



NEWS ADVISORY

July 20, 2021

For immediate release

West Broadway Island reopens July 21

Join Parks and Recreation for a free round of disc golf on the island on July 28, 5 to 8 p.m.

Missoula Parks and Recreation will reopen West Broadway Island Park on Wednesday, July 21, at 9 a.m. The island was temporarily closed for clean-up and environmental restoration.

During the two-month closure, Parks crews removed illegal campsites, deep-cleaned the area and restored native vegetation. In addition, crews removed invasive/non-native trees and vegetation to improve sightlines, enhance safety and encourage lawful behavior.

The park will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and is a designated alcohol-and-drug-free zone. Park entrances are gated, and the City has contracted with a local security company to check the area nightly. Overnight camping is prohibited; individuals trespassing outside of open hours are subject to immediate citation and removal. Residents may call 911 to report prohibited behaviors in the park, including camping, alcohol, or illegal drug use.

Parks and Recreation invites residents to celebrate the reopening at the free "["Folf In The Parks"](#)" program at the island on Wednesday, July 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. Meet (and park) at the east end of the Imagine Nation Brewing lot, 1151 W. Broadway. Parks staff will set up a nine-hole disc golf course on the island for all ages and skill levels. All are welcome, and discs will be provided.

For park rules and more information, visit www.missoulaparks.org or phone Park Operations at 552-6253.

For interviews, contact: Communications Specialist Becky Goodrich at goodrichb@ci.missoula.mt.us or 406-552-6254. Park rules signs attached.

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WELCOME TO WEST BROADWAY ISLAND

A Community Natural Area for all Missoulians

**Please help us keep the island safe and
clean by observing the following rules:**

Missoula Municipal Code 12.40

- 1. DAY USE ONLY from 9am to 9pm or sunset
(whichever is earlier)**
- 2. OVERNIGHT CAMPING NOT PERMITTED**
- 3. ALCOHOL and DRUG-FREE ZONE**
- 4. PICK UP ALL LITTER including dog waste**
- 5. Please, do not use glass containers**
- 6. Leave native vegetation, including wildflowers**
- 7. *Other prohibited activities include: campfires, fireworks, drones, and discharging firearms***

**INDIVIDUALS TRESPASSING OUTSIDE OF OPEN HOURS SUBJECT TO
CITATION AND REMOVAL — TO REPORT VIOLATIONS, CALL 911**

Allowed and Prohibited Activities on West Broadway Island

(Missoula Municipal Code - Title 12.40)

12.40.010 - Parks, Trails, Conservation Lands – Closed hours

A. It is unlawful to camp or sleep overnight in any public park, trail, conservation land, public parking lot, boulevard, or any public rights of way including beneath or upon any public bridges or along any river, stream or creek, including West Broadway Island.

B. It is unlawful for anyone other than authorized persons to be in any city owned public park, trail, or conservation land if the area has been temporarily closed for fire danger, seasonal closure on behalf of wildlife, erosion control, seeding or other land rehabilitations activity, tree trimming or cutting, public safety, or any other reason deemed necessary for temporary closure purposes by the city pursuant to land management plans or otherwise.

(Ord. 3641, 2019; Ord. 2999, 1996; Ord. 2859 §1, 1993; Ord. 2844 §1, 1993; prior code §21-16.1).

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12.40.020 - Parks, Trails, Conservation Lands – operation and parking of motorized vehicles

A. It is unlawful for any person or persons to operate or park any motorized vehicle as defined in Section 12.40.007 within any city owned public park, trail or conservation land under the supervision and management of the city unless otherwise specifically provided for in this section.

(Ord. 3650, 2019; Ord. 3641, 2019; Ord. 2999, 1996; Prior code §21-16.2).

12.40.040 - Alcoholic beverages in parks

A. It is unlawful for any individual or group of individuals to possess alcoholic beverages of any kind in West Broadway Island Park.

B. Other parks that prohibit alcohol possession or consumption include: (1) Greenough including adjoining Alvina Park; (2) Jacobs Island Park; (3) Clark Fork Natural Area; (4) Downtown Lions Park (5) Hellgate Park (6) Kim Williams Natural Area; (7) Ben Hughes Park; (8) City skate parks and bike parks; (9) any Primary Commuter Trail, including over/under or at grade crossings, pedestrian bridges and tunnels, except that possession of unopened alcoholic beverages for the purposes of transport is authorized; (11) any park, open space, or trail area that serves primarily as a wetlands, or does not have public restrooms available within the specific park, open space, or trail area; (12) school-partnership parks lands, including Toole Park, Westside Park, Rattlesnake (PEAS) Farm and Playing Field; (13) at, in, upon, or within any children's playground or spray deck, or within any playing field or dugout during a game or practice, (13) any parking lot within or serving a trailhead for conservation lands or trails, or a park, unless expressly authorized by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee, and (14) any park, trail, or open space posted as alcohol free or alcohol-prohibited or officially designated as being alcohol-free.

(Ord. 3641, 2019; Ord. 3136, 2000; Ord. 2955, 1995; Ord. 2461 §1, 1985; Ord. 1825, 1977).

12.40.065 - Prohibited Conduct at City of Missoula parks, trails, and conservation lands

A. Unless used by Authorized Persons with the authorization of the Director of the City Parks and Recreation Department, the following activities are prohibited in any Missoula city park, trail, or conservation lands, without express written permission of Parks and Recreation Director or his or her designee.

1. Leaving personal property unattended (outside of visual sight). Unattended items will be removed from play areas, doorways, pathways, spray decks, pools and placed in Parks and Recreation lost and found for 5 days. Unattended vehicles are subject to removal after 5 days pursuant to Section 61-12-401 MCA;
2. Discharging any bow, crossbow or other similar device which is calculated to propel or project an arrow or dart, unless the City designates an area as a public archery range or within a designated hunting area managed through FWP's block management program;
3. Flying or launching powered model airplanes, rockets, drones, or other unmanned aerial systems except as authorized by permit;
4. Launching or driving golf balls;
5. Cutting or sawing any live or dead trees or woody vegetation or their parts with any type of equipment, power or otherwise or remove any live or dead trees except by written permission of the Parks and Recreation Director or his or her designee in accordance with Chapter 12.32;
6. No signs, notices, decorations or objects of any kind shall be attached to, located on or painted on any part of park property; except as authorized by Parks and Recreation through an approved permit;
7. Installing inflatable structures; except as authorized by Parks and Recreation through an approved permit and only from a vendor who holds an Inflatable Structures Vendor Agreement with the Parks and Recreation Department;

8. Conducting or soliciting of any business, trade or occupation, private or nonprofit, including yard or garage sales, except as authorized by Parks and Recreation through an approved permit;
9. Enclosing any area, erecting any structure, or encroaching in any way onto any Park Lands;
10. Planting of vegetation or causing vegetation to be planted except by written permission of the Parks and Recreation Director or his or her designee in accordance with Chapter 12.32;
11. Digging into the surface of park property;
12. Defacing, destroying, damaging, misusing or removing any park property;
13. Interfering with or purposefully tampering, hindering or impeding with any City employee acting in the course of his or her official duties;
14. Possessing and discharging any fireworks or explosives on park property;
15. Depositing, leaving or spilling refuse or other substances other than in receptacles provided for this purpose; 16. Depositing refuse from private premises in park property trash receptacles;
16. Possessing a glass beverage container at any sports field, aquatic facility, natural pond, dog park, or playground facility;
17. Purposely throwing, tossing or otherwise propelling or breaking any glass object on park property, parking area or access road leading to park property, except that unintentional breaking of glass shall not be a violation if the broken glass is subsequently cleaned up by the party responsible for breaking the glass;
18. Urinating or defecating other than in the designated facilities provided;
19. Violating any of the regulations that are posted at individual recreation centers or Parks facilities;
20. Utilizing a playing field or trail which has been posted as closed for weather, repairs, or safety;;
21. Camping or overnight parking subject to other Missoula Municipal Code provisions authorizing overnight parking or camping in certain circumstances;
22. Unauthorized changes to trails, signage, structures, or vegetation, including unauthorized picking, trimming, or extraction of material from any tree, bush or other vegetation;
23. Open burning;
24. Discharge of any firearm or projectile weapon or explosive of any kind, including but not limited to BB guns, pellet guns, air guns, paint ball guns, slingshots or other devices capable of causing injury to person or animals or damage or destruction to property.
25. Impeding travel or blocking any trail, unless specifically authorized by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee.
26. Travelling off, or leaving the trail on any conservation lands, unless specifically authorized by the Parks and Recreation Director or designee.
27. Moving, removing, purposefully blocking, tampering with, or altering in any way any surveillance camera or safety equipment.
28. Amplified sound is prohibited in parks with the exceptions below and further defined in Exhibit C. a. Small impromptu gatherings of 6 or fewer park users amplifying sound are required to adhere to restrictions set forth in Exhibit C designated as Type 2 community parks and Type 3 neighborhood parks. b. A fee based amplified sound permit is required for large events of 7 or more park users as set forth in Exhibit C designated as Type 1 community parks and Type 4 neighborhood parks c. Amplified sound is defined as any powered sound device with a volume control.

A person engaging in any prohibited activity may be asked to leave City Parks and Recreation property or cease prohibited activities by any enforcement personnel identified in Section 12.40.080 A. and will be subject to the penalties set forth in 12.40.080 B. (Ord. 3685, 2021; Ord. 3641, 2019)

12.40.080 - Enforcement and Penalties

A. Enforcement shall be the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Director or his or her designee, and shall include Parks and Recreation staff and other City employees acting within their official duties, including the Missoula Police Department or the City-County Health Department.

B. A person convicted of any violation of a provision of this chapter may be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, and;

C. Where the activity causes damage, including injury to or death of a pet due to an illegally placed trap, the cost to repair, restore, or mitigate the damage or injury shall be included in the sentencing order in addition to any fine imposed. Incarceration in a detention center shall not be a penalty for a violation of this chapter. City police officers are expressly authorized to cite and release violators of this Chapter.

D. All enforcement personnel referenced in Subsection 12.40.080A shall be authorized to:

1. Confiscate and dispose of alcohol found on persons in violation of these provisions; and
2. Spring, release or confiscate animal traps or any animal body-gripping trap or snare, found within City Parks, Trails or Conservation Lands. Found or confiscated traps will be reported and turned over to law enforcement for appropriate disposition.

(Ord. 3671, 2020; Ord. 3641, 2019; Ord. 3136, 2000)

The entire MMC 12.40 is available to review at
<https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/289/Park-Rules-Alcohol-in-Parks>