

City of Moab City Park Use Policies

The City of Moab is pleased to provide a beautiful park and trail system for residents and visitors. Swanny Park, Lions Park, Rotary Park, Old City Park, the Center Street Ballfields, the Bark Park, and Sun Court are official City parks. The City is also responsible for the Millcreek Parkway trail system, Anonymous Park (the BMX track area), Center Street Gym, and other smaller park areas and trails within the City.

Generally, park use is on a first-come, first-served basis. Gatherings that involve fewer than 50 people and that do not involve business activity, amplified music, moved-on structures or other special accommodations do not require prior permission, special event licensing, or the payment of a fee.

When an individual or a group wishes to use part or all of a park for an event or gathering that does not meet the above criteria, the City uses two different processes to ensure that park resources are used fairly and sustainably:

1. Park reservations. Specific areas of some parks (pavilions, stages, etc.) may be reserved for private use for birthday parties, weddings and more. See Table 1.
2. Special Event permitting. Parks, in whole or in part, may be used subject to the special event permitting process, as defined in Chapter 4.02 of the Moab Municipal Code.

Questions about what permits and licenses your group may need for an event should be directed to the City at (435) 259-5121.

Below you will find park policies that apply to all city parks and areas, policies for individual parks, and information about reservations and fees.

General Park Policies

All parks and park areas **Open at 5:00 am and close at 11:00 p.m., unless approved as a special event**. This does not apply to pathways.

Citywide noise regulations apply to all parks. See Moab Municipal Code Section 17.74.

The following activities are prohibited at City parks, park areas, and pathways, unless specifically allowed in Table 1 or per individual park policies:

- Commercial activity
- Smoking
- Alcohol, **unless approved per City Ordinance**
- Dogs or other pets. Dogs are allowed on shared use pathways (including the Millcreek Parkway) and trails, but must be on a leash and under voice control. See Table 1. **Where permitted, dogs must remain on leash at all times.**
- Bounce houses and other inflatable structures.
- Slacklining, except for where specifically designated. All permitted slacklines must be removed before dark. See Table 1.
- Moved-on structures.

- Tent spikes.
- Slip and Slides

Table 1: Permitted Uses

Park or Area	Dogs allowed	Reservable areas	Slacklining	Amplified sound allowed	Alcohol	Special Event Reservations
Swanny City Park			Yes, where designated near NE corner	Yes, as approved through special events		Yes, Entire Park
Lions Park	Yes on leash	Pavilion		Yes, as approved through special events	Yes	Yes, Entire Park
Rotary Park		Pavilion,				
Old City Park	On South Lawn	Pavilion & Stage Area South Lawn		Yes	Yes	Yes, Stage North,
Anonymous Park						Yes, Entire Park
Millcreek Parkway System	Yes on leash		Yes, where designated near 500 West			Yes
Center Street Gym		Entire court				Yes
Bark Park	Yes on or off leash					
Sun Court		Entire court		Yes		Yes

Center Street Ballfields		Specific fields; Entire area		Yes, as approved through special events		Yes
Moonstone Gallery		Yes				Yes

Reserving Areas Within a Park

Portions of Old City Park, Rotary Park, the Center Street Ballfields, Center Street Gym, the Sun Court, and Lions Park may be reserved for exclusive use. Fees vary based on duration of use and the amount of the park to be used. Without a reservation, individuals may use park areas on a first come-first served basis, provided that non-reserved use does not conflict with a reservation.

Reservations are subject to the following guidelines:

- Make a reservation online at www.moabcity.org/facilities or by calling the Public Works Department at (435) 259-7485.
- All reservations as required by this policy and/or by the City shall pay the required fee per City Code at the time of reservation. ~~Reservation fees must be paid to the City within seven days of making the reservation. Reservations that are not paid within the seven day time frame will be canceled.~~
- If a reservation is canceled by the user prior to three days before the event, the reservation fee is refundable upon request to the City. No refunds will be given for reservations cancelled within three days of the event.
- Weather-related refunds will not be given.
- Reservations may be made up to one year in advance of the reservation time.
- Parks may be reserved from 7:00 am until 10:00 p.m. Parks may not be reserved during previously scheduled maintenance times as specified in individual park policies.
- Cleaning and damage deposits are required for all groups over 100.
- The group or person making the reservation must ensure that all garbage and recycling generated from the use of the park are picked up and deposited into the appropriate containers when the use/event is complete. For reservations requiring a cleaning and damage deposit, Parks staff will inspect the area after the use to determine if the cleaning and damage deposit may be returned. It will be up to the discretion of the Parks staff to determine if all or a portion of the cleaning/damage deposit should be returned to the user.
- All personal items including decorations, props, tables, chairs, etc., must be removed immediately following the reservation time. Costs associated with cleaning expenses may be deducted from the damage and cleaning deposit.

Specific Park Policies

In addition to the General Park Policies and the General Reservation Policies, additional conditions apply to specific parks as outlined below.

Old City Park

- The pavilion area and the stage-north is a reservable areas.
- Wednesday reservations will not be accepted prior to 3:00 pm. The entire day of Wednesday is maintenance time at Old City Park. No reservations will be made for Wednesdays.
- Use of amplified music requires a separate administrative approval. Requests for amplified music must be submitted in writing to the City at least three weeks prior to the scheduled event.
- Use of electricity for approved amplified sound or for electricity usage in excess of the standard 120 volt outlets at the park requires an additional fee.
- Approved amplified sound must end by 9:00 pm.

Rotary Park

- The pavilion area is a reservable area.
- Monday reservations will not be accepted prior to 3:00 pm. Monday is maintenance day. No reservations will be made for Mondays before 3:00 pm.
- A volleyball net may be set up for your reservation with prior request. Renter should bring their own ball.
- The Moab Rotary Club is exempt from paying the reservation fee, but must obtain all other necessary permits and approvals.

Lions Park

- The pavilion area is the reservable area within Lions Park.
- Dogs are allowed in the park. Dogs must be on leash and owners must pick up dog waste and follow the rules of Dog Park. Dogs are not allowed on the bouldering climbing area. Failure to follow these rules can result in a fine up to \$1,000 per Moab Municipal Code Section 6.04.
- Lions Park lawn is not a reservable area. The City may, however, approve use of lawn for Special Events.

Swanny Park

Swanny Park, due to its popularity and proximity to residences, may be subject to stricter noise and disturbance requirements than other parks.

Swanny Park is not a reservable park. The City may, however, approve use of Swanny City Park for Special Events that benefit the community. Approved events typically fall into one of two categories: a) festivals and events that "...provide social, cultural, educational or entertainment benefits as well as economic benefits to the community, and b) fundraising events for bonafide community groups and activities. Permits will not be approved for private business events that serve a limited clientele and do not serve the broad interests of the community.

Slackline use is permitted only on dedicated slackline posts in the northeast corner of the Park. Use of the slackline posts is on a first come-first served basis. Slacklines shall not be left unattended, or up after dark.

Center Street Ballfields

The Center Street Ballfields are primarily used for sports activities and tournaments sponsored by the City's Recreation Department. Because of its extensive use for City recreation programming, the Ballfields are available for private reservation and special events on a limited basis.

The following conditions apply to the use of the Center Street Ballfields:

- All use of the Center Street Ballfield should be coordinated with the Moab City Recreation Department at (435) 259-2255.
- Reservations for small groups that do not charge a fee for participants may simply make a reservation with the Moab City Recreation Department and pay the appropriate fee per City Code.
- Use of the lighting system at the Center Street Ballfield requires a separate fee.

Sun Court

The Sun Court is a multi-use sport court that is open to the public on a first-come first served basis generally, but may also be reserved.

Bark Park

The Bark Park is a dog park designed for the enjoyment of off-leash dogs and their owners. The Bark Park is not available for special events. The Bark Park's general use policies are as follows:

- All dogs must have a current vaccination and shall wear a visible license tag.
- Owners and pets use the park at their own risk.
- Dogs must be under owner's voice control at all times.
- Owners must closely supervise their dogs and remain in the enclosure with their dogs at all times.
- Feces shall be removed immediately and disposed of properly.
- Children under seven years of age are not allowed to enter; children 7-14 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- No more than two (2) dogs per owner/responsible party may be off-leash at one time.
- The following are prohibited:
 - Dogs under six months of age;
 - Dogs that are ill or in heat;
 - Dogs with internal/external parasites (fleas, ticks, worms);
 - Aggressive dogs or overly fearful dogs;
 - Spiked, choke or prong collars.
- Dogs shall not dig or disturb park resources.
- No rawhide, bones or food allowed inside the enclosure.
- Owners must possess a valid driver's license or government-issued identification card.
- Violation of a Bark Park rule may result in loss of use privileges and/or citations.

Anonymous Park (BMX)

This area has evolved organically through community-led initiatives to provide BMX-style jumps and features. It is cooperatively maintained ~~with~~ **by** local businesses.

Mill Creek Parkway and other Park Areas

The Parkway and other park areas within the City are not generally available for reservation or special event use. However, if a group would like to sponsor an event on the Mill Creek Parkway, they should contact the City about obtaining proper approvals, permits and licenses.

Center Street Gym

Although the Center Street Gym is not a city park, inquiries are often made as to the use of the Gym for special events and use. Inquiries as to the availability and reservation of the Center Street Gym should be made through the City Recreation Department at (435) 259-2255.

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