
Trails and Open Space Event Provisions

Athens-Clarke County promotes preservation of our natural resources. All groups permitted to hold events in these areas are responsible for all event participants, volunteers, and spectators, and are expected to stress proper use and preservation of these areas to all involved persons.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Permission for use is only for the dates, times, and purposes stated on the application.
- All Athens-Clarke County Leisure Services Department park rules and applicable Athens-Clarke County Ordinances must be followed by all event participants, volunteers, and spectators.
- Event organizers agree to indemnify, protect, and hold harmless Athens-Clarke County, its offices, officials, employees, agents, and servants from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits, damages, loss and expenses of whatever kind or nature to any person or to any property arising out of or in connection with the event.

APPLICABLE ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY ORDINANCES

Sec. I-10-28. *Personal risk in natural areas*

Personal risks associated with the natural environment are inherent in parks. Native wild animals, poisonous plants, rough terrain and other natural conditions are considered a part of the visitor's experience. Park staff will make reasonable efforts to forewarn users of natural areas where assumed risks might exist; however, park users are responsible for their own health and welfare regarding natural elements and other environmental conditions when they elect to enter such areas.

Sec. I-10-29. *Natural resource protection and preservation*

- (a) No person shall dig, cut, break, move, excavate, disturb, remove, destroy, harm or tamper with, nor carry within, any soil, rocks, trees, shrubs, plants, mushrooms, down-timber or other wood or materials without authorization.
- (b) No person shall harm, harass, disturb the breeding grounds or habitat of, hunt, trap or remove any animal, including mammals, fish, insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians or any other living creature, including eggs and nests, from any park except upon authorization. This subsection shall not apply to fish caught by an individual in possession of a valid Georgia fishing license fishing in an area designated for this activity.
- (c) No person shall feed any non-domesticated animal in any park unless authorized.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Groups are expected to leave sites in the same condition as found. Leave No Trace provides a set of outdoor ethics that are to be followed at all times by all participants, volunteer, and spectators.

- Plan ahead and prepare – organizers should be familiar with site maps and environmental conditions.
- Travel on durable surfaces – stay on designated paths. All off trail activities require authorization.
- Dispose of waste properly – do not leave any trash, litter, or debris on site. Dispose of trash and recycling in appropriate provided receptacles.
- Leave what you find – do not remove anything from the site unless authorized per Ordinance Section I-10-29 (a).
- Respect wildlife – do not disturb or harass wildlife unless authorized per Ordinance Section I-10-29 (b).
- Be considerate of other visitors – all trails and open space event permits are for non-exclusive use. Please be respectful of park patrons and do not purposefully obstruct areas or paths.

Sign Here: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____