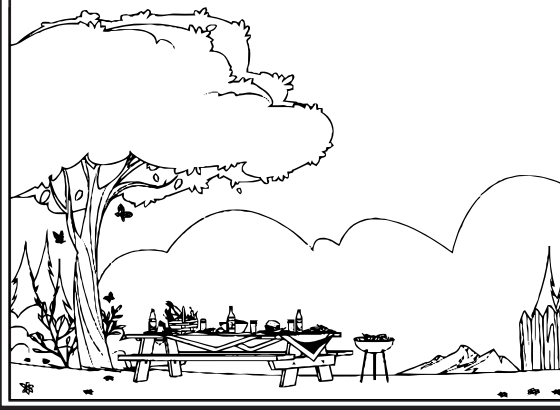


2025

WASHINGTON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF

PARKS & RECREATION

- Mingo Creek Park
- Ten Mile Creek Park
- Cross Creek Park
- Panhandle Trail



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your information by the

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Department of Parks & Recreation
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WASHINGTON COUNTY PARKS RULES & REGULATIONS

AN ORDINANCE PRESERVING & REGULATIONS FOR PRESERVING PUBLIC PROPERTY AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION AND, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF SUCH REGULATIONS.

- Section 1. **PARK HOURS** -- The Parks shall be open from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted. No person without an official permit or special permission, other than authorized employees, shall be, remain, or loiter in the parks, under any circumstances during the hours the parks are closed.
- Section 2. **PARK PROTECTION** -- No person shall injure, destroy, detach, remove, cut or damage any of the trees, plants, turf, wildlife structures, equipment or fixtures therein, or any property of Washington County, located within the Parks. Any person inflicting damage upon public property shall make reparation to the County for said damage, which said reparation may be collected as other debts are collectible at law.
- Section 3. **REFUSE DISPOSAL** -- No person shall dispose of any waste, rubbish, or garbage except in receptacles designated for such purposes, and such disposal shall be limited to materials accumulated during the use of a Washington County Park.
- Section 4. **FIRES** -- No person shall set or maintain any fire except in stoves, grills, fireplaces and areas designated by the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Section 5. **GLASS CONTAINERS** -- The use of glass containers is restricted to picnic tables in order to prevent injury or damage to persons or property by broken glass.
- Section 6. **WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES** -- Discharge of any firearms, bows and arrows, or any type of weapon or explosive is prohibited unless specific areas are designated for their use. Nothing in this provision shall regulate firearms and ammunition.
- Section 7. **BEHAVIOR** -- No person shall conduct herself or himself in any manner which causes harm to the health, safety, morals or general welfare of any person within the Park. Creating excessive noise, gambling, drunkenness, disorderly or indecent conduct and profane and offensive language are hereby prohibited. The use or possession of narcotic drugs is prohibited.
- Section 8. **DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND PETS** -- No domestic animals or pets are permitted in the park except on a leash or halter nor are such domestic animals or pets permitted to run or roam unattended nor to disturb persons or wildlife. Horseback riding is permitted only on and in designated trails and areas.
- Section 9. **SOLICITING** -- No person or persons shall post any sign, solicit, peddle or offer any articles for sale or service for hire within the Park or set up therein any stand or booth for such purposes without a permit from the Department of Parks & Recreation.
- Section 10. **GROUP MEETINGS** -- No meetings and assemblies (20 people or more) shall take place in the Park without written permission.
- Section 11. **CAMPING** -- No camping is permitted in the park unless areas are specifically designated and an official permit is obtained.
- Section 12. **SWIMMING** -- Swimming is permitted only in designated areas. The use of swimming areas will be controlled by posted regulations.
- Section 13. **BOATING** -- No vehicles are permitted on the boat launching ramps unless they are being used for launching or removing boats. The docking and control of boats will be governed by posted regulations. The size of motors used on Cross Creek Lake shall be limited to 10HP or less. Exception to horsepower limitations include boats authorized by the Parks Department to be used for park administration, police, fish and game enforcement, search and rescue, safety patrol and demonstration purposes. Prohibited water-craft include any boats propelled by air propellers, seaplanes, unseaworthy craft, surfboards, air mattresses, ski jets any equipment which is not constructed for the primary purpose of transportation on the water, inflatable devices except those which are longer than seven feet and have more than one separate buoyancy chamber. Float tubes specifically designed for the purpose of fishing are permitted. A float tube is a device constructed to provide stable flotation and a level ride to a single angler in a manner that minimizes the possibility of a capsizing. The float tube shall consist of a bladder system made of heavy gauge rubber or rubber impregnated support fabric and covered with a durable fabric shell, which provides a seat for the user and two leg holes. A secondary bladder in the form of a backrest or similar component shall be included with a float tube to provide additional emergency flotation. Individuals operating float tubes must wear an approved Coast Guard PFD at all times. Sailboats are limited to 17 feet in length. All boating regulation of the US Coast Guard and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission shall apply to Cross Creek Lake. All people fishing at Cross Creek Lake must have a valid Pennsylvania Fishing license in their possession. A boat launching permit is required for Cross Creek and Ten Mile Creek Parks.
- Section 14. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** -- Beer, wine, champagne, hard ciders, and hard seltzers are the only alcoholic beverages permitted in the parks and are restricted to specified areas by permit only. No alcoholic beverage may be possessed or consumed by any minor.
- Section 15. **PARK FACILITIES** -- All park facilities shall be used only for their intended purposes. It is prohibited to move picnic tables or any other type of park property.
- Section 16. **MOTOR VEHICLES** -- The operation of licensed automobiles and trucks shall be confined to roads open to traffic and designated parking areas. All other types of motor vehicles including, but not limited to cycles, snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles and quads, are prohibited unless areas are designated for their use. Creating excessive noise or operating in a reckless manner or in excess of 15 MPH or as posted is prohibited. The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, Act of 1976, P.L. 162, 1 of 2 No. 81, section 1, as amended, Title 75 P.S., is hereby declared to be in effect in all County parks on all roads therein, with like effect as though set forth herein in full, and the traffic rules and regulations set forth herein are in addition to and supplement the Vehicle Code.
- Section 17. **PENALTIES** -- Any person who shall violate any of the rules and regulations contained in this Ordinance shall, upon summary conviction thereof, before a Magistrate of Washington County, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution for each and every offense or to undergo imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than ten (10) days.
- Section 18. **ENFORCEMENT** -- The rules and regulations of this Ordinance shall be enforced by the Washington County Department of Parks and Recreation, their Police Officers or employees thereof, the Sheriff of Washington County and any Police Officer of this Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED the 24 day of June 1971. Amended Section 13 to allow float tubes on January 16, 2002. Amended section 16, 17 & 18 preserving public property on June 19, 2008. Amended section on weapons and explosives on October 3, 2019.

PLEASE PRINT -- COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ (H): _____ (W) _____
Activity/Group _____
Arrival Time _____ Departure Time _____
Approx. # of People in Group _____ Fee Amount Enclosed _____

I agree that Washington County shall not be liable to Lessee or any other person or corporation, including employees, for any damages to their personal property caused by any matter whatsoever, and that Washington County assumes no responsibility whatsoever for any personal property placed in said premises, and that Washington County is hereby expressly released, discharged and held harmless from any and all liability from any loss, injury, or damage to persons or property that may be sustained by reason of the occupancy/use of said premises under this agreement.
Washington County reserves the right to bill your organization for any unforeseen expenses or damages to the County property.
I have read the above information and understand it in full. I understand the policies are strictly enforced.

Signature of Applicant: _____
(Applicant is responsible to see that the Park Ordinance is obeyed)

Send Completed Application with
Self-Addressed, Stamped
#10 Business Envelope to:
Washington County
Parks and Recreation
95 West Beau Street, Suite 115
Washington, PA 15301
No Refunds

Make checks payable to: Washington County.

Ten Mile Park

Located off of Route 88 south of Fredricktown on Clarksville Road. Open year round sunrise to sunset.

Shelters

Reservations necessary

- Beer permits issued with shelter rental only.
- The Audia Shelter has approximately sixteen (16) picnic tables seating 6-8 people per table, electrical outlets and a grill.
- Shelters 1 & 2 have approximately ten (10) picnic tables each seating 6-8 people per table, electrical outlets and a grill.
- No refunds if electric is out of service.
- All trash is to be placed in dumpsters located near the shelters. Please bring your own bags.

Fees

Washington County Residents:

Audia Shelter	\$50.00	with beer \$75.00
Shelters 1 & 2	\$45.00	with beer \$70.00

Non-Residents:

Audia Shelter	\$70.00	with beer \$95.00
Shelters 1 & 2	\$65.00	with beer \$90.00

Picnic Sites

- Picnic tables are available throughout the park on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Mingo Creek Park

Located 12 miles east of Washington off of Route 136. Open year round sunrise to sunset.

Shelters

Reservations necessary

- Beer permits issued with shelter rental only.
- Large shelters 2,3,5,6,7,8 & 9 have approximately fourteen (14) tables seating 6-8 people per table, electrical outlets and a grill.
- Small shelters 1 & 4 have approximately seven (7) tables seating 6-8 people per table, electrical outlets and a grill.
- Shelters 10 & 11 have approximately sixteen (16) tables seating 6-8 people per table, electrical outlets and a grill.
- No refunds if electric is out of service.
- All trash is to be placed in dumpsters located near the shelters. Please bring your own bags.

Fees

Washington County Residents:

Shelters 2, 3 & 5-9	\$50.00	with beer \$75.00
Henry House	\$50.00	with beer \$75.00
Shelter 1 & 4	\$45.00	with beer \$70.00
Log Cabin	\$45.00	with beer \$70.00
Shelters 10 & 11	\$75.00	with beer \$100.00

Non-Residents:

Shelters 2, 3 & 5-9	\$70.00	with beer \$95.00
Henry House	\$70.00	with beer \$95.00
Shelter 1 & 4	\$65.00	with beer \$90.00
Log Cabin	\$65.00	with beer \$90.00
Shelters 10 & 11	\$95.00	with beer \$120.00

Ten Mile Park Continued..

Boating

- Ample parking for cars and trailers is available.

Boat Permit Fees

Washington County Residents

\$7.50/year	\$13.00/2 years
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Non-Residents

\$10.00/year	\$18.00/2 years
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Cross Creek Park

Located near Avella. Open year round. 2025 Park hours will be:

January 1 - March 8	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 9 - November 2	6 a.m. - 11 p.m.
November 3 - December 31	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Hours subject to change

Shelters

Reservations necessary

- Beer permits issued with shelter rental only.
- Small Shelters 1 & 2 have approximately ten (10) tables each seating 6-8 people per table, electrical outlets and a grill.
- Large Shelters 3,4,5 & 6 have approximately twelve (12) tables each seating 6-8 people per table, electrical outlets and a grill.

Mingo Creek Park Continued..

Amplified music permitted at Shelter 10 only.

Picnic Sites

- Picnic tables are available throughout the park on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Horseback Riding

- Permits must be obtained in advance.
- Horseback riding is restricted to bridle trails only.
- Permits will be valid for the calendar year.

Non Fee Permit

Organized Group Camping

- Only tent camping is permitted.
- Camping is restricted to organized groups, (i.e. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.)
- Camping is permitted year round.

No Refunds

Organized Group Camping Fees

Washington County Residents:

\$20.00 per night - up to 20 people

Non-Residents:

\$25.00 per night - up to 20 people

Special Event/Activities

- A special event application must be submitted and approved by the Parks and Recreation Staff before a special event may be held in a Washington County Park.
- Special Events may include but aren't limited to: Fishing Tournaments, Bike Races, Walk-a-thons, Running Races and Festivals.
- Certain activities within the County Park System also may require a Letter of Authorization. These activities may include but aren't limited to: Wedding Ceremonies, Food Trucks, and Bounce Houses.

Cross Creek Park Continued..

- No refunds if electric is out of service.
- All trash is to be placed in dumpsters located near the shelters. Please bring your own bags.

Shelter Fees

Washington County Residents:

Shelters 1 & 2	\$45.00	with beer \$70.00
Shelters 3,4,5 & 6	\$50.00	with beer \$75.00

Non-Residents:

Shelters 1 & 2	\$65.00	with beer \$90.00
Shelters 3,4,5 & 6	\$70.00	with beer \$95.00

Picnic Sites

- Picnic tables are available on a first-come first-serve basis in the designated picnic area.

Boating

- Parking for cars and trailers is available.
- Docks are provided for launching and loading boats only.

Boat Permit Fees

Washington County Residents

\$7.50/year	\$13.00/2 years
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Non-Residents

\$10.00/year	\$18.00/2 years
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PERMIT APPLICATION

Park: (Please Circle)

Mingo Creek Cross Creek Ten Mile Creek

Shelter Rental: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

Preferred Date: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

Beer Permit with shelter only

Yearly Horseback Riding Permit

Group Camping: Date(s): _____ Arrival Time: _____ Departure: _____

Hayride: Date: _____ Time: _____ Shelter Use Time(2hrs): _____

Special Activities (Advance approval required)

Metal Detecting Permit

Model Airfield Permit

Other: _____

(Applicant is responsible to see that the Park Ordinance is obeyed.)
Make checks payable to: Washington County

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS!

2025

•Accepting reservations beginning Monday, January 13, 2025. For details regarding the 2025 rental process call 724-228-6867 or visit washingtonparks.gov and go to the Parks & Recreation Department page for details.

•Applications must be received at least 7 days prior to activity.

•Payment in full at the time of reservation.

•Make checks payable to: Washington County.