

PARK OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS

1. City parks may be open from 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., except for emergencies, permitted special events and in parks where hours are posted differently from those operating under the normal operating time. *Refer to LCMC, Chapter 22, Parks and Recreation, Article I. "In General", Section 22-1*
2. Unidad Park and Butterfield Shooting Range hours of operation are sunrise to sunset. Butterfield shooting range has an exception on Thursdays, the range opens at 3:00 PM to allow for weekly maintenance.
3. Individuals shall not be allowed in any City park during closing times unless authorized by permit.
4. The City Manager has the authority to change opening and closing hours of City parks.
5. Parks and Recreation Department employees or Police employees are not restricted by the opening and closing hours when in performance of their duties.
6. For further information regarding park operations, please *refer to LCMC, Chapter 22, Section 22-1*, available in the City Clerk's Office.

PET OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The City of Las Cruces requires by *LCMC*, Chapter 1, Section #7-4.a that all pet owners clean up after their pet while they visit our parks and facilities.

In addition, dog owners must have their dogs under their control and on a lead not longer than twelve (12) feet, off leash recreation is provided at the "Off Leash Dog Park", directly behind the Meerscheid Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley St.

Pet owners will be restricted from bringing their pets to athletic complexes, unless designated as a service animal.

WEAPONS

As the owner of public lands and facilities, the City does not and will not consent to or permit any person to possess a deadly weapon of any type, concealed or otherwise, on or in any City park(s) or public facility(s), with the exception of Butterfield Shooting Range. The consent of any person to be in or on a public park(s) or facility(s) while carrying a deadly weapon of any type, concealed or otherwise, is expressly withdrawn by the City.

FISHING

Fishing will be allowed at Burn Lake during normal park operating hours (5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.) under the New Mexico Game and Fish Department Regulations. Fishing will be allowed at Young Park Pond for those 12 years of age and younger

SWIMMING

Swimming is allowed at Laabs Pool, East Mesa Bataan Memorial Pool, Regional Aquatic Center and Frenger Pool. No swimming is allowed in the Young Park Pond.

CARNIVALS AND AMUSEMENTS

Requests for conducting Circuses, Carnivals/Amusement Parks and similar businesses must be submitted to the Planning Department's Permitting Office. If approved, these businesses must then apply for a Park Permit if the activity is conducted at a Parks and Recreation area or facility.

ROLLER SKATING, ROLLERBLADING AND SKATEBOARDING

The City of Las Cruces may designate and restrict areas and facilities for these purposes.

GOLFING

No hitting of golf balls allowed on any City or park facility as per *LCMC, Part II, Chapter CD 20.5, Section 20-36*, with the exception of City golf programming.

MOBILE CONCESSIONS/VENDING

Any individual, group, business entity or organization engaged in the sale of food, beverage, or any other merchandise at a public park within the City limits must obtain a permit from the Parks and Recreation Department. Applicant is responsible and required to meet all applicable city, state and health department laws and regulations, including acquiring all necessary permits for food and beverage preparation. All such permits must be provided to the City prior for the issuance of a permit from the Parks and Recreation Department. Applicant is required to provide the City a copy of proof of liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, naming the City of Las Cruces as an additional insured. The City of Las Cruces recognizes that some youth leagues/organizations utilize concession space to help off-set program costs. In this instance, insurance is required as well as financial records. All concession/vendors, to include mobile vendors, must be in good standing at all times. Good standing will be defined as no complaints, regular payment of required fees, and all appropriate documentation on file. The Parks and Recreation Department staff has the right to deny

concession/vending permits based on non-compliance. All vendors must pay a required fee of \$50 per month (March – October) regardless if they are selling any product.

SPECIAL USE PERMITS (TO INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, MODEL AIRPLANES/MODEL ROCKETS/METAL DETECTING), AND REMOTE CONTROL CARS

Model Airplanes/rockets, metal detecting, and remote control cars are recognized as legitimate recreation activities when they are conducted in ways that do not damage the natural and cultural resources of City of Las Cruces park facilities.

A Facility Use Permit is required to use any city park for these activities. Use of metal detectors is limited to park areas only and not in ball field areas. To obtain a Facility use Permit visit the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at 1501 E. Hadley.

INFLATABLE/PORTABLE PLAY EQUIPMENT

The City of Las Cruces allows inflatable play equipment at designated sites in certain parks. Some parks do not allow inflatable play equipment at all. Any business that operates/leases party and or event equipment, i.e. jumping balloons, dunk tanks, sporting equipment, etc., in a City park/facility is required to provide proof of general liability insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, with the City of Las Cruces named as an additional insured.

The amount of the insurance shall coincide with the limitations of the New Mexico Tort Claims Act, NMSA 1978, Section 41-4-1. This proof of insurance must be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Department for record keeping. Uninsured businesses may be held personally responsible for injury or damages caused by any uninsured or unauthorized inflatable or portable play equipment.

VEHICLES AND DRIVING IN CITY PARKS

Driving or parking vehicles on the grass or landscaping located in a City park or on City property is prohibited except during events for which a permit has been granted. Driving on park property results in damage to both turf and irrigation sprinkler systems and can result in costly repairs. Items should be hand carried from the street or parking lot to the interior of a park. This is also true for local businesses that offer tents or other large items for party rentals or other activities. In addition, no parking is allowed on the grass surrounding soccer fields and softball/baseball fields. This section does not apply to City vehicles, emergency vehicles or public utility service vehicles.

COMMUNITY GARDENING

The City of Las Cruces offers local citizens use of public property for community gardening activities. Gardeners are encouraged to plant vegetables and other annual plants. All gardening participants must be

registered. The application deadline for gardeners will be February 28 of each year. Registration is accepted at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1501 E. Hadley. Garden plots will be rented on a first-come, first-served basis and for an established fee and time period.

WALK OF HONOR BRICK PAVERS

The City of Las Cruces offers the opportunity to purchase personalized quarry tile brick pavers to be used in the construction of a walk of honor for veterans within the City's Veterans Memorial Park on Roadrunner Parkway. Bricks may be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Department for an established fee and time period. Bricks will be ordered twice yearly (every six months).