



City and County of Denver Park Rules

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City and County of Denver Parks are open daily. Urban Parks are open 5:00am to 11:00pm and Mountain Parks are open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.	
This is a summary of the most common park use rules and regulations, as adopted 5/11/12 and Article 1, Chapter 39 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code (DRMC) as adopted 9/12/12. For a complete copy (pdf document) of Denver Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations visit www.denvergov.org/parks or scan the bar code on the top of this page.	
RULES	It shall be unlawful for any person within the Denver Parks to...
ALCOHOL	sell, serve, possess or consume any alcohol beverage other than 3.2 beer (or as provided in the DPR Alcohol Policy); possess or consume any alcoholic beverage, including 3.2 beer, within 50 feet of a roadway, playground, recreation facility, or swimming pool. FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012'-Rule 8] [RMC: Sect 39-10]
ANIMALS	allow any pet animal to run loose* or be unattended anywhere in a park or to damage anything in a park; fail or refuse to remove and properly dispose of solid pet waste; feed wildlife in any park facility. For animals on trails, also see Trails. FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 13] [RMC: Sect 39-15] * An animal is regarded as being "loose" if it is not restrained by a leash and properly controlled. * Wildlife is any undomesticated animal residing in the wild.
BOATING	place any kind of boat on any park lake or body of water (except in those lakes where it is authorized by permit including Berkeley Lake, Sloan's Lake, Smith Lake) or to operate such boat in a reckless or careless manner. FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 18] [RMC: Sect 39-21]
CAMPING	camp or reside overnight in any park except in designated areas. FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 5.1] [RMC: Sect 39-7]
CLIMBING	fail or refuse to comply with any sign or notice restricting climbing on any rock formation or cliff; climbing where the person puts him or herself into clear danger; fail or refuse to comply with any sign or notice restricting public access into natural areas in Red Rocks and Summit Lake Parks. FINE: \$150.00 [PR2012-Rule 5.2] [RMC: Sect 39-7]
CURFEW	remain in or enter any urban park or recreational facilities between the hours of 11:00pm and 5:00am; enter any mountain park one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. SUMMONS [PR2012-Rule 1] [RMC: Sect 39-3]
DESTRUCTION/ CHANGE	a) remove, damage, destroy or deface any natural feature, building or improvement. SUMMONS b) pick, remove or destroy vegetation, or collect firewood; construct, erect or install any sign, structure or enclosure in any park, parkway, mountain park, or recreational facility. FINE: \$150.00 [PR2012-Rule 4] [RMC: Sect 39-6]
DISTURBANCE/ NOISE	a) disturb the peace of others by violent or offensive conduct, or by loud or unusual noises, or by unseemly, profane, vulgar, obscene language; assault, strike or fight another in any park, mountain park or recreational facility. SUMMONS b) use any sound amplification system in such a manner as to breach the peace and quiet of any Park, Mountain Park or Recreational Facility. (when not authorized by permit). FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 10] [RMC: Sect 39-12]
FIRE/ FIREWORKS	start or maintain fires in a park facility except for fires in grills, fire pits and fireplaces provided for that purpose or charcoal or gas grills brought by a park facility user. All fires must be contained within the grill, fire pit or fireplace and must be attended to and controlled at all times. All fires are prohibited when a fire ban is in effect. Fireworks, of any kind, are prohibited in parks and park facilities. FINE: \$100.00 - \$150.00 OR SUMMONS [PR2012-Rule 6] [RMC: Sect 39-8]

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FISHING	fish, spear fish or ice fish in lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, creeks, or other waterways and water bodies owned and controlled by the City and County of Denver, unless it has been designated for public fishing. All persons fishing in City Waters* must have a state fishing license and follow state fishing regulations. FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 11] [RMC: Sect. 39-13] *City Waters- Lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks, canals, ditches, detention and retention ponds holding water, fountains, or similar waterways or water bodies located in or on park facilities.
GLASS	possess any glass container in any park . FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 15.1] [RMC: Sect 39-17]
GRILLS	use of a grill whose base is not at least 12 inches from the surface on which it rests; grills are not permitted on picnic tables and coals must be thoroughly extinguished, cooled and disposed of in disposal receptacles . FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 6] [RMC: Sect 39-8]
LITTERING	dump, deposit or leave anything in park facilities; leaving the park without depositing all trash(including charcoal and ash) in disposal receptacles (if disposal receptacle is unavailable, trash shall be carried out of park). FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 15] [RMC: Sect 39-17]
PERMIT	fail to observe or comply with written permits issued by the Department of Parks and Recreation; schedule park activity consisting of 25 people or more without a permit(the permit must be in the possession of the group while the site is in use). FINE: \$100.00 [PR93-Rule 73] [RMC: Sect 39-5]
SALES/ VENDING	offer or sell (solicit, vend, barter, bargain) and/or deliver goods and/or services to or with the public within 300 feet of the boundary of any park except when authorized by a permit issued by Denver Parks & Recreation. FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 9] [RMC: 39-11]
TRAILS/ HUMAN- POWERED DEVICES	bring dogs onto trails restrained by a leash longer than 6 feet in length; operate a human-powered device in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted; fail or refuse to obey posted rules, traffic signs or traffic control devices; fail or refuse to comply with all state and local laws applicable to HPDs; operate or ride upon any HPD in or on any pavilion, monument, fountain, event facility, etc. FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 16] [RMC:39-18] *Human-Powered Device (HPD) means any non-motorized wheeled vehicle or device propelled by a human.
VEHICLES	drive a motorized vehicle outside of designated areas (any surface not intended for motor vehicles such as lawns, bike paths, walking trails, etc); engage in any repairs or maintenance of motorized vehicles in any park, parkway, mountain park, or other recreation facility; to park or store any motorized vehicle in a park or a mountain park during curfew. FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rule 17] [RMC: Sect 39-19]
WATER FACILITIES/ SWIMMING	throw or deposit anything into waters of any park, parkway, mountain park or other recreational facility or to swim or wade in or any entry into City Waters of a park facility(except those that have been designated). FINE: \$100.00 [PR2012-Rules 39, 63] [RMC: Sect 39-14] *PR2012 – Parks and Recreation, Rules and Regulations, 2012