

**CHAPTER 301**  
**CONDUCT IN PUBLIC PARKS**

TOWN OF GRAY, MAINE  
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**SECTION 301.1 – TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known and be cited as the Conduct in Public Parks Ordinance of the Town of Gray, Maine.

**SECTION 301.2 – PARK DEFINED**

A park shall mean any area within the boundaries shown on the records at the Assessor's Office that are owned by the Town of Gray and operated under the jurisdiction of the Park & Recreation Department.

**SECTION 301.3 – PARK PROPERTY PROTECTED**

Except with the permission of an authorized representative of the Parks & Recreation Department, no person in a park shall:

- A. Willfully mark, damage, or remove any building, structure, tables, benches, signs, or other similar appurtenances or equipment.
- B. Dig up or remove any soil or vegetation or make any excavation.
- C. Construct any building or structure or run any public service utility into or across such park lands.
- D. Throw away or leave trash or refuse resulting from consumption on the premises except in proper receptacles.
- E. Dispose of any refuse other than that generated on site.

**SECTION 301.4 – OPERATION OF VEHICLES**

No person in a park shall:

- A. Operate a motor vehicle except with a valid operator's license.
- B. Operate an unregistered motor vehicle.
- C. Fail to observe all traffic signs.
- D. Drive any vehicle except a bicycle on or in any area except paved roads or parking areas or such other areas as may on occasion be specifically designed by the Parks & Recreation Department. This subsection shall not apply to the operation of vehicles in any public park during periods when there is an adequate snow cover.

**SECTION 301.5 – RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED**

No person in a park shall:

- A. Swim, bathe, or wade in the waters of any park except in such places as are specifically designated for swimming and bathing purposes and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted by the Parks & Recreation Department and approved by the Gray Town Council.
- B. Hunt, Trap or pursue wildlife.
- C. Discharge Firearms.
- D. Set up or erect tents, shacks, or other temporary shelters except as such times and under such conditions as are permitted by the Parks & Recreation Department.

**SECTION 301.6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

No person shall have any alcoholic beverages in his/her possession in a park except on occasions where specifically permitted by and in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Gray Parks & Recreation Department and approved by the Gray Town Council.

**SECTION 301.7 – PARK HOURS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

- A. Other than Wilkies Beach and unless otherwise posted as provided in subsection (C) below, Park areas shall be open to the public from one half hour after sunrise to one half hour before sunset.
- B. Wilkies Beach and its designated parking area will be open to the public and shall be posted for the following hours. During the months from May 1 to September 30, inclusive from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. All other months shall be per subsection (a) above.
- C. Exceptions to the entrance times may be authorized in writing by the Parks and Recreation Director based upon written rules and regulations adopted by the Recreation and Conservation Committee that permit uses of the Parks for times other than which are posted.

**SECTION 301.8 – DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

No person in a park shall behave in such a manner as to hinder the free passages of vehicles or pedestrians to any place or building within the park or in such a way as to fail to comply with the disorderly or similar provisions of Title 17A Section 501.505 of the Maine Criminal Code.

**SECTION 301.9 – SALES ACTIVITIES**

No person shall offer any article or food for sale in a park without first obtaining written permission from an authorized representative of the Gray Parks & Recreation Department.

**SECTION 301.10 – PENALTY**

Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100) dollars per offense to be recovered for the use of the Town of Gray, Maine.