

# Welcome to Thistle Park

Please help keep this park beautiful. We hope you enjoy your visit.



Please keep dogs on a lead



Please clean up after your dog



Please use litter bins



Please do not disturb the wildlife



No Alcohol



No Fires



No Camping



No Motorbikes

## The Stirling Council Management Rules for Public Parks

The following management rules are designed to promote the safe use and enjoyment of public parks by all park users.

The rules are made by The Stirling Council (constituted by the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994) under powers given to them by sections 112-118 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 ("the Act"). They shall apply to all public parks which are under the Council's control.

If an Authorised Officer has reasonable grounds for believing that any person has broken, is breaking or is about to break any of the following rules they may require that person either to leave the park or not to enter the park. Failure to comply with the Authorised Officer's instruction is an offence under section 118 of the Act which is punishable by a fine not exceeding Level 1 (currently £200). Persistent breaking or attempted breaking of the rules may lead to exclusion from the park by means of an order under section 117 of the Act.

A copy of these rules may be obtained from Stirling Council, Viewforth, Stirling, FK8 2ET.

### Authorised Officer

An Authorised Officer means any Stirling Council employee working under authority of the Chief Executive.

### Requirements

All persons must:

- Enter and leave by a designated entrance or exit (where appropriate).
- Leave at closing time (where applicable) or when requested to do so by an Authorised Officer.
- Comply with any instruction whether displayed in writing or intimated verbally by an Authorised Officer.
- Obtain any necessary written permits and consents for their use of the park and exhibit these to an Authorised Officer when asked to do so.

### Prohibitions

No person may:

- Behave in such a way as to cause nuisance or disturbance to other park users or conduct themselves in a manner which interferes with the safety or enjoyment of other park users.
- Operate any sound producing device e.g. radio, CD player, tape recorder or any other audio equipment in such a way as to cause nuisance or annoyance to other park users.
- Throw down, deposit or leave any litter or rubbish, except in a litter bin provided for that purpose.
- Consume alcohol or other intoxicating substance (including, but not limited to drugs and solvents).
- Play or practice any sport or game which is prohibited by way of a notice in the park or Act of Parliament.
- Willfully or carelessly remove, damage or tamper with any trees or plants (including grass) or any item or structure within the park.
- Beg for or solicit money or goods.
- Light fires or set off fireworks within the park without the prior written consent of the Council.
- Deliver, organise or take part in any speech, public discussion, procession, parade, demonstration or other gathering except for agreed charitable, educational, recreational or commercial activities and with the prior written consent of the Council.
- Erect any structure of whatever description and whether temporary or permanent, fixed to the ground, freestanding or moveable without the prior written consent of the Council.
- Sell or let or offer for sale or let any service, commodity, article or thing without the prior consent of the Council.
- Post or display any posters or promotional material without the prior written consent of the Council.
- Draw or paint anything, including graffiti, on any part of the park.

### Animals

No person may:

- Allow a dog or any other animal in their care to alarm, harm or disturb any other park user. Dogs and other animals must therefore be kept under proper close control or on a lead.
- Allow a dog in their care to foul without immediately uplifting the fouling for disposal in a bin provided for that purpose.
- Disturb, harm or displace any wild animal, bird, nest or other habitat within the park or allow any dog or other animal in their care to do so.

### Vehicles

- Vehicles may only be driven onto or parked within designated parking areas.
- Persons must not bring or drive any motor vehicle including go-karts and quad bikes, or any other wind, electrical or mechanically propelled vehicle including radio controlled craft or apparatus or any motor homes, caravans or trailers into a park without the prior written consent of the Council. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing contained in this clause shall prevent the use of personal disabled transport within the park.
- All persons must, if riding a bicycle within the park, act responsibly taking particular care when approaching other park users.

The foregoing management rules shall come into force on the Sixth day of May Two Thousand and Eleven

The foregoing management rules are sealed with the Common Seal and signed for and on behalf of The Stirling Council by Elizabeth Mary Duncan, Proper Officer at Stirling on the Sixth day of May Two Thousand and Eleven

Elizabeth M Duncan  
Solicitor to the Council

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