

**KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
GENERAL USE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Kendall County Forest Preserves are open from **8:00 a.m. to sunset**. Visitors are asked to **exit preserves 30 minutes prior to closing time**.

ALCOHOL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED in all Kendall County Forest Preserves.

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED for all gatherings and events for groups of 20 or more. Special use permits will be considered for larger events, and require submission of an application for a Special Use Permit.

DECORATIONS that leave holes or adhesives are prohibited. No thumb tacks, nails, staples, or tape should be used on walls, and all decorations must be completely removed after use. Water balloons, piñatas, rice, birdseed, flower petals, streamers, sparklers, any type of pyrotechnical devices, open flamed candles, sidewalk chalk, sequins, glitter, and confetti are prohibited

PARKING ON THE GRASS IS PROHIBITED. MOTOR VEHICLES and HORSE TRAILERS are restricted to roadways and designated parking areas only. Bicycle riding is limited to **DESIGNATED TRAILS ONLY**.

HORSEBACK RIDING is permitted at Hoover, Harris, Baker Woods (Ellis House and Equestrian Center) and Millbrook South Forest Preserves. Horse trailer parking in grass is only allowed in the south parking area at Hoover Forest Preserve and the Harris Forest Preserve Arena. Harris Forest Preserve trailer access is closed December 1st through May 1st. No horse trailers are allowed in the main parking lot at Harris Forest Preserve. Horses are not allowed on the sled hill at Harris Forest Preserve. Trail riding is limited to **DESIGNATED TRAILS ONLY** at Harris, Hoover, Baker Woods and Millbrook South Forest Preserves.

A 10 MPH SPEED LIMIT is in effect and enforced for all vehicular traffic. Use of mini-bikes, electric bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles, and other motorized vehicles within preserve areas is strictly prohibited.

DOGS MUST BE HELD ON A LEASH (10 FOOT MAXIMUM LENGTH) AT ALL TIMES for their safety and for that of other visitors and wildlife. Hitching or tying an animal to any tree, bush, shrub, or structure is prohibited. Owners are responsible for the conduct and clean-up of their animal. Dogs are not allowed in any enclosed buildings with the exception of service animals with advanced notification.

OPEN FIRES ARE ONLY ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED FIREPLACES OR FIRE RINGS BY PERMIT ONLY. Patrons are prohibited from bringing in or collecting firewood from the forest preserves. Firewood must be purchased from Kendall County Forest Preserve District. Bundles of firewood are \$25.00 and contain 30 pieces of firewood.

WHEN USING CHARCOAL GRILLS, please use the hot coal disposals provided. **DO NOT DUMP HOT COALS INTO TRASH RECEPTACLES!**

ELECTRICAL OUTLETS are available for use in Harris Shelters 1 and 4 only.

FISHING is permitted on Forest Preserve property in accordance with Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulations. Limits are posted. Worms and wax worms are the only live bait allowed. **Collecting bait from the preserves is prohibited.** Contact Silver Springs State Park at (630) 553-6297 on State fishing regulations, or visit the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov.

HUNTING, COLLECTING, or DAMAGING plant, animal, fungus, or items of any kind is prohibited and is enforced. **SWIMMING**, boating, ice fishing, and ice skating are not allowed.

LEAVE AREAS CLEAN by placing all garbage in the trash and recycling receptacles, and return tables to their original positions. Do not move tables out of enclosed buildings.

AMPLIFIED SOUND or other loud or unusual activities are prohibited.

INFLATABLE PLAY HOUSES AND TENTS ARE PROHIBITED

POP-UP SHADE CANOPIES (12' X 12' MAXIMUM SIZE) ARE ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY DURING OPEN HOURS. Designated areas only include the Harris Forest Preserve Horse Arena and Ballfield. Shade canopies must be staked or weighted down, and taken down in high-wind conditions. The District is not responsible for damages or injuries sustained from shade canopy use.