

ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE USE OF SUNRISE PARK, TOWN OF SUFFIELD, CT

1. **OPEN HOURS:** Sunrise Park will be open from 8:00 A.M. until sunset, daily, conditions permitting.
2. **BOATS:** No power vehicle or craft, including electric boats, shall be used or operated within Sunrise Park. All crafts using the water shall do so under the control of the Park Superintendent and/or water front staff.
3. **PARK STICKERS:** All motor vehicles entering Sunrise Park must display a current park sticker identifying the owner of the vehicle as a resident of the Town of Suffield. The sticker may be obtained through the Town Clerk's office or the Park Superintendent, and should be placed on the lower left corner of the front passenger side window.
4. **SNOWMOBILES:** The operation of snowmobiles, and other off road, or utility vehicles within Sunrise Park is permitted only for emergency, and Park maintenance operations.
5. **WINTER ACTIVITIES:** Ice skating and ice fishing is not permitted unless the Park Superintendent determines ice is safe for such purposes and posts notice that such activities are permissible on the given day. Further, on such days, ice skating and ice fishing activities are limited to the areas designated as safe by the Park Superintendent. The "buddy system" is strongly encouraged.
6. **AUTHORITY OF PARK SUPERINTENDENT:** The Park Superintendent shall exercise general supervision and control of the use of Sunrise Park subject to the direction of the Conservation Commission and shall be the Commission's agent in effecting compliance with regulations promulgated by the Commission and approved by the Town. The Suffield Police Department is empowered to enforce these rules as well.
7. **HUNTING AND FIREARMS:** No person shall hunt or trap or use or carry firearms in any public park or recreational area of the Town.
8. **FISHING:** No person shall fish in or upon any of the waters in any public park or recreational area of the Town except in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations established by the State Board of Fisheries and Game and the Conservation Commission.
9. **DOGS:** No person shall bring or cause to be brought into the Park any dog unless the same shall be on a leash or under the control of such person. Such person assumes absolute liability for such dog and holds the Town harmless of any liability arising from the presence of such dog.
10. **SWIMMING:** Swimming is only permitted in the designated area adjacent to the beach. Lifeguards are on duty during weekends of summer months; however, all swimming is at your own risk. All posted beach rules and direction from life guards must be adhered to at all times. The "buddy system" is strongly encouraged.

- 11. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in park or recreational areas of the Town is prohibited.
- 12. REFUSE AND RUBBISH:** No person shall dump, deposit, or cause to be left in or upon the waters and grounds of these parks any rubbish, refuse, garbage, or waste material except in receptacles provided for such use and purpose.
- 13. INJURY TO PROPERTY:** No person shall destroy, deface, remove or injure in any manner any structure, tree, shrub, flower, fern or moss, sign or any facility or installation in the waters or on the grounds of the Park.
- 14. INTERFACE WITH WILDLIFE:** No person shall destroy, molest, injure, capture or interfere with birds, game, wildlife and their nests, etc., within the Park.
- 15. NOTICES, SIGNS OR POSTERS:** No person shall erect or post in or upon the grounds of the Park any notice, sign, or poster except such notices, signs or posters as may be authorized by any State or Town Agency, the Suffield Conservation Commission, or the Park Superintendent.
- 16. TRAILERS AND CAMP VEHICLES:** No person shall drive or cause to be driven into the Park any trailer, camp vehicle or other facility designated to provide camping or living facilities.
- 17. CAMPING:** No person shall camp upon the grounds of the Park after evening closing hours without having obtained a permit in writing from the Suffield Conservation Commission or from the Park Superintendent.
- 18. OPEN FIRES:** No person shall kindle, use or maintain any open fires within the Park except at locations and in receptacles specifically designated for such purpose. No person shall leave any fire in any fireplace or receptacle unattended or not extinguishable. No fire shall be kindled or maintained on days designated “high” or “medium” forest fire hazard days, as may be posted by the Suffield Fire Department or Park Superintendent, or other applicable managing agency or department of the Town or State.
- 19. SALE OF ARTICLES:** No person shall sell or offer for sale any articles on park or recreational areas of the Town or advertise or solicit for any purpose therein, unless authorized in writing from the Commission, so to do.
- 20. GAMES OF CHANCE:** No person shall play, engage in, conduct or participate in or cause to be played, conducted or engaged in any game of chance or have instrument or instrumentality of gambling upon park or recreational areas of the Town.
- 21. MOTORCYCLES AND OTHER POWER VEHICLES:** The operation of motorcycles and other power-operated wheeled vehicles, including electric vehicles, within the Park is permissible only in those areas and on the roads where operations of an automobile is permissible. Such vehicles operating within the Park must observe all applicable state and local laws.

- 22. DISORDERLY CONDUCT:** No person shall engage in disorderly conduct, behavior or language in the Park.
- 23. EVICTION FOR VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE:** Any person who shall violate any provision of these rules may be evicted from the Park by the Park Superintendent or the Suffield Police Department.
- 24. ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS:** The Conservation Commission is authorized and empowered to adopt and publish from time to time such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary and appropriate in the implementation of provisions of this ordinance.
- 25. PENALTY:** Any person who shall violate any provision of these rules shall be fined up to the maximum amount permitted under applicable law.
- 26. PARK PROJECTS:** Park improvement projects are much appreciated; however, prior to being carried out, such projects are to be submitted to the Park Superintendent and approved by the Conservation Commission.
- 27. USE OF PAVILION AND OTHER DESIGNATED AREAS.** Reservations for use of the pavilion and other similarly functional areas of the Park shall be arranged and coordinated through the Park Superintendent. If the pavilion is not otherwise reserved, and the doors are left open by the Park Superintendent during normal Park hours, Suffield residents and their guests are welcome to utilize seating and viewing areas within the pavilion on a first-come basis.