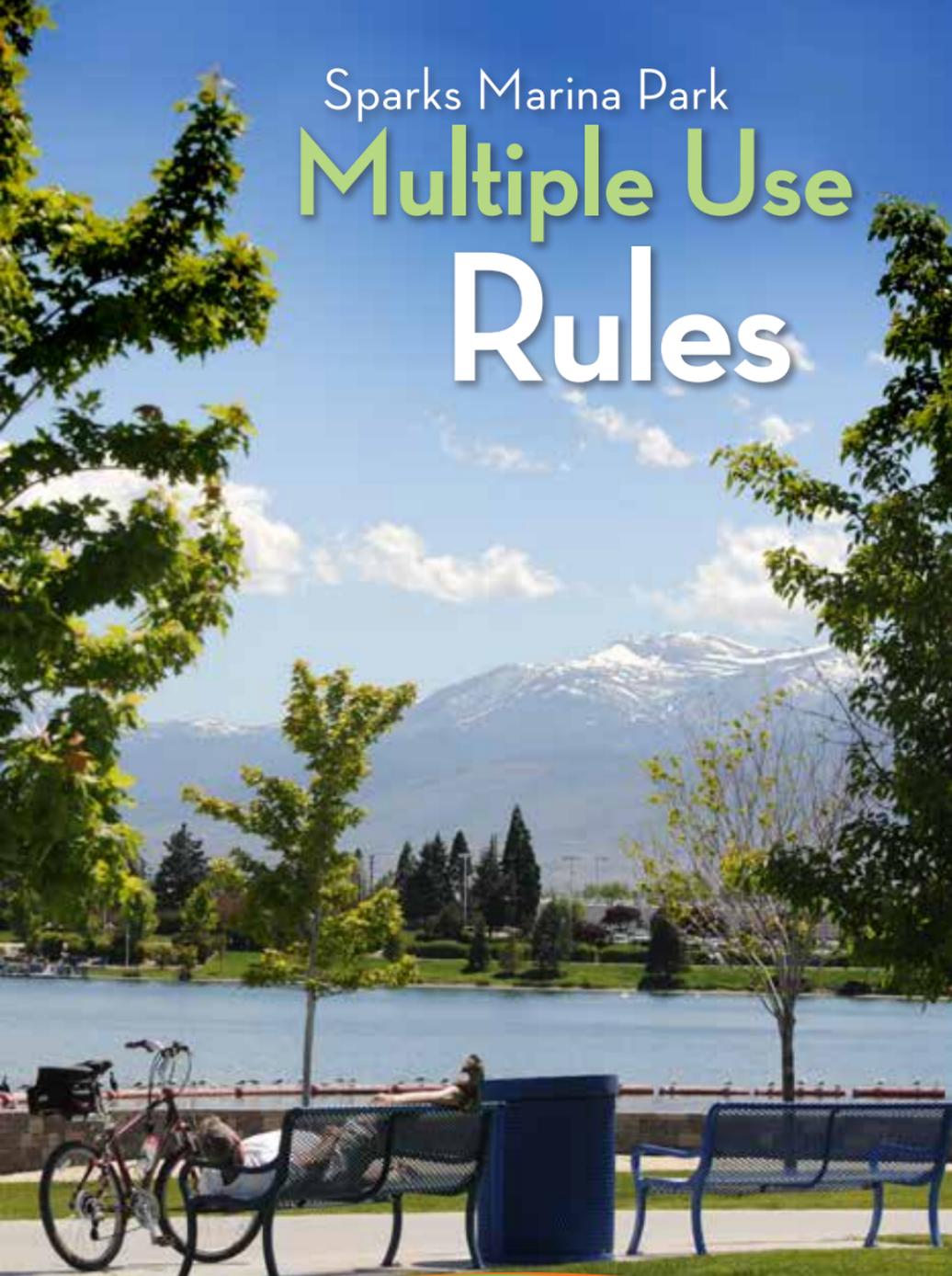


Sparks Marina Park

Multiple Use Rules



City of
Sparks
Parks & Recreation

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Welcome to the Sparks Marina Park located at 300 Howard Drive in Sparks, Nevada. The entire park has become a very popular destination for local residents and tourists alike. For everyone's safety and enjoyment, the City of Sparks Parks and Recreation Department asks that you follow the rules outlined below. Overall, respect for each other, common courtesy and following the "rules of the road" will go a long way toward a positive visit/experience. If you have questions or concerns regarding the park, a Park Ranger can be contacted at 775.691.9130 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. May-October and 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. November-April. If a non-emergency occurs and a Park Ranger is unavailable, call the Sparks Police Department at 775.353.2231. For all emergencies call 911. The park hours are 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thank you.

General Park Rules

- Glass containers are prohibited in the park.
- Alcohol is prohibited in the park.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times (except within the dog park at the south shore). No electronic leashes permitted.
- You must clean up after your dog (Washoe County Code 55.130).
- Mutt Mitt stations are located throughout the park for you & your dogs' convenience.
- All path users must stay to the right of the path. Path users include pedestrians, pedestrians with dogs, pedestrians with strollers, bicyclists, runners, joggers, those on scooters, roller blades, skate boards, as well as people using wheelchairs and walkers (everyone). Pedestrians have the right-of-way and for the safety of others, pedestrians are asked to walk only 2 abreast (2 people side by side). All path users must look both ways before entering the path or changing directions.
- Gas powered grills are allowed. No charcoal grills. No food trucks.
- No feeding of animals, birds and waterfowl.
- Hunting or trapping of wildlife is prohibited.
- No motorized scooters or karts in the park.
- No jump-houses or inflatables.
- Swimming is only allowed in the designated swim area (north beach within orange logs) when lifeguards are on duty.
- Open fires are prohibited in the park.
- Cliff diving, jumping or shore diving is prohibited at all times in all areas of the park. No climbing on rock walls.
- Discharging weapons, pistols, BB guns, pellet guns and bow/arrows prohibited.
- No snow sledding.

General Path User Rules



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- All path users must stay to the right of the path (rules of the road) to allow adequate space for faster users to pass on the left.
- All faster path users must use caution, slow down and warn others when passing on the left.
- All path users are encouraged to only wear one ear phone so they can hear what is going on around them.
- All path users must look both ways before entering the path or changing directions.

Dogs/Dog Park



- Dogs must be on a leash at all times (except within the gated dog park at the south shore). (W.C.C.95.140)
- All leashes (retractable or static) may not exceed 6 feet in length. No electronic leashes permitted. We encourage man's best friend to be kept as close to its owner as possible at all times while on the path.
- You must clean up after your dog. (W.C.C.55.100)
- Mutt Mitt stations are located throughout the park for you & your dogs' convenience.

**While everyone is looking out for number one,
who is picking up number two? IT'S THE LAW!**

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Swimming Rules



- No swimming, wading or entering water unless lifeguards are on duty.
- Swimming is only permitted in the designated swimming (north beach within orange logs) area when lifeguards are on duty.
- Children under 8 years of age must have adult supervision in the water.
- No dogs or other animals allowed on the beach per Washoe County Health Department regulations. Service animals are an exception.
- Any obstruction which impedes the performance of a lifeguard will be removed. This includes toys, tents, umbrellas, etc.
- Air mattresses and inner tubes permitted in the designated swimming area only when lifeguards are on duty and at the lifeguard's discretion. Water wings and infant flotation devices may only be used when an adult is in the water directly supervising the child.
- Cliff diving, jumping or shore diving is prohibited at all times in all areas of the park.
- Glass containers are prohibited on the beach and in the park.
- Alcohol is prohibited on the beach and in the park.

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Boating Rules



- Only hand launch of boats and other water craft is permitted from the hand launch boat ramp.
- Persons with disabilities may auto trailer a boat or water craft. Please call the Park Ranger at 775.691.9130 for assistance.
- Only boats without motors and boats with electric motors are permitted on Helms Lake within the Sparks Marina Park (NAC 488.470, section 2).
- Boats are prohibited in designated swim areas and dive areas (NAC 488.465).
- A Coast Guard Approved flotation device is required for every person on every vessel. Vessels include boats, windsurfers, paddle boats, paddle boards, sail boats, etc. (NRS 488.193).
- For information on paddle sports safety go to www.boaterexam.com/paddling.
- Operation of all boats must be in compliance with all State of Nevada and United States Coast Guard boating statues and regulations. The Nevada Handbook of Boating Laws can be found at www.ndow.org/boat/ and boater safety at www.ndow.org/boat/boating_safety/
- Parking of trailers will be restricted to designated parking stalls/areas only.
- Docking of water vessels is permitted at the hand launch/ peninsula beach only.
- Docking of water vessels is not permitted on the swimming/ north beach.

Fishing Rules



- Fishing hours are 1 hour before sunrise and 2 hours after sunset.
- The State of Nevada fishing regulations apply (<http://ndow.org/law/regs/fishregs/index.shtm>).
- Fishing is prohibited on and near the beaches and within the entire cove (the cove is where the north beach designated swimming area is located and the entry to the cove is an imaginary line between the tip of the peninsula across the water to the boating slips/dock).
- No live bait or fish parts (worms are okay).
- Daily possession limit is 3 game fish, of which only 2 may be Black Bass.
- Please take your fish home to clean them.

Scuba Diving Rules



- Scuba divers must check in with the Head Lifeguard or Park Ranger before and after diving.
- Scuba diving alone is prohibited.
- A scuba diver flag must be displayed at all times divers are in the water.
- Boats involved in tethered scuba diving activities must display an Alpha flag.
- Only certified divers or students with a certified instructor are permitted to dive.
- All scuba classes must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Scuba diving is prohibited in or near the designated swimming area (north beach within orange logs).