

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION TWIN LAKES PARK ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE No. 8A

PREAMBLE

The Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners have determined that certain regulations are necessary for the protection, regulation, and control of parkland known as Twin Lakes Park. Consequently, pursuant to MCL 46.364 and MCL 46.11, the following is adopted.

Section I: Name

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Parks and Recreation Twin Lakes Park Ordinance, Ordinance No. 8A.”

Section II: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish regulations for the public’s use of county land known as Twin Lakes Park.

Section III: Definitions

- A. “Authorized local official” shall mean a Sheriff’s Deputy, or a Grand Traverse County Park Ranger, also known as a “Park Attendant.”
- B. “Camping” shall mean the overnight lodging or sleeping of a person or persons in a tent, trailer-coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or in any other conveyance erected, parked, or placed on the premises.
- C. “Director” shall mean the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Director.
- D. “Noise Disturbance” shall mean sound created by human activity with or without the use of any device, which by reason of its volume, intensity, location, or time of day, impairs the health, welfare, or peace of another person of normal human sensibilities.
- E. “Park Property” shall mean Twin Lakes Park.
- F. “Person” or “persons” shall mean individual(s), firm(s), corporation(s), or any group or gathering of individuals.
- G. “Wetsuit” shall mean a wetsuit covering the torso from neck to the tops of the thighs and constructed of 1.5 millimeters or thicker neoprene.

Section IV: Regulations

It is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following at Park Property:

- A. To knowingly dump, deposit, place, throw, leave or cause or permit the dumping, depositing, placing, throwing, or leaving of litter outside of trash receptacles located on Park Property.
- B. To ignite any fire, except within any fireplace, receptacle, or space designated on Park Property and as approved and permitted for such purposes by the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department.
- C. To place or burn garbage anywhere on Park Property, including within any fireplace, receptacle, or open space designated for the building of fires, or to bury refuse, rubbish, trash, or garbage anywhere on Park Property.
- D. To violate the following Park Property Beach Rules.
 - 1. Bring or keep glass bottles and other glass containers on the beach.
 - 2. Ignite any fire on the beach.
 - 3. Swim in any area other than a designated swim area, which is designated by buoys, unless that swimmer is wearing a wetsuit, as defined in Section III. G, and each time prior to swimming, has signed and dated the waiver form, which shall be located and accessed by swimmer at the beach entrance.
 - 4. Remove or throw life rings or ropes other than in case of emergency.
- E. To cause a noise disturbance. The following acts and activities are declared to be noise disturbances and are prohibited. This enumeration shall not be deemed exclusive.
 - 1. The playing of any radio, television, phonograph, other sound reproduction device, or musical instrument in such a manner or at such a volume as to be sufficiently audible to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in the vicinity.
 - 2. The keeping of any animal or bird which, by causing frequent or long continued noise, shall disturb the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity.
 - 3. The use of any motor vehicle in such a manner as to create a disturbing noise including, but not limited to, the screeching of tires and the discharge into the open air of exhaust from the engine without a sufficient muffler.

4. Shouting or other raucous or boisterous behavior for an unreasonable length of time.
 5. The use of a loudspeaker or public address system without a permit issued by Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department.
 6. Operating an off-the-road motor-driven vehicle such as a minibike, motorcycle, dune mobile, snowmobile, converted snowmobile, amphibious vehicle, or any other motorized device.
- F. To place or erect a fence or barrier, to construct or occupy improvements, to construct or erect a deer blind, or to enclose the lands or obstruct the passage of another person or persons in any way from entering, exiting, or using Park Property without permission of the Director.
- G. To peddle or systematically solicit business of any nature, to distribute or post any handbills or other advertising matter, or to post signs without permission from the Director.
- H. To paint, mark, or otherwise apply any chemical or harmful substance on any tree, rock, or any other land, water, structure, or property without the permission from the Director.
- I. To park vehicles of any type in areas posted as “No Parking” or, where designated parking areas exist, to park vehicles of any type in an area other than the designated parking areas. If a motor vehicle is found parked on Park Property, then the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle shall constitute prima facie evidence that the person who parked it there is the owner of the vehicle.
- J. To camp on Park Property, unless approved and designated for such purpose by the Director, and with an approved permit issued by the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department.
- K. To store or leave personal property on Park Property for more than 24 hours without written permission of the Director. This subdivision does not apply to lawfully occupied, designated camping sites when camping with a permit, as authorized by the Director.
- L. To ride or lead a horse, pack animal, or other riding animal, or any animal-driven vehicle, on any area, except on roads that are open to use by motor vehicles, trails, bridle paths, and campgrounds designated for such use by the Director.
- M. To possess a dog without a leash or on a leash greater than six feet in length.

- N. To enter or remain on Park Property between dusk and 6 a.m., unless Park Property is open for an event between these hours, as approved by the Director.
- O. To possess a firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, trap, or other instrument used for hunting or trapping of animals, or to hunt or trap on Park Property.
- P. To possess, consume, or offer alcoholic beverages, except on dates, times, and at locations on Park Property, as permitted and authorized by the Director.
- Q. To refuse to comply with the above rules upon the demand of an authorized local official; to interfere with the official's enforcement of this ordinance; to retaliate against another who has made complaint of a violation of a park rule; or, to interfere with an employee or agent of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department while performing his or her official duties.

Section V: Penalty

- A. Enforcement Officers: An authorized local official is authorized to enforce this ordinance and issue a municipal civil infraction citation pursuant to Section 8703 of Public Act 236 of 1961, MCL 600.8703, *et. eq.*, and Section V. B. of this ordinance.
- B. Fines: Any person violating any provision of Section IV of this ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to a maximum fine of \$100 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues is a separate municipal civil infraction violation.

Section VI: Miscellaneous

- A. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication as required by law. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provision of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- B. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and, if any clause, sentence, word, section, or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining portions of this ordinance shall remain in force.



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