



EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
589 FAIRGROUND ROAD, SUITE 1
LEWISBURG, PA 17837
PHONE 570.523.6320
www.ebtwp.org
TURTLE CREEK PARK
GROUP ACTIVITY REGISTRATION



NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____ **APPLICATION DATE:** _____

EVENT/ACTIVITY COORDINATOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CITY/STATE/ZIP:** _____

WORK PHONE: _____ **CELL PHONE:** _____

EVENT DATE: _____ **START TIME:** _____ **END TIME:** _____

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF EVENT/ACTIVITY: _____

OUR ORGANIZATION HAS LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THIS EVENT: YES NO

WILL THIS EVENT INVOLVE AFTER HOURS ACTIVITIES? YES NO

WILL FOOD OR RETAIL ITEMS BE SOLD AT THIS EVENT? YES NO

WILL GENERATORS, SOUND SYSTEMS OR OTHER EQUIPMENT BE USED? YES NO

Turtle Creek Park Rules

1. Applicant is responsible for their entire group obeying park rules.
2. No alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, fireworks, or firearms are allowed in the park.
3. No smoking in the park.
4. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult.
5. No discarding of trash, garbage, or other litter, except into containers provided for that purpose.
6. Owners are legally responsible for their dog's actions. Dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and must always be under the control of their owner. Owners MUST pick-up after their pets and properly dispose of feces.
7. The sale of food or retail items in the park requires advance approval of the Township.

8. The Township is not responsible for any damage to or loss of individual property brought into the park by the applicant.
9. Use of equipment such as generators, sound systems, etc., must have prior approval in writing from the Township.
10. Motor vehicles shall be operated and parked only in the parking lot. Vehicles are prohibited in all other areas of the park.
11. Vehicle parking is limited. Organizations are encouraged to transport participants via bus, van, or car pool.

PARK HOURS:

1. Between dawn and dusk.
2. After hours use is prohibited unless approved in writing by the township in advance.
3. Unauthorized after-hours activity is considered trespassing and will be dealt with accordingly.

The undersigned Activity Coordinator, as an authorized representative of the above Organization, understands that outdoor activities in a natural environment may be inherently dangerous. The Organization and individual participants assume the risk of bodily injury or death while participating in the Activity and agree that this waiver and release of liability shall be legally binding even if injuries are wholly or partly the result of negligence or other conduct on the part of Township, a Pennsylvania political subdivision with offices located at 589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania 17837.

The Organization does hereby release, save harmless and, if requested, shall defend Township, its Supervisors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all claims, suits or actions for, including, but not limited to, bodily injury and any loss, liability, damage, or costs of any kind resulting therefrom and personal property loss or damage. The Organization does hereby waive any claims, suits or actions against Township, its Supervisors, officers, employees and agents in connection with my voluntary service at Turtle Creek Park in East Buffalo Township, Union County, Pennsylvania.

I have read and understand the Park Rules.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions prior to your event, please call the Township Office at (570) 523-6320, or questions during your event, please call (570) 452-4476.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

East Buffalo Township
Turtle Creek Park
Public Use Policy

East Buffalo Township encourages the use of Turtle Creek Park by community organizations for recreational, social, and educational purposes. The park also serves an important ecologic conservation purpose. To balance these two essential objectives, the township established the following guidelines and rules for public activities in Turtle Creek Park.

Organized Group Activities

Organizations wishing to conduct activities or events in Turtle Creek Park must complete a registration form with the township at least two weeks prior to the event. The registration must be approved by the Township Manager or the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. There is no fee for general use of the park. There is a rental fee and separate permit form for use of the (future) pavilion. Due to limited parking, the size of events is limited. Organizations must attest to carrying liability insurance for the organization and/or event. The organization must waive all liability of the township and/or name the township. Activities with the potential to damage trails, structures, amenities, natural features, and other park facilities are not allowed at the sole discretion of the township. The organization is responsible for assuring all attendees follow the park rules as posted. Failure to register an activity or event or failure to follow the park rules may result in the denial of future use by the organization. This policy applies to schools, universities, environmental organizations, social groups, and other not-for-profit organizations.

Informal Gatherings

Small, informal gatherings of individuals are welcome to use the park do not require registration or prior approval. Individuals remain responsible for following all park rules as posted.

Volunteer Activities

The township welcomes and relies on volunteers to help maintain and improve the park under the guidance of the township. Volunteer days are scheduled periodically to complete specific tasks. Certain on-going maintenance tasks may also be performed by volunteers. Volunteers must complete and sign a waiver form prior to performing any work in the park. Work must be approved in advance by the Township Manager, the Board of Supervisors, or a representative designated by one of the above. Prior approval assures that work does not compromise the environmental conservation purpose of the park established in the Conservation Easement Agreement between the township and the Merrill Linn Conservancy. While we appreciate the interest and enthusiasm of citizens to help at the park, individuals are not allowed to perform work in the park without prior approval and completion of a waiver form. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact the township office or the Merrill Linn Conservancy.

Trail Use

The park contains several miles of trails open for public use. An ADA accessible crushed gravel trail provides for use by all visitors, including those with limited mobility who use a wheelchair or scooter. Visitors must always control and keep their dogs on leash on the ADA trail. Dogs may be walked off leash on other park trails but must be under verbal control of the owner at all times. Dogs must not be allowed to chase or disturb wildlife. Visitors must stay on designated trails. Visitors are not allowed to enter other natural areas of the park to avoid disturbing sensitive animal or plant life, except for specific educational purposes approved by the township in advance. Mountain biking and horseback riding (see below) are allowed on specific trails and only during certain periods. E-bikes under 100 lbs are allowed subject to all other park restrictions.

Horseback Riding

Horseback Riding is permitted ONLY with advance permission of the township. Riding is permitted only on special trails and appropriate weather conditions. Riders must use good judgment in avoiding wet or muddy trails and preventing long term damage to trails.

Creek Access (TBD)

Pavilion Rental (future)

Dog Park (future)