

# HENDERSON COUNTY PARKS RULES & REGULATIONS

Henderson County parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities are governed by the following rules and regulations:

- Section 1. Definitions** – Unless otherwise expressly stated, whenever used, the following terms shall have the meanings as set forth below:
- Director** shall mean the Director of the Parks and Programs.
  - Park** shall mean all parks and recreational facilities under Henderson County Parks and Programs. Specifically, Baskett Parks and Recreation in Baskett Kentucky; Charles Alexander Park in Smith Mills, Kentucky; Freedom Park and Donald Hugh McCormick Henderson County Fairgrounds in Henderson Kentucky; and Sandy Lee Watkins Park in Hebbardsville, Kentucky.
  - Permit** shall mean any written authorization issued by or under the authority of the Henderson County Parks and Programs Board and the Henderson County Judge Executive or his designee for a specified event or events in any park.
  - Reservations** shall mean written authorization issued by or under the authority of the Henderson County Parks and Programs Office for personal use of a specified area in the park which will be posted in advance.
- Section 2. General Regulations.**
- Park Hours.** All parks shall be deemed officially closed to the public between sunset and sunrise except where a permit or rental agreement allows otherwise or specific hours are posted.
  - Park Admittance.** The use of the parks shall be open to the public, subject to permitted events and reservations.
  - Permits.** Persons or organizations sponsoring events shall obtain permits. Permits may be obtained through Henderson County Parks and Programs or the Henderson County Judge Executive's Office.
  - Protection of Plant Materials and Wildlife.** No person shall remove, destroy, deface, or disturb any plant material within any park. Hunting and trapping is prohibited in all county parks.
  - Fires.** No person shall kindle, build or maintain a fire except in a suitable barbecue grill or self-contained fire pit provided for such purposes by the facility. When permitted, a fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a competent adult and thoroughly extinguished after its use.
- Section 3. Permits and Reservations.**
- A permit for any event is authorized to be performed in strict accordance with the written terms and conditions thereof. The violation of any terms or conditions of the permit or of any law, ordinance, rule or regulation by the permittee or his or her agents or guests shall constitute grounds for revocation of the permit, forfeiture of the facility deposit, and disqualification from receiving a permit in the future. All fees are listed on the rental contract.
  - Requests for permits for meetings, exhibits or special events are to be made at least 90 days in advance of the date requested.
  - The County Judge Executive or their designee will review all permits for approval following a recommendation from the Henderson County Parks Director.
  - Issuance of permits is based upon facility availability, number of participants, compliance with insurance requirements, and hours of operation. Any authorized person signing the permit must be present at the event.
  - Permits for facilities are to be granted or denied based upon the established guidelines or policies for the use of program facilities.
  - Insurance requirements. Applications for permits must include a current Certificate of Insurance with limits of not less than \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate naming the organization requesting the permit and naming Henderson County Fiscal Court and Henderson County Parks & Programs as an additional insured, with exculpatory language removed from the cancellation provision.
  - Reservations for use may be made for the purpose of family reunions, birthdays, and other small social gatherings without a permit.
- Section 4. Prohibited Uses and Conduct**
- Vehicles.** No private cars, trucks or motorized vehicles are permitted on athletic fields or courts, walking trails, service roads or passive grass areas. Vehicles are to be parked in designated parking areas only. **NO ATV, UTV, Trail Bikes or other off-road motorized vehicles are permitted in the parks**
  - Bike Riding and Walking Trails.** All bikes are to be ridden on biking trails only; vehicles and horses are not permitted on biking or walking trails.
  - Alcoholic Beverages and controlled substances.** Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on county property, with the exception of permitted events. Requests for alcoholic beverages at special events require a permit application with approval of the Henderson County Judge Executive or his designee. Illegal and illicit substances, possession or distribution are, prohibited by law. The Kentucky Revised Statutes regarding Public Intoxication and Alcohol Intoxication will be strictly enforced.
  - Littering.** No person shall litter in any county park. Those materials which become refuse, consequential to use within the park must be placed in receptacles provided for refuse. Recycling is encouraged.
  - Property.** No person shall injure, deface, alter, remove or destroy any property or equipment owned by Henderson County Parks and Programs. No property shall be moved from one area to another without specific consent from the parks department
  - No person shall disobey or disregard any directions of a park employee, sign, rule, or regulation posted on the grounds or buildings.
  - No person shall use threatening, abusive or insulting language.
  - No person shall engage in any obscene or indecent act.
  - No person shall solicit subscriptions or contributions.
  - No person shall enter or leave any park except at established entranceways or exits; obstructing entrances, exits, and sidewalks is strictly prohibited.
  - No organization shall attempt to charge a fee for entry into a public park without authorization through the permit process or a written agreement with Henderson Fiscal Court.
  - Gambling.** No person shall play any game of chance in any park, nor shall any person use, play, sell or have in his or her possession any implement or device used for gambling purposes without a county ordinance permit and proper state permit for such events.
  - Loitering.** No person shall loiter or remain in any park or park area after the designated closing time of the park or specific area.
  - Animals.** Persons bringing dogs into the park must have the dog on a leash, and proof of vaccination may be required. Pet owners are required to clean up after their pets. Horses are permitted at the Henderson County Fairgrounds and Sandy Lee Watkins Park; however, they are not allowed on the walking and biking trails or other designated areas. Negative Coggins and Health Papers must be in your possession; you may be required to produce these papers at any time.
  - Amplification or Production of Sound.** No person shall operate any mobile or stationary loudspeaker apparatus, sound system, public address system, or other sound producing device that amplifies over 100 feet unless it is for use at a permitted event.
  - No person shall erect any structure, stage any performance, or conduct any athletic contest without a permit from the Henderson County Parks and Programs.
  - Golfing.** No person shall hit golf balls in a park.
  - Swimming.** Swimming is not permitted in county parks without an event permit
  - Fishing.** Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife apply -License required, limits are enforced
  - Parking.** At no time will students be permitted leave their vehicles at the park while they attend school.
  - Gas Motors.** The use of gas motors on the lakes of Sandy Lee Watkins Park is strictly prohibited.
  - Hunting/ Firearms.** Hunting is strictly prohibited on all park property as is the discharge of any firearms, with the exception of a permitted activity for youth hosted by the local Henderson County Extension Office with a certified leader onsite.
  - Fireworks.** Fireworks will not be discharged in county parks, with the exception of events approved through the permit process and performed by a licensed provider.
- Section 5. General Provisions Relating to all Parks and Programs Facilities.**
- Users of Henderson County Parks and Programs facilities shall abide by all rules and regulations and shall obey directions of the Parks and Programs staff; failure to do so can result in removal from the park, citations, fines and to arrest based on the violation.
  - All persons using Henderson County Parks and Programs facilities do so at their own risk, and the County assumes no responsibility for personal injury.
  - Henderson County assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
  - These rules and regulations may be revised at any time as may be deemed necessary.
  - Volunteers providing services at any park will assume the responsibility of providing a safe and pleasant environment for the general public during the event. Failure to abide by said rules will result in loss of deposit for your event.

If there are any questions concerning Park Rules please call the Park Director's Office at (270) 826-8843

*Please Help Keep Your Parks Clean!*