruction

No person other than those authorized by the Town Manager shall offer instruction in public park and recreational facilities.

13) Hours of Operation

Hours the public park and recreational facilities are available to the public are from dawn to dusk, unless authorized by Town Manager due to an approved special event.

14) Permits / Rental Agreements

Permits for the use of public park and recreational facilities may be required by the Town Manager. Where permits are required, no person shall engage in or make use of any park and recreational facility without first paying for same and adhering to the rules and regulations governing use of said facility. Anyone interested in reserving the picnic area or holding a special event at the park should contact the Smithfield Center staff at 757-356-9939.

15) Sale of Goods

- (a) No person shall post, distribute, circulate or display any notice, banner, advertisement or printed material in any park or recreational facility without obtaining written permission from the Town Manager.
- (b) No person shall offer for sale or rent any goods, articles, privileges, commodities or services whatsoever or solicit for any purpose in any recreational facility without obtaining permission from the Town Manager and for such time and at such places as the Town Manager may determine.

16) Concessions

The sale of foods, soft drinks or other like goods is prohibited in public park or recreational facility, except from canteens or concessions operated by concessioners authorized by the Town Manager.

17) Vehicles

No person shall use any park or recreational facility for washing, repairing or servicing, other than replacing a flat tire, of any vehicle designed for self-propulsion. Abandonment of such vehicles is prohibited. If mechanical disablement occurs, immediate steps must be taken for removal.

18) Nature Trails, Pedestrian Paths

No persons other than those authorized by the Town Manager shall operate a motorized vehicle upon nature trails, pedestrian paths, and bikeways specifically designated and established for such use.

19) Operation of Motorized Vehicles

No person shall operate a non-licensed motorized vehicle in any park or recreational facility unless in an area specifically designated for such use by the Town Manager.

20) Metal Detectors

No person shall utilize any type of electronic metal detecting device in any recreational facility.

21) Rules and Regulations

The Town Manager shall have the right to promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of public parks and recreational facilities and the activities therein. Such rules and regulations shall be posted or made available for distribution at the park and available for review in the office of the Town Manager and on the website.

22) Violations

Any person violating any provision of this chapter or any rule or regulation duly adopted hereunder shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$250, unless otherwise specifically provided. In addition, such person may be ejected from the park, building or other facility wherein the violation occurred.

23) Water Facilities

- (a) Fishing Pier will only be used during regular park hours of dawn to dusk. State fishing license is required.
- (b) No fishing from kayak/canoe launch, overlooks, bridges, or riverbanks.
- (c) Kayak/canoe Launch Dock will only be used during regular park hours of dawn to dusk.
- (d) No motorboats allowed.
- (e) No Diving or Swimming allowed.

Park Rules

1. Parents should supervise children at all times and are responsible for their children. Do not leave children unsupervised! Please report accidents, injuries, or dangerous situations to Town Staff immediately.
2. Animals are not permitted on or within 50 feet of play areas. Owners must remove all animal waste.
3. Hitting golf balls, javelin throwing, flying model airplanes, or performing any activity within the park that is detrimental to turf or hazardous to other park users is not allowed.
4. If you have any questions regarding park rules or Town of Smithfield codes, please call 757-365-9505 or email us at: pstephenson@smithfieldva.gov or lgreer@smithfieldva.gov

Virginia State Code Recreational Use Immunity

§ 15.2-1809. Liability of localities in the operation of parks, recreational facilities, and playgrounds.

No City or town which operates any park, recreational facility, or playground shall be liable in any civil action or proceeding for damages resulting from any injury to the person or from a loss of or damage to the property of any person caused by any negligence on the part on any officer or agent of such city or town in the maintenance or operation of any such park, recreational facility or playground. Every such city or town shall however, be liable in damages for the gross negligence of any of its officers or agents in the maintenance or operation of any such park, recreational facility or playground.

(Code 1950, § 15-714; 1962, c. 623 § 15.1-291; 1979, c. 277; 1990, c. 18; 1997, c. 587.)



Windsor Castle Public Park



Rules and Regulations

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