

**CHAPTER 36: ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS
BUREAU; SUBSECTION 36.08
SCHEDULE OF FINES**

<u>PARK AND TRAIL REGULATIONS</u>	<u>SECTION FINE</u>	<u>SECOND VIOLATION</u>
Animals Running at Large 91.02	\$50	Double
Litter in Public Places 93.02	\$50	Double
Park and Trail Rules 96.16 (A)	\$20	Double
Vehicle Restrictions 96.16 (B)	\$50	Double
Hunting 96.16 (C)	\$300	\$500
Fires 96.16 (D)	\$100	Double
Animals and Plants 96.16 (E)	\$50	Double
Games 96.16 (F)	\$50	Double
Vandalism 96.16 (G)	\$250	Double
Camping 96.16 (H)	\$50	Double
Alcohol 96.16 (I)	\$50	Double
Amusements 96.16 (J)	\$50	Double
Swimming 96.16 (K)	\$50	Double
Peddling and Soliciting 96.16 (L)	\$50	Double
Assembly 96.16 (M)	\$50	Double
Interference 96.16 (N)	\$50	Double
Reservations 96.16 (O)	\$50	Double
Fees 96.16 (P)	\$50	Double
Park Hours 96.16 (Q)	\$20	Double

Additional Penalty: Restitution, in addition to the fine, applies in all cases when damage to Town property occurs.

Please also be aware that smoking is not permitted on any Town property.



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**Park
Regulations
Ordinance
& Fines**



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Parks and trails afford many outstanding benefits—from participating in sports, to enjoying leisure time at playgrounds and picnic areas, to visiting natural areas. As the Town continues to develop, there will be an increase in population and a greater demand for recreation. Therefore, governing the actions of park visitors becomes a responsible act. With that in mind, a list of park and trail regulations was identified.

The Town of Fishers, in cooperation with the Fishers Parks & Recreation Department, recently adopted a Park Regulations Ordinance and Schedule of Fines. They were developed in an effort to mitigate user conflict, protect town assets (including natural resources), and to assure a quality experience. Some regulations are based on foreseeable actions by park visitors while others seek to reverse inappropriate known behavior. Sometimes this behavior is motivated by malicious intent. Sometimes it's simply an act of innocence in which the visitor is unaware of the consequence of an action or the impact that action can have on the property's overall use or welfare.

Our goals in developing the Park Regulations Ordinance include 1) an assurance that park visitors will receive a quality experience; 2) that known and foreseeable conflicts will be managed and mitigated; and 3) that Town assets, including natural resources, will be protected.

Successful administration of the Ordinance relies on a combination of voluntary compliance and enforcement. The entire text of the Park Regulations Ordinance and Schedule of Fines is on line at www.fishers.in.us/parks.

We encourage park users to view the ordinance, be aware of it when visiting parks and trails, and comply with regulations on a volunteer basis. The Parks & Recreation Department recognizes that education about park regulations and the penalties for disregarding the law is an important step. Simultaneous to an educational campaign will be the issuing of Ordinance Violations Bureau Tickets leading to the payment of fines.

We encourage you to enjoy Fishers' municipal park and trail system, and to please set a good example for others to follow.

Some of the most recurring violations include:



Parking in Undesignated Areas

Parking on the multi-use trail or grass, instead of in designated parking spaces, degrades the infrastructure and grounds, displaces trail users, and creates unsafe conditions for persons and property.

Extending Land Boundaries

Extending land boundaries into natural areas decreases the value of the natural area and is in conflict with open space preservation and stewardship.

Dogs Off Leash

Letting dogs run off leash can frighten children, interfere with recreation activities, harass wildlife, degrade the environment and create health and safety issues due to unattended dog waste.



Releasing Unwanted or Domesticated Animals in Municipal Property

Releasing domesticated or wild animals in a park or natural area upsets the natural balance leading to scarcity of food, territorial issues, general overcrowding, and creates potential danger to park users.



Operating Vehicles on Multi-Use Trails and Off-Road

Operating vehicles on multi-use trails and off-road areas meant for pedestrians jeopardizes the safety of all users, including children and families.

Littering

Littering decreases the aesthetic value of parks, limits recreation enjoyment, and requires additional municipal staff to pick up and dispose of litter properly.



Vandalism

Physically removing an item, to breaking an object, to graffiti, is costly to repair, degrades the park environment, and reflects poorly on the community.



Disregarding Posted Rules

Rules, notices, prohibitions, instructions, or directions posted on site at a park or trail represent an important form of communication meant to protect the park visitor and the resource itself while preserving a wholesome recreation experience for everyone.