

# VERMILION COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT POLICIES ON USE OF RENTAL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



**\*\*PLEASE FOLLOW THE POSTED PARK SPEED LIMIT & ADVISE YOUR GUESTS TO DO THE SAME. MAKE YOUR PARK A SAFE PLACE FOR PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS & WILDLIFE. THANK YOU.\*\***

1. **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS.**

Cancellations must be made 30 days in advance to receive credit for current calendar year.

2. **Amusement Rentals:** The contracting of amusement rides, equipment or inflatables and horse/pony rides of any kind must be approved IN ADVANCE. There is an additional fee for this type of entertainment and groups are required to provide a Certificate of Insurance which names the Vermilion County Conservation District as the insured. No water slides or the equivalent.
3. **NO LIVE BANDS ALLOWED**– DJ's and other electronically amplified music allowed with PRIOR APPROVAL from the office. ALL music MUST be kept at a reasonable volume level as deemed by park security.
4. **Staples or nails shall not be used on tables or anywhere on the rental facility.** You may use tape, string or fishing line, but all items must be removed before you leave. Nothing shall be tied to any tree.
5. Upon leaving, please clean up and place tables and chairs back into their original position. \*\* This includes picnic tables, banquet tables and chairs moved from buildings or open shelters. \*\* Put recyclables in the proper containers, and pick up litter; this includes outside decorations. Groups which fail to do so will be charged extra and will not be allowed to rent the facilities in the future.
6. Observe speed limits and park hours as you enter. **Departure should be made at least 15 minutes before park closing** to allow security ample time to check facilities and lock the park.
7. **Disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.** This includes using loud and abusive language, climbing on porches or roofs of buildings, breaking limbs of trees, damaging property or signs, removing furniture or exhibit displays, etc.
8. Ball diamond and recreational fields, as well as outdoor restroom services adjacent to rental facilities are not reserved with the facility.
9. Chaperones must be present at all times with youth groups. There shall be a minimum of 2 adults and a ratio of 2 adults per 10 youths.
10. **Directional signs** may be placed in the park but must be removed upon departure.
11. Firewood is not provided with the rental facility. Firewood may be purchased at the maintenance center or campground at Forest Glen or from the Kennekuk Visitor Center. You may bring your own firewood from Vermilion County only. Wood may not be gathered from the surrounding area. **It is recommended that arrangements for wood be made in advance.**
12. Fires are allowed only in designated pits and grills. Ground fires are prohibited. Fires are also allowed inside rental facilities where fireplaces are provided. **Note:** The stove in the Chapel at Kennekuk County Park is for décor only (NO FIRES ALLOWED IN THE STOVE). You may bring your own kerosene heaters if you desire, with permission please.
13. Fire should not be left unattended. Please extinguish outside fire upon departure. Fires in fireplaces or stoves, inside the facilities, may be left to burn out on their own. Do not use water to extinguish them.
14. Firearms, fireworks and paintball guns are prohibited. Firearms are allowed only for hunting purposes in conjunction with the VCCD's hunting programs.
15. **ALL PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE PROTECTED.** Nothing may be removed from the park. Exceptions may be mushrooms, berries, and leaves from the Michael J. Reddy Arboretum located at Forest Glen Preserve.
16. **NO SWIMMING ALLOWED on any VCCD properties or Lake Vermilion.**
17. Unlicensed motorized vehicles (electric or fuel) are prohibited (go-carts, pocket bikes, ATV's, golf carts, battery operated mini-cars, etc.).

## **Policies on Use of Building & Grounds Continued**

18. Alcoholic beverages, beer & wine only, are allowed only at rental facilities or in designated picnic areas. The *SALE* of alcohol is *NOT allowed* at Forest Glen Preserve, Heron County Park, or Lake Vermilion. **The SALE of alcohol or CASH bars at KENNEKUK requires prior approval** by the VCCD Board of Trustees, the issuance of Class M liquor license by the Vermilion County Liquor Commissioner, and additional insurance.
19. Always use paved parking lots when spaces are available. Otherwise, parking is permitted on the grass one (1) car length off the paved road.
20. **Handicapped parking areas are posted.** Only vehicles marked with handicapped permits will be allowed in these spaces.
21. Delivery trucks, trailers, large mounted charcoal cookers, and other types of heavy equipment **MAY NOT USE THE GRASS** unless approved in advance.
22. **No horses are allowed on any trail EXCEPT** the designated horse trail at Kennekuk County Park. Horses may use the park road system and the road to the Forest Glen Group Campgrounds.
23. Any group or individual within the group which violates any of the above rules and regulations will be escorted from the park. Any damage to park property will be billed and is the responsibility of the group.
24. **All provision of the District's Ordinances, including Ordinance No. 89 governing the public use of grounds shall apply. Ordinance posted at the Kennekuk Visitor Center and Forest Glen Edgewood Center in the Visitor Information kiosk.**