

Gastonia Parks & Recreation Rules & Regulations

1. Parks are open Dawn to Dusk. Special facilities operate by different hours.
2. Pets must be on a leash not to exceed 8 feet and under the owner's control at all times.
3. No trespassing after hours, COG Code of Ordinances Section 5-14 and 5-41.
4. It is a criminal violation of the COG Code of Ordinances Section 5-24, for any Registered Sex Offender to be on or about park and recreation facilities. Violators are subject to immediate arrest and fines of \$500 per offense.
5. No weapons allowed except as authorized by a valid concealed carry permit, COG Code of Ordinances Section 5-8.
6. No vehicles allowed in parks, 11PM-6AM. COG Code of Ordinances Section 6-155.
7. Outdoor athletic practice and playing facilities are 100% smoke free. Smoke free areas include a minimum of 100 feet from the following facilities: playing fields, dugouts, restrooms, concessions, playgrounds, pools, spraygrounds and spectator areas.
8. Please help keep parks clean and safe. Put litter in the trashcans that are provided.

PROHIBITED:

1. Motorized vehicles, except for wheelchairs, beyond the perimeter of designated parking lots.
2. Dumping or Littering.
3. Disorderly conduct.
4. Skates, rollerblades or skateboards. (Use on the Greenway only.)
5. Amplified music/PA. (By permit only.)
6. Glass containers.
7. Alcoholic beverages.
8. Solicitation



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Park Watch Program

*"Keeping our parks safe
for the enjoyment
of all citizens."*



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Join our Park Watch program!

What is Park Watch?

The Park Watch program is a partnership between the Gastonia Parks and Recreation Department, the Gastonia Police Department and City residents to reduce crime, vandalism and illegal activities in our parks and recreation facilities. Modeled after the Community Watch program, Park Watch provides citizens guidelines to follow when reporting suspicious activities, helping us to keep our parks safe year-round.

We need your help!

What can you do?

While visiting our parks, citizens are asked to be on the alert for unlawful fires, vandalism (graffiti), safety hazards, suspicious persons/activities, or other violations of Gastonia Parks and Recreation rules and regulations.



Be cautious!

If you do observe someone breaking park rules, committing a crime, or engaging in other illegal activities, DO NOT attempt to take action yourself. This is a job for the proper authorities.

How do I sign up?

1. Submit a completed **Application Form** and **Background Check Release Form**.

Forms may be obtained online at www.cityofgastonia.com, or in person from any staffed facilities of the Gastonia Parks and Recreation Department.

2. Once approved, attend a one-hour, mandatory training class.

Classes will be conducted at the Gastonia Police Department Community Room during the Spring and Fall, and by special request for groups of ten or more.

For more information, contact the Gastonia Parks and Recreation Department, (704)866-6839.

Park Watch Program Procedures

Suspicious activities or problems should be reported to the appropriate authorities, using the telephone numbers listed below. You should note the location of the incident, describe those involved, and record a license number, color and make of a suspicious vehicle. You can ask the dispatcher to make your report anonymous.

Call 911

Emergencies—Fire, Police, Ambulance.

Call (704)866-3300

For Police non-emergencies.

Call (704)922-8677/8687

For animal control/complaints.

Call (704)866-6839

To report vandalism (such as graffiti), repairs needed, or to ask Park-related questions.

