

# Audubon Park & Riverview Rules



Audubon Park  
*A Facility of Audubon Nature Institute*

## **Purpose:**

Audubon Nature Institute is a non-profit organization which manages public spaces on behalf of the Audubon Commission, which is an independent public agency whose members are appointed by the Mayor of New Orleans. The following rules and policies are in place to allow for all visitors to safely enjoy Audubon Park and Audubon Riverview Park. “The Park” will refer to both parks unless otherwise specified. These rules and policies are in place for all spaces from the Mississippi River to St. Charles Avenue and bordered by Exposition Boulevard and Walnut Street. All public spaces are subject to the New Orleans City Ordinances and are enforceable by the New Orleans Police Department.

## **General Information:**

1. Audubon Park and Audubon Riverview Park are open daily 5AM – 10PM
2. In case of an emergency call 911
  - a. Audubon Security can be reached 24 hours at (504) 628-3988 via phone or by activating one of the eight Emergency Call Boxes located throughout the parks.
  - b. Audubon Zoo First Responders are available during Zoo open hours and can be reached at (504) 235-5412
3. Parking is available in the Audubon Zoo parking lot, in the Magazine St parking lot, on Magazine Street, on St. Charles Avenue, on the Riverview and on adjacent streets to the park.
  - a. Clubhouse parking is reserved for guests visiting the Clubhouse and/or Golf Course.
  - b. Bus parking is only permitted on Magazine St or Audubon Riverview Park in designated spaces. Engine idling for an extended time is prohibited.
4. Restrooms are available to the general public at Shelter 10, Shelter 11, Shelter 12, at the upriver end of the Riverview, and at the playground on the Riverview.

Lost and Found items will be stored at Audubon Zoo. Lost and Found can be reached by contacting Guest Services at [air@auduboninstitute.org](mailto:air@auduboninstitute.org) or (504) 581-4629

## **Rules and Policies:**

1. Animals must always be leashed and remain in possession by the owner while in the park. (City Ordinance Chapter 18 Article I Section 18-14)
2. Amplified music or speaking is only allowed at Newman Bandstand with an approved shelter permit. Music with profanity will not be tolerated. Amplification at Newman Bandstand may only be used between 10am-10pm and must be kept under 80 decibels. (City Ordinance Chapter 66 Article IV Section 66-302)
3. Inflatables and bounce houses require an park permit (see below). Inflatables and bounce houses must be weighted, not staked.
4. Commercial activity is permitted only with written authorization by Audubon Nature Institute. For commercial photography or filming requests visit: <https://audubonnatureinstitute.org/filming-request-form>
5. Drone use is permitted at Audubon Riverview Park only. Drones are not permitted to fly over Audubon Zoo or Audubon Park. Drone operators must follow FAA regulations including registering the aircraft and possessing a valid license.
6. Use of metal detectors is permitted while avoiding trees, garden beds and irrigation lines.
7. Charcoals must be completely extinguished and cooled before disposing in trash receptacles.
8. Boiling water cannot be dumped on grass or in trash receptacles.
9. Please only feed ducks lettuce, oats, or seeds. Bread is low in protein in can cause health issues for birds.
10. Horses may be ridden in Audubon Park. Horses must stay on the multiuse bridal path and horse manure must be pick up and removed. (City Ordinance Chapter 154 Article I Section 154-8)
11. Use of slacklines (including hammocks) on trees is permitted at a tree with a diameter of at least 12". Tree protecting (e.g. felt or cardboard) under a tree sling is encouraged. Audubon reserves the right to prohibit slackline use on specific trees including historically significant trees.
12. Electric scooters, bikes, skateboards, hoverboards, and one wheels are permitted and must follow the posted bicycle speed limit of 10 MPH and must follow the directional flow in the bike lane. (City Ordinance Chapter 106 Article I Section 106-2)
13. Stakes less than 10" long may be used in areas of the Park free of trees and gardens.

14. Use of sustainable and safe beverage containers (e.g. aluminum cans) is strongly encouraged. Breaking glass bottles is prohibited.
15. Smoking and vaping is allowed in the Park except in recreation areas such as playgrounds, sport fields, and bleachers. (City Ordinance Chapter 66 Article II)
16. Informal sport activities are allowed in the Park with some exceptions. Golf is only allowed at the Golf Course in Audubon Park during operating hours only. Disc golf is allowed only when using putter discs. Archery is prohibited.
17. Chalk may be used in the Park with some exceptions. Chalk art or writing may not contain political messages, promotions, or profanities. Chalk art or writing is prohibited on memorials or sponsored areas of the Park including but not limited to the Gumble Fountain, Cecile's Crepe Myrtle Grove, Newman Bandstand, and the WWI Roll of Honor.
18. For use of the formal recreation fields at Audubon Riverview Park, please contact Carrollton Boosters Club: <https://www.carrolltonboosters.org/>
19. Food trucks are only allowed on public streets and while following proper permitting. Food trucks soliciting from the public must hold both a Food Truck Permit and a Franchise Permit to operate on the public streets adjacent to Audubon Park. Food trucks are not permitted in Audubon Riverview Park. Private catering is allowed following Audubon Special Event permitting requirements. (City Ordinance Chapter 110 Article II Division 5).
20. Commercial helicopters are not allowed to land or fly low over the Park.

**Prohibited Items and Activities:**

1. Parking or driving on the grass, paved or unpaved jogging or bike paths
2. Water slides, dunking booths, and swimming pools
3. Kayaking, canoeing, sport boating, fishing, swimming in the lagoons, ponds or bodies of water in Audubon Park. Fishing is only allowed in the Mississippi River from Audubon Riverview Park.

4. Feeding feral cats is prohibited. Establishing or supporting TNR feral colonies in the Park is prohibited. To report abandon pets or injured wildlife contact Audubon Security.
5. Petting zoos including hand-led pony rides and live carousels are prohibited.
6. Carnival rides such as carousels, trains, and miniature Ferris wheels
7. Fireworks and sparklers
8. Candles/open flames and sky lanterns
9. Balloons, balloon arches, helium filled balloons, and water balloons
10. Flowers (real or artificial), confetti, and glitter may not be thrown
11. Soliciting money, contributions or donations; distributing advertising pamphlets, leaflets or brochures, or any promotional, commercial, or political material of any kind; and/or offering samples of items

**Events and Gatherings:**

1. There is a \$75 permit fee for any gathering in Audubon Park or the Riverview for parties of 25-99 and a \$150 permit fee for any gatherings of 99 or or more or if there is any form of structure to be set up (i.e. chairs, table, arch, tent, portalet, inflatable, etc).
2. For more information about event rentals or to request an event permit:

<https://audubonnatureinstitute.org/audubon-park-shelter-rentals>