

Department of Recreation Services

STANDARD PARK RULES

(Apply to All City Parks)

- Park hours are between dawn to one hour after dark, unless otherwise posted.
- Restrooms are opened each morning and closed each evening. During months with freezing temperatures, restrooms remain closed to protect the pipes.
- All pets must be kept on a leash (except within the designated areas at the City's Dog Parks). Pets are not allowed to run freely on City athletic fields. Pet owners are responsible for the removal of any waste deposited by their pet.
- All garbage must be disposed of using the receptacles provided. Excessive garbage which can not be properly disposed of in the provided receptacles must be removed from the park by the patron.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in any city park. Ordinance #84-821
- Open fires/burning or fireworks prohibited without proper permitting.
- Firearms or weapons are prohibited.
- Golfing is prohibited.
- Soliciting, peddling, hand billing, posting of signs, or other advertising is prohibited without written permission from the Dept. of Recreation Services.
- No camping without written permission from the Dept. of Recreation Services.
- To damage, change or remove any park property is strictly prohibited and may result in a fine or arrest.
- Loud amplified music or noise is prohibited unless written permission is given from the Dept. of Recreation Services. Music may not exceed sound ordinance regulations.
- No swimming, skiing or gas operated boat in any lake or lagoon owned by the city without prior permission from the Dept. of Recreation Services.
- Fishing permitted at Brahan Spring Park lagoon **only**. All state and local license apply.
- Any person or organization that damages the park before, during or after their event may be subject to repair charges from the Dept. of Recreation Services.
- Climbing trees is not permitted.

Big Spring Park (west & east) rules

- **(All Standard Park Rules apply)**
- **NO** fishing in Big Spring International Park.
- **NO** motorized vehicles, bikes, skateboards, roller blades or skates allowed on sidewalks or grassy areas of any city park. (exception: HPD's Bike Unit, wheelchairs and other special needs assistance vehicles)
- **NO** tents, staging, vehicle traffic, trailers, inflatable rides or toys permitted in the park without permission from the Dept. of Recreation Services.
- Wedding receptions are not permitted in Big Spring East.
- All scheduled events must receive permission from the Dept. of Recreation Services.

Skateboard Park Rules

WARNING: The skateboard park is an unsupervised facility. Skateboarding and skating are hazardous recreational activities. Use of this facility may result in death, paralysis, brain damage, broken bones, concussion or other serious injury. Skate with safety in mind. Weather conditions may create an unsafe surface for users. Use this facility at your own risk.

- **(All Standard Park Rules apply)**
- Helmets required, knee and elbow pads are strongly suggested.
- Skateboards and in-line skates only. No scooters or bikes.
- Do not proceed down a ramp until clear of other skaters.
- No fighting, reckless behavior or profanity.
- Glass containers, food or beverages are not allowed on skating surface.
- No littering.
- Not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- Spectators are welcome but must stay off paved area.
- Pets are not allowed in the skate area.
- Additional obstacles or other materials (ramps/jumps) may not be used at the skate park.
- Organized events must have written approval from the Director of Recreation Services.
- The park will CLOSE for graffiti removal.

*** Help protect your skate park from graffiti and abuse***

Report any damage and/or abuse to the Recreation Services Dept., **564-8026**.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR PARKS LITTER FREE

Dog Park Rules

- **(All Standard Park Rules apply).**
- Your dog must be spayed or neutered by 12 months of age to play! This shows your commitment to ending pet overpopulation in our community and allows for safer play for all dogs and people. There are no exceptions.
- All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination and be free of fleas and intestinal worms.
- Owner must scoop their pet's poop!
- Aggressive dogs (growling, snapping, biting) should be removed immediately.
- Dogs must be 16 weeks old and have received three parvovirus vaccines (initial and boosters) to safely play inside the dog park area.
- Animal services will house any dogs that are left unattended.
- For the safety of dogs under 25 pounds, it is recommended that they play in the small dog area.
- Dogs must be leashed and under control outside the dog park area.
- Dogs must be unleashed inside the dog park area.
- Digging is not allowed.
- Small children are not allowed inside the dog park area due to the unknown safety factor with the dogs playing.
- You are liable for any injury caused by a dog under your supervision.
- Users assume the risk of injury to themselves and their dogs!