A Bit of History....

The earliest deed from 1783 shows William Thompson purchasing 137 acres from John Bowen. In 1836 John Frazer bought the land and is presumed to have built the 2½ story farmhouse – naming the property The Hermitage.

Subsequent owners added acres and in 1915 John Willis developed the property into a large dairy operation. In 1942 Peter and Elizabeth Zeitler acquired the 500+ acres and became well-known for their Golden Guernsey herd. The Zeitler family continued to farm the land until the mid-1990s.
New Castle County Department of Special Services

Welcome to New Castle County parks!

We offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities to residents of all ages and interests from our flagship Rockwood, Glasgow and Carousel parks, to miles of trails in the Middle Run Valley Natural Area to athletic fields, dog parks and so much more in neighborhoods throughout our county.

Whether you are looking for a walking trail to explore the outdoors, a playground for your kids, or a pocket of scenic open space to reflect and unwind, you are just minutes away from one of the 247 parks in our county park system.

I invite you to visit www.nccde.org/parks to learn more about our county parks, download park and trail maps and reserve a park facility for your next social gathering.

Matthew Meyer
County Executive

RULES AND REGULATIONS: SUMMARY

1. **HOURS** - All New Castle County parks are open year-round. Hours of operation are dawn to dusk, except with permission of the Department.

2. **TEMPORARY CLOSURE** - The General Manager has the authority to temporarily close a museum or the grounds when required by Public Health, Safety and Welfare.

3. **MOTOR VEHICLES** - No motor vehicles shall be driven except in areas specifically designated for their use. All motor vehicle laws of the State of Delaware must be followed.

4. **POSTING** - No signs or markers can be put in place, except with written permission of the Department. Sales or solicitation are also generally prohibited.

5. **ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND GAMBLING** - Consumption, possession or sale of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Gambling is also prohibited.

6. **DAMAGE AND DUMPING** - Vandalism of trees, shrubs, plants, turf, rocks, buildings, fences, bridges, signs, stream water quality or any other natural or man-made asset of the park is prohibited. Nothing may be dumped in the park.

7. **FIRE** - No fires shall be kindled.

8. **SAFETY OF ANIMALS** - No one shall trap, snare, shoot, poison, injure, annoy or disturb any wild animal or bird or damage any nest.

9. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** - Threatening, abusive, insulting or indecent language, obscene or indecent actions and fighting are prohibited.

10. **WEAPONS** - No one shall carry any knife having a blade three (3) inches or longer on the grounds. The possession or discharge of BB guns, air guns, firearms, bows and arrows or any lethal weapon is prohibited.

11. **ACTIVITIES** - Entertainment, demonstrations or exhibitions are prohibited, except with the approval of the Department.

12. **GROUP FUNCTIONS** - Permits for group activities should be obtained in advance from the Department.

13. **NOISE** - Loud music is not permitted. Please be respectful of your neighbors.

14. **DOGS** - Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. Please, pick up after your dog.

### Glasgow Park has so much to enjoy!

Located on over 250 acres just south of Newark, Glasgow Regional Park provides a wonderful opportunity for many outdoor activities.

- **Winding Trails and Paved Paths**
  - Crushed gravel trails wind through shady trees in the northern portion of the park.

- **Activity Stations**
  - Look for the Activity Stations, opposite Parking Lot C, to share your kids' favorite outdoor activities.

- **The Promenade**
  - The Promenade runs from east to west with convenient benches along the varied stone and brick walkway.

- **Fun Playgrounds**
  - Children are sure to love the new playgrounds installed at Glasgow Park. They can run, climb, swing and slide to their heart's content on brightly-colored play equipment.
  - Parents can keep an eye on the fun from shaded benches nearby.

- **The H/IGH5 Autism Park**
  - The H/IGH5 Autism Park offers a multi-sensory experience for all children, but specifically designed for those on the autism spectrum.

- **Sledging Hill**
  - Located by the East Entrance, you can follow the gravel path to the summit for a better view. Nicknamed Bear Mountain, the broad slopes are covered with grass in the summer. Then the winter snows turn it into an ideal sledging hill.

- **Tennis and Basketball Courts**
  - Convenient Pavilions
  - Six tennis courts and three basketball courts are conveniently located near Parking Lot B.

- **Dog Park**
  - Your furry friends will enjoy the lively Bark Park. With two fenced areas, for large and small dogs, they can socialize with friends. Introduce them to the several pieces of agility equipment for a challenge.

- **Skate Park**
  - The popular Skate Park is located by the Main Entrance. It features two different styles of bowls and a street plaza area with a variety of ledges, rails, and banked wall rides. Don't forget your safety gear!

- **Portable Restrooms**
  - Portable Restrooms are located near the Parking Lots

Find out more about the volunteer group “Friends of Glasgow Park” on their facebook page.

- **Park Trail Guides** are available for Carousel Park, Glasgow Park, Iron Hill Park, Middle Run Natural Area, and Rockwood Park & Museum.
- To obtain a copy, visit your local library, or contact the NCC Special Services at 302-395-5700 or NCC Community Services at 302-395-5606.
- Online maps and additional information on New Castle County’s park system is available at www.nccde.org/parks

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