



MILLENNIUM PARK RULES – 2016 UPDATE

Welcome to Millennium Park! The “Park” was created for the enjoyment of Chicago residents and visitors. While in the Park, please respect the rights of others by allowing open access to all areas of the park at all times.

These rules have been promulgated by the Commissioner of the City of Chicago’s Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago Chapter 10-36-140 (b), and may be enforced pursuant to Municipal Code of Chicago Chapter 10-36-140 (g). The Rules apply to activity within Millennium Park (Park), which is the 24.5-acre park bounded by Michigan Avenue, Randolph Street, Columbus Drive, and Monroe Street, as well as the BP Bridge that spans Columbus Drive and extending into Grant Park. (**NOTE:** The Nichols Bridgeway is owned and operated by the Art Institute of Chicago, any use of the Bridgeway is subject to the review and approval of the Art Institute of Chicago notwithstanding). Unless otherwise indicated, these Rules shall not apply to the streets that bound the Park, or the parking facilities located below the Park.

In addition to these Rules, all visitors of the Park are subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The Rules of the Chicago Park District do not apply to the Park.

A. Park Hours

The Park is open daily from 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. No person is permitted to be in the Park outside of these hours. The Great Lawn and Jay Pritzker Pavilion may be closed during hours when the Park is otherwise open.

B. Bicycles, Skateboards, Roller Skates and Rollerblades

1. Riding bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, or rollerblades in the Park is prohibited.
2. Bicycle parking is only permitted in the McDonald’s Cycle Center and at bike racks located on the concrete pad on the east side of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, along Michigan Avenue and along Upper Randolph Street.

C. Motorized Vehicles/Deliveries/Street Closure/Traffic

1. The use of motorized vehicles by Park visitors, including *but not limited to*: cars, scooters, carts, Segways, drones, hover craft and mopeds (exception: ADA recognized mobility devices which do not pose a substantial risk of harm to Park exhibits, other guests and the user) is prohibited unless authorized by prior approval from management. If parking in the Park is approved by management, the individual making the request must obtain a parking permit from the Park Management Office at 201 E. Randolph Street. The parking permit must be displayed in the vehicle at all times while the vehicle is on Park property.
2. No deliveries are allowed on Michigan Avenue or Columbus Drive, and are restricted on Randolph Street and Monroe Street subject to #3 below.
3. Deliveries may be allowed on Randolph Street and Monroe Street, pursuant to Park hours. Deliveries must be coordinated through the Park management office, and may also be subject to DCASE review and approval. Please note that there is a designated bike lane along Upper East Randolph that limits loading, parking and waiting. The Chicago Police Department will ticket and tow accordingly.
4. Delivery recipient is responsible for providing traffic control for pedestrians during deliveries.
5. Drivers are responsible for any damage they cause to Park property.
6. Street closure permits must be obtained through the Chicago Department of Transportation (CDOT).

D. Using Fire and Barbecue Grills

1. Lighting or using fires in the Park is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by prior approval of Park management.
2. Using barbecue grills in the Park is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by prior approval of Park management.

E. Animals

Visitors are prohibited from bringing any animals into the Park other than service animals, as defined by Federal and State law.

F. Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in the following locations in the Park:

1. The Jay Pritzker Pavilion seating area or on the Great Lawn;

2. Lurie Garden;
3. East and West Arcades at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion;
4. East and West Exelon Buildings;
5. McDonald's Cycle Center; and
6. Any tented areas in the Park.

G. Alcoholic Beverages

No alcoholic beverages shall be sold, brought within, given away, delivered, or consumed within the Park, except in the following circumstances:

1. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased and consumed in designated areas at restaurants or concession stands within the Park, which are licensed pursuant to all applicable City ordinances.
2. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the seating area and on the Great Lawn only during the performance of free public concerts in the Jay Pritzker Pavilion, as permitted by Park management.
3. Alcoholic beverages may be consumed or sold in designated areas during privately catered and City-sponsored events, as permitted by Park management and DCASE, pursuant to all applicable ordinances and regulations required for the consumption and sale of alcohol at these events.

H. Landscaping/Park Property

1. Park visitors may not in any way disturb or destroy the landscape, including plants, flowers, shrubs, or leaves. No person is allowed to place anything in the plant beds.
2. Visitors to the Lurie Garden must stay on the designated pathways that surround the flower beds. Visitors may not walk on the walls around the Garden or in the mulch pathways within the beds.
3. Affixing rope, signs, handbills or other materials to any trees, shrubs, other landscaping or Park property within the Park is prohibited.
4. Park patrons cannot cut, break or in any way injure, deface, destroy or alter any building, fence, monument, sculpture, bridge, sign, or other structure or property in Millennium Park.

I. Littering and Recycling

1. All trash must be deposited into the provided receptacles.

2. Recycling bins are located throughout the Park. Guests are encouraged to utilize them when disposing of trash.

J. Glass at the Crown Fountain, Wrigley Square or Lurie Garden Seam

Due to the unique nature of these water features, guests are not allowed to bring glass into the areas.

K. Water Features

1. Guests may enter the Crown Fountain and put their feet in the Lurie Garden Seam and Wrigley Square Fountain. No other water feature in the Park may be entered.
2. Visitors may not walk or wade in the Lurie Garden Seam. Visitors are prohibited from floating items in the Lurie Garden Seam, and attempting to remove coins or other material from the water.
3. Irrigation pipes run throughout the Lurie Garden. Guests are prohibited from touching, moving or picking them up. Additionally, guests are prohibited from touching the green circular irrigation covers.

L. Closed or Prohibited Areas

Park visitors may not enter areas of the Park that are temporarily closed for safety reasons, construction, landscape and/or Great Lawn maintenance, or closed to the public for private events or otherwise.

O. Rules for the Jay Pritzker Pavilion and Great Lawn

Each year, the Jay Pritzker Pavilion is home to hundreds of free concerts, films, performances and open rehearsals. In order to ensure that these events are enjoyable for all attendees, please respect the following rules in the Pavilion and on the Great Lawn.

1. Smoking in the Jay Pritzker Pavilion seating area or on the Great Lawn is prohibited, per Section F above;
2. Guests may not engage in conduct that disrupts a performance or event. Disruptive guests will be asked to leave and will be escorted off the property;
3. Because of the special turf and irrigation system on the Great Lawn, the following activities are prohibited:
 - No tents, umbrellas, oversized blankets, helium balloons or staking of any kind are allowed on the Great Lawn; and

- Oversized flags, signs or banners are not allowed during performances so as to allow for crowd flow and emergency access, if necessary.
- 4. Due to public safety concerns, concert attendees may not stand or dance in the aisles, unless permitted at the discretion of Park management. The concrete pad in the rear of the seating area is available for those who wish to dance;
- 5. Patrons may save no more than one (1) seat in the Pavilion, and are subject to release policies for open seating per program;
- 6. Video/audio taping of performances in the Park without prior, written permission of the performers is not allowed.

P. Restricted Behavior

1. Park visitors are prohibited from using obscene or abusive language against other Park visitors and Park management or City personnel.
2. Park visitors are prohibited from engaging in any obscene or indecent acts, including, but not limited to, disrobing in public and engaging in sexual acts.
3. Park visitors are prohibited from using the restroom facilities and water features for bathing or personal grooming.
4. Park visitors are prohibited from sleeping or napping in the Park.

Q. Disruptive Conduct

Any conduct that is not specifically noted by these Rules is prohibited in the Park if it interferes with, or disrupts another visitor's peaceful enjoyment of a performance or amenity in the Park, endangers public health or safety, may damage Park property, or is prohibited by applicable federal, state and local laws.

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