

**Parks and Recreation Department**  
**Code of Conduct**  
***Helping us maintain clean, safe and accessible parks and programs***  
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**Policy Statement:**

Phoenix Parks and Recreation provides residents more than 41,000 acres of desert parks and mountain preserves containing more than 200 miles of trails; 185 spacious city parks; 32 community and recreation centers; classes and sports programs for all ages to learn, stay active and have fun; 8 golf courses; and 29 pools where thousands cool off and learn to swim each summer. The intent of the Code of Conduct is to promote conduct and behaviors that allow all individuals to enjoy clean, safe and accessible parks and programs.

**Regulations:**

While the parks are open to all, no one has the right to interfere with another person's use of City parks or facilities. Behavior and conduct, including those activities listed below, is unacceptable when it violates the law, interferes with the rights of others, endangers or injures oneself or others, or when it results in damage to park property, buildings or equipment. Phoenix Parks and Recreation reserves the right to take action against those whose conduct and behavior does not comply with the Code of Conduct established by this policy. The Parks and Recreation Department's Code of Conduct was developed to benefit the public and protect the rights of individuals, and focuses on the actual conduct of a person. Phoenix Parks and Recreation reserves the right to define and identify disruptive behavior and/or actions that interfere with the positive and safe atmosphere in City parks or facilities.

For the purposes of this policy, a *facility* is a City-owned building operated by the City or by an organization authorized to operate the building on the City's behalf.

**The following is not permitted in any Parks and Recreation Department mountain preserve, park or facility (collectively "Park or Parks"):**

- Abusing or vandalizing a Park or its amenities in any way
- Using, possessing, or selling illegal drugs
- Possessing or consuming alcohol without obtaining the proper approvals and permits
- Possessing weapons inside any City facility, as posted
- Aggressive intimidation or harassment of patrons or City staff including physical, sexual or verbal abuse
- Obstructing other patrons' use of the Park or its amenities, or maintenance of the Park
- Using amenities outside of their intended or approved purpose
- Bathing, sleeping, storing personal belongings, or doing laundry in restrooms or facilities
- Mobile vending without obtaining proper authorization
- Distribution of commercial goods to the public without obtaining proper permit
- Charging for services including exercise activities, guided hikes, sports and other special interest classes and activities without proper approval
- Assembling groups of 50 people or more without obtaining proper approvals and permits

- Use of a Ramada for more than four hours per day, for two consecutive days, without obtaining proper approval
- Use of amplified sound without obtaining proper approvals and permits
- Use of wheeled devices, as posted
- Smoking/vaping within 20 feet of a building entrance or playground, or on a public patio/ramada
- Animals inside park facilities except for service animals, which are permitted
- Entering facilities without appropriate attire, as posted
- Shooting paintball or air soft guns
- Unlawful conduct and behavior that violates the Arizona Revised Statutes, Phoenix City Code, or posted Park Rules or Code of Conduct
- Activities that may endanger self, others, wildlife, or park property

**In addition to the rules listed above, the following is not permitted in the areas below:**

### **MOUNTAIN DESERT PARKS AND PRESERVES**

- Endangering children or vulnerable adults on difficult trails or in adverse weather conditions
- Endangering dogs on difficult trails or in adverse weather conditions, such as temperatures over 100 degrees
- Playing personal music at a volume loud enough to disturb others on trails, ramadas, parking lots
- Disregarding trail hierarchy; hikers and bicyclists yield to horses, bicyclists yield to hikers
- Disregarding trail etiquette of downhill trail traffic flow yields to uphill trail traffic
- Smoking within the mountain desert parks and preserves, or on trails and summits
- Defacing natural areas with chalk, marker, powder materials or other non-natural products
- Moving rocks or other native material along a trail or altering the tread in such a way as to facilitate or encourage illegal trail use or to cause personal harm
- Riding electric bicycles or other types of motorized vehicles on trails or off established park roads
- Operating a metal detector and removing any found items
- Placing of geocaches in a location within a park or preserve that does not fall within management guidelines for that area – all geocaches must be reviewed and approved by park management or they will be removed
- Unauthorized off-trail activity

### **TRESPASS POLICY**

Individuals who violate the Code of Conduct are subject to being trespassed for periods ranging from one day to one year applicable to the location where the violation(s) took place or to all Phoenix Parks and Recreation parks and facilities.

- First offense may result in a verbal warning and education about the Code of Conduct
- Second offense may result in a minimum 24-hour trespass at the location the violation took place

- Repeat offenses may result in a minimum 30-day trespass from all parks and facilities
- Individuals who previously received a verbal warning, have been previously trespassed and continue to violate the Code of Conduct, will be subject to trespass periods of 60 days and greater from all parks and facilities
- The following offenses are subject to immediate trespass periods of 60-days and greater from all parks and facilities:
  - Harassing patrons or City staff including physical, sexual or verbal abuse
  - Violating any criminal law of the Phoenix City Code or the Arizona Revised Statutes

Individuals who have been trespassed will be provided with a Trespass Notice that includes information on why they are being trespassed, the amount of time they are being trespassed, and the locations of the trespass notification. Additionally, the notice will provide information on how to appeal the trespass.

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