

Purpose, Scope, and Authority

Welcome to the parks and recreation sites operated and maintained, through ownership or agreement, by Portland General Electric (PGE) for public use. Please review these Parks and Recreation Rules to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit.

PGE maintains an extensive system of parks, campgrounds, boat access sites, scenic overlooks and day use areas along Oregon's Columbia, Clackamas and Deschutes Rivers. These Parks and Recreation Rules are intended to ensure that PGE's parks and recreation sites are operated and maintained in a manner that is safe and upholds the sites' scenic, natural, cultural and recreational values for the use and enjoyment of all visiting members of the public, present and future.

These rules apply to all parks and recreation sites owned, operated and/or maintained by PGE.

For more information, contact the PGE Parks and Recreation Department at 503-464-8515, pgeparks@pgn.com or visit our website at portlandgeneral.com/parks.



Authority

The PGE Parks Department Manager has the authority to adopt rules and regulations for operation, management and use of PGE's parks and recreation sites. A complete listing of these rules is available on our website, portlandgeneral.com/parks, or by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department at pgeparks@pgn.com or 503-464-8515. Selected rules are listed on park maps, brochures or on posted signs at recreation sites.

Additionally, the Parks Department Manager or designated park employees, hereafter referred to as "Park Staff," may take temporary actions to protect park visitors or park resources. This authority includes, but is not limited to, permitting or limiting specific activities in designated portions of a recreation site and restricting access/closing a portion of or entire recreation site. These temporary directives will be posted at affected sites and as alerts on the Parks website when feasible.

Other Laws, Rules and Regulations

PGE's parks and recreation rules are designed to be consistent with federal, state or local laws, rules and regulations. Park visitors are ultimately responsible to ensure their conduct complies with both PGE rules and all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with these rules and/or with any other applicable federal, state or local law, rule or regulation may result in eviction and/or exclusion for future use from any park or recreation site, and possible prosecution by the civil authority with jurisdiction.

Visitor Conduct



Operating Hours

Operating hours are posted at the entrance to the park or recreation site and, when present, at the park office. If no sign is present, the operation hours of a park or recreation site is dawn to dusk.

1. No person shall enter or be present in a park after closing time without a valid permit, except when camping in a designated campsite or area.
2. Members of the public are prohibited from any area posted for authorized personnel or employees only.
3. Overnight parking is prohibited in parks and recreation sites except in designated overnight campgrounds and areas.



Day Use Fees

Motor vehicle day use parking permits are required at select parks and recreation sites. This is a parking fee and not a charge for recreational purposes.

1. Parking permits are to be clearly displayed through the windshield of motor vehicles with the expiration date visible. Open top vehicles such as motorcycles may keep a permit with them and produce upon request.
2. Park Staff may grant exceptions to the day use permit requirement for circumstances such as emergency vehicles, vehicles on official business, registered campers with a receipt, park staff or concessionaires and park volunteers.



Reservations and Site/Facility Fees

1. The Parks Department Manager may expedite the check-in process for campsites and day use areas/facilities by allowing registration on-line or by phone prior to arrival at the park or recreation site.
2. The Parks Department Manager has the authority to establish reservation, area and facility use fees.
3. Unless posted otherwise, a person shall pay fees prior to use.



Peace and Quiet

Undue disturbance of other park visitors and/or park neighbors is prohibited.

1. No person shall conduct themselves so that park users or employees are disturbed in their sleeping quarters or in campgrounds between the quiet hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
2. No person shall use profane or abusive language or conduct oneself in a disorderly, violent or potentially hazardous manner in parks or recreation sites.
3. No person shall obstruct, harass or interfere with Park Staff in the performance of their duties.
4. No person shall use power-amplified speaker systems or other sound-emitting electronic equipment including speakers, radios or televisions at a volume which emits sound beyond the immediate individual camp or picnic site.
5. The use of a powered address system or similar device requires a valid permit.
6. Engine-driven generators are prohibited during quiet hours. Any equipment run during quiet hours must be run on battery power.



Garbage and Recycling

1. Visitors using parks and recreation sites shall keep their sites free of trash and litter and shall remove all personal equipment and clean their sites upon departure.
2. Garbage, refuse, rubbish or any other waste material or waste liquid, including hazardous wastes, generated in parks and recreation sites shall be either removed or deposited into a garbage can or other receptacle designated for such purposes. No waste, including human or animal, shall be deposited in any manner such that it may enter into any body of water.
3. No person shall bring onto parks or recreation sites any household or commercial garbage, refuse, rubbish or waste of any kind for disposal or dumping.
4. No person shall drain or dump refuse or waste from any trailer, camper, automobile or other vehicle, except in designated disposal areas or receptacles.
5. No person shall clean fish or other food; wash any vehicles, clothing or other articles for personal or household use; or cleanse any dog or other animal, except at areas designated for these activities.
6. No person shall remove items from containers designated for recyclables, garbage, sewage or waste without a valid permit from the Parks Department Manager.



Pets

1. All pets and domestic animals must be kept on a leash no greater than six feet in length and remain in the presence of the owner or handler and under physical restraint at all times while in parks and recreation sites.
2. No pets or domestic animals (except for service animals as defined by the U.S. Department of Justice*) are permitted on any designated swimming beach, athletic playing field, children's playground area or in any public building or overnight lodging unless so posted.
3. Any pet or domestic animal displaying vicious or aggressive behavior; posing a threat to public, wildlife or park safety; or otherwise annoying or disturbing the peace of other park visitors is a public nuisance, is prohibited from parks and recreation sites and is subject to removal in accordance with state and local laws, rules and regulations.
4. Pet owners or handlers are responsible for cleaning up—and having the materials for cleaning up—their animals' waste deposits and appropriately disposing of the waste in trash receptacles.



Soliciting and Sales

1. No person shall engage in commercial solicitation or distribution of printed or electronic marketing information nor sell, rent or peddle any goods, services, wares, merchandise, liquids or edibles in any parks or recreation sites, except by valid permit from the Parks Department Manager.
2. Posting signs, posters, advertising, decoration, notices or anything similar on any tree, shrub, fence, post or structure within any park or recreation site is prohibited without a valid permit from Park Staff.

3. No person or group shall disturb or contact other park users with any action, posted material or amplified message in an attempt to have them join any event without a valid permit from the Parks Department Manager.



Fires

1. No person shall build any fire in any park except in areas designated for such purposes. Use of barbecues, portable stoves and portable propane fire pits are permitted if within a designated area and used in such a manner as to not create a hazard.
2. Aside from charcoal for barbecuing, a person shall only burn paper products and untreated, natural wood free from foreign objects.
3. The collection of firewood, including the cutting or disturbance of trees or organic materials within parks and recreation sites, is prohibited.
4. Use of flammable products such as gasoline or diesel products are prohibited to start or maintain a fire.
5. A person shall always attend fires, ensuring they are of a reasonable size, do not cause personal injury or damage to private property or park resources and are extinguished completely with water before leaving the immediate area.
6. The Parks Department Manager may restrict or prohibit fires and/or open flames due to high fire hazard conditions.



Firearms and Weapons

All park users shall comply with state, federal and/or local statutes, laws and regulations regarding the use, possession, transportation and discharge of any firearm, weapon or combative instrument. Park visitors are ultimately responsible to ensure their conduct is within the law of the civil authority with jurisdiction.

Additionally, no person shall:

1. Aim any loaded or unloaded firearm within a park or recreation site.
2. Willfully discharge, launch or throw from, across or into any park or recreation site any firearm, projectile or other weapon capable of inflicting injury to person or damage to property.
3. Display any weapon or combative instrument in a threatening manner.



Drugs, Alcohol and Smoking

1. Unless otherwise posted, consumption of any intoxicating liquor, alcohol, tobacco product or recreational drug are subject to the rules, regulations and laws of the State of Oregon and, on federal property, to those of the Federal Government.
2. PROMONTORY PARK: No person shall bring into or consume any intoxicating liquor or alcohol within Promontory Campground or Day Use Shelter.
3. No person shall bring into or consume in any park or recreation site any illegal drug or controlled substance, or any legal controlled substance, without a valid prescription order.
4. Tobacco products are permitted in accordance with all applicable laws unless suspended due to high fire hazard conditions.



Fireworks

No person shall possess, discharge or cause to be discharged, any firecrackers, mortars, rockets, fireworks, explosives, improvised devices or similar materials harmful to the safety of persons or property in any park or recreation site without a valid permit from the Parks Department Manager.

Park Resources



Vandalism

1. No person or pet shall remove, destroy, injure, mutilate or deface any park or recreation site property, structure or facility or any park or recreation site resource including but not limited to natural formations, mineral deposits, historical and archaeological features, vegetation or wildlife.
2. No person shall climb, walk, stand or sit upon monuments, railings, fences, or upon any other facility or structure not designated or intended for such purposes.



Fish and Wildlife

1. A person may not offer food items to any fish or wildlife within park or recreation site boundaries.
2. A person may not introduce or release fish or wildlife, wild or domestic, within park or recreation site boundaries.
3. A person or pet may not hunt, pursue, trap, kill, injure, molest or remove any wildlife or disturb their habitats within park or recreation site boundaries unless carrying a valid permit in an area that is specifically designated as a property where hunting is allowed.
4. All hunting and fishing must take place in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Natural and Cultural Resources

1. A person must comply with state and federal rules and regulations concerning the mining or the protection of public archaeological features or artifacts on state, federal and PGE lands.
2. A person may not excavate, injure, disturb, destroy, alter or remove any archaeological, cultural or historical site, object or material.
3. Unless otherwise posted, a person or pet may, at his/her own risk, gather for non-commercial, personal consumption berries, fruits, mushrooms or similar edibles.
4. A person may not uproot living plants or collect roots, tubers, flower or stems except with a valid permit from the Parks Department Manager for scientific or research purposes. Collecting is permitted by a member of a federally recognized Native American tribe for personal consumption and as part of traditional religious, medicinal or other customary cultural heritage practices.

Recreation Activities



Camping

1. Camping is permitted only at designated sites and/or areas.
2. Campsites are not for residential use. Campers will be limited to fourteen (14) consecutive nights after which they must vacate the park for three (3) consecutive nights.
3. Campers must immediately establish and pay for a campsite. The party registering for a campsite must occupy it each night. Unpaid site-saving is prohibited.
4. Reserved sites left unoccupied will be held until check-out time of the day following the first day of the reservation, after which they may be resold.
5. Check-out time is 12 p.m. Remaining in a campsite beyond the established checkout time may subject the occupant to being charged an additional night's camping fee.
6. Extra vehicles in a campground later than 10 p.m. are subject to overnight use fees.
7. The number of tents allowed at each campsite shall be limited to the number that will fit on the designated or developed site as determined by Park Staff.
8. No person shall take or attempt to take possession of a campsite before check-in time, when it is being occupied by another party, when informed by Park Staff that such site is occupied or when it has been taken out of service.
9. A maximum of six (6) people shall be permitted at one standard and four (4) permitted at a hike-to campsite unless authorized by Park Staff. A maximum of twelve (12) people shall be permitted at a double site and thirty-six (36) permitted in a group area.
10. The number of vehicles occupying a campsite shall be limited to the number that will fit in the designated, developed parking pad. Vehicles shall not park outside of designated parking areas.
11. The registered camper shall be responsible for ensuring that all party members comply with established rules.



Boating

All watercraft and their operators are subject to the rules established by the Oregon State Marine Board. Park visitors are responsible to ensure their conduct complies with Oregon law as well as the Oregon State Marine Board's rules, standards and requirements and all local and special rules for boat operation.

1. Boaters must comply with regulatory signs posted in boat launch, moorage and beach areas.
2. Boaters shall moor or secure their boat in a manner that will not cause personal injury or damage to private property or park or recreation site resources.
3. All watercraft are prohibited in established swimming areas.



Swimming

1. All persons swimming shall do so at their own risk.
2. No person shall swim in any area designated for boat launching, mooring or other watercraft uses.
3. All persons using any designated swimming area shall obey all posted rules and/or the instruction of Park Staff.
4. No person shall jump or dive into any body of water from any bridge, walkway, seawall, tree or other structure in parks and recreation sites.



Games, Sports, Other Recreational Activities

1. It is prohibited to practice or play any games or participate in any recreational activity in a manner and/or location that may subject people, personal property, park resources or facilities to risk, injury or damage.
2. All persons engaging in games, sports or other recreational activities shall do so at their own risk.
3. Certain games, sports and recreational activities including but not limited to golf, baseball, soccer, remote control vehicles and flight of unmanned aerial vehicles, that result in fast-moving objects or missiles are prohibited except at designated park and recreation site areas.



Non-Motorized Vehicles

A person operating a bicycle, skateboard, scooter, roller- or inline-skate or other wheeled, operator or electric-propelled equipment that transports the operator shall do so at his/her own risk and subject to applicable state laws. In addition, operators shall:

1. Remain on roads or trails designated for bicycles or similar devices.
2. Obey posted regulatory signs.
3. Wear protective headgear if under 16 years of age.
4. Restrict speed and manner of operation to a reasonable and prudent practice relative to terrain, conditions, equipment, capabilities, personal safety and the safety of other park users.
5. Yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and pack/saddle animals.
6. Warn others and slow down when overtaking other persons or animals.
7. Dismount and walk in congested areas and posted walk zones.
8. Use caution when approaching turns or areas of limited visibility.
9. Display adequate lighting during the hours of darkness.
10. Not disturb or harass wildlife.



Pack and Saddle Animals

1. A person may not ride, drive, lead or keep a pack or saddle animal at any park or recreation site except on such roads, trails or areas designated for that purpose. Pack and saddle animals are not allowed in campgrounds or day use areas unless specifically posted.
2. Certified weed-free feed is required in all Pacific Northwest National Forests.
3. Manure in the parking areas must be cleaned up immediately.
4. Hitching, tethering or hobbling a pack or saddle animal in a manner that may cause damage to any tree, shrub, improvement or structure is prohibited.
5. Riders shall pass other users by riding single file on the uphill side of the trail and/or let other users know the best way to pass them.



Motorized Vehicles

Operators of motor vehicles are subject to state and federal public roadway regulations and all provisions of the Oregon Vehicle Code. In addition:

1. Motorists must comply with posted motor vehicle regulatory signs. Where not posted, motor vehicles in developed areas may not be operated at speeds in excess of 10 mph.

2. Motor vehicles and trailers shall be operated only on roadways and portions of park and recreation site properties designated for motor vehicle use and parked only in designated parking areas.
3. Park Staff may have a vehicle towed at the owner's expense if it is abandoned for more than 48 hours, parked in a fire lane, roadway or other location in a manner that threatens park resources, impedes park operations or is a safety hazard.
4. Parking a motor vehicle or trailer overnight in a day use area is prohibited without a valid permit from Park Staff.
5. Unlicensed motorized vehicles may not be operated in parks and recreation sites with the exception of PGE service vehicles and mobility devices.
6. Off-Highway Vehicles may only be operated in designated off-highway riding areas or roadways signed for OHV use.



Special Uses and Permits

PGE Parks and Recreation Department receives requests from individuals, groups and organizations seeking to use parks for various personal, family, educational and private uses. To manage the public's requests for special uses, two documents exist.

1. A "Day Use Area Permit" is required for any day use area reservation and for any non-traditional use of parks or recreation sites.
2. Depending on the nature of the activities as described in the "Day Use Area Permit", a "Facilities License Agreement" may also be required.
3. The Parks Department Manager has the authority and responsibility to evaluate permit application requests as well as to permit, require liability insurance for, establish fees for, manage and/or deny all special use requests within the parks and recreation sites. Consideration will be given to potential park resource impacts, as well as impacts to visitor use, access to park sites and park operation.

Day Use Area Permit forms are available on the PGE Parks and Recreation website: portlandgeneral.com/parks. Park visitors with questions should contact PGE Parks and Recreation at pgeparks@pgn.com or 503-464-8515.

Notes

* U.S. Department of Justice, Definition of a Service Animal:

- Under the ADA, a service animal is defined as a dog that has been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.
- The ADA does not require service animals to wear a vest, ID tag, or specific harness.
- In situations where it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, staff may ask only two specific questions: (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and (2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform? Staff are not allowed to request any documentation for the dog, require that the dog demonstrate its task, or inquire about the nature of the person's disability.