



Park Usage Policy and Rules

Town Parks Overview

Founders Park (113 Town Hall Dr.) - First opened on Founders Day 2004 and expanded in 2006, the Founders Park (formerly Leland Municipal Park) is the Town's first park. At nearly eight-acres in size, the park includes a playground, gazebo, outdoor stage, picnic tables, benches, open green spaces and a 0.6-mile paved multi-use path. Free wireless internet is available in the park.

Cypress Cove Park (844 Appleton Way) - Made up of 27 acres of wetlands donated to the Town in 2005 and 1.2 acres of uplands acquired with a 2007 Coastal Waterfront Access Grant from the state Division of Coastal Management, Cypress Cove Creek Park provides citizens with the Town's first water access site. The access is designated for people to launch kayaks, canoes and small Jon boats. The park was renovated in 2014 to include a new canoe/kayak launch, floating dock, fixed deck overlook and fishing area, outdoor classroom, event lawn, picnic area and other amenities.

Westgate Nature Park (1260 Westgate Dr.) – Leland's largest park encompasses 150 acres of wetlands and uplands on the south side of Highway 17 behind the Westgate commercial and residential area. Phase I improvements include 0.3 miles of 10'-wide paved trail for hiking and biking, an elevated boardwalk and outdoor classroom overlooking the wetlands environment, a state-of-the-art nature-inspired playground, picnic area, event lawn, parking, landscaping, utilities and associated amenities. Once all phases are completed, there will be nearly five (5) miles of trails and numerous overlooks and outdoor classrooms taking advantage of Leland's unique wetlands ecosystems.

Policies Governing Use

1. All Leland Parks are subject to this common policy and rules unless otherwise noted.
2. The Parks and Facilities Manager has the authority and responsibility to establish and enforce rules and regulations governing the use and maintenance of specific parks and facilities. Such rules and regulations are in addition to those listed in this common policy.
3. Entire parks cannot be reserved or rented by organizations and the general public. However, specific facilities within parks may be reserved according to the Town's Facility Usage Policy and Rules.

Rules for Use

1. Park hours are sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted.
2. Smoking and the use of tobacco products – including e-cigarettes - on Town property are prohibited. Consumption and possession of open containers of alcohol are prohibited on Town property except as otherwise specifically permitted by the Town Council.
3. Children under the age of twelve (12) should not be left unattended.
4. Dogs must be controlled on a leash six (6) feet in length or less. Persons must properly remove and dispose of pet waste.
5. Improper disposal of trash and waste is not permitted. Use designated trash and recycling bins.
6. No loud music, disturbing noises or profanity.
7. No driving on the grass unless directed by staff. Parking is allowed only in designated spaces or as directed by staff.
8. Established trails, walking paths and multi-purpose trails must be kept free of obstructions.
9. The following items and activities are prohibited in parks unless they are undertaken as part of a Town-sponsored event or program:
 - a. Fireworks, firecrackers or other explosive devices
 - b. Open fires (except those allowed by Cypress Cove Park Fire Permit)
 - c. Tents, bounce houses or other amusements
 - d. Sleeping, camping or staying overnight in any park
 - e. Group fitness classes and training sessions
 - f. Hitting, driving, chipping or putting of golf balls or similar activity
 - g. Archery, hunting, and/or shooting
 - h. Metal Detecting
 - i. Commercial activities and solicitation
 - j. Multi-day events
10. Registered sex offenders are not allowed in any park. Anyone who is found in violation of this shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as provided in N.C.G.S. 14-4 and shall be fined not more than \$500.