

STEVENS POINT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

CITY PARKS Sec. 10.19

10.19 Green Circle Trail.

- (1) **Definition.** "Green Circle Trail" is described as a linear corridor 18' more or less in width and about 24 miles in length, with approximately 20 miles within the corporate limits of the City of Stevens Point, and includes public property and private property where the City of Stevens Point has been granted an easement for the "Green Circle Trail."
- (2) **Use.** The use of the Green Circle Trail and its corridor by the public is limited to pedestrian activities such as walking; bicycling is not permitted in posted areas.
- (3) **Destruction, defacement or removal.** No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants or other natural growth, rocks, flora and fauna, archaeological or geological features, signs, walls or structures; injure or deface in any manner any structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables or property within the Green Circle Trail or any support facility associated with the Green Circle Trail.
- (4) **Refuse.** No personal refuse or garbage shall be carried onto the Green Circle Trail and be deposited and/or dumped next to or into refuse containers or left anywhere along the trail corridor or its support facilities.
- (5) **Peddling and Soliciting.** No person shall sell, peddle or solicit business of any nature or distribute handbills or other advertising matter, post unauthorized signs or decorative matter on any structures, trees or any other property within the Green Circle Trail corridor; nor use this corridor as a base of commercial operations for soliciting or conducting business, peddling or providing services.
- (6) **Public Meetings.** No person may conduct or participate in an assembly or public demonstration without authorization of the parks commission or director of parks and recreation, based upon a finding that such activity is not planned for sections of the Green Circle Trail corridor owned by private parties and would not substantially interfere with the use of the Green Circle Trail corridor by the general public.
- (7) **Motor Vehicles.** Motorized vehicles of any kind are prohibited within the Green Circle Trail corridor unless they are used for maintenance, operations, emergency or enforcement of the Green Circle Trail corridor ordinance.
- (8) **Animals.**
 - (a) **Pets.** Pets are prohibited on those sections of the trail corridor that are so posted. Pets shall be effectively restrained at all times to within the Green Circle Trail corridor boundaries and shall be restrained by a leash or tie not more than eight feet long.
 - (b) **Horses.** Horses are not permitted within the Green Circle Trail corridor.
 - (c) **Animal Excreta.** Any owner or person having the immediate care, custody or control of any animal shall promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any excreta left or deposited by the animal within the Green Circle Trail corridor.

(d) **Hunting and Trapping.** No person shall take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, pursue or otherwise disturb any wild animals or birds within the Green Circle Trail corridor.

(9) **Fires, Fireworks.**

(a) **Fires.** No person shall start, tend or maintain any fire, or burn any refuse within the Green Circle Trail corridor except in designated park grills.

(b) **Fireworks.** No person shall possess, fire, discharge, explode or set off any explosive or pyrotechnic device containing powder, or other combustible or explosive material within the Green Circle Trail corridor.

(10) **Regulation of Bicycle Riders.**

(a) No person shall ride or operate a bicycle within the Green Circle Trail corridor in posted areas prohibiting such use.

(b) Riding a bicycle recklessly in any manner is prohibited.

(c) Riders must yield to hikers on the trail under all circumstances and must sound a bell or other warning device when approaching from behind.

(d) Riders must slow down to a reasonable speed when overtaking or approaching pedestrians.

(e) Riders shall proceed in single file only.

(11) **Athletics.** No persons shall play ball or any other game or sport upon or within the Green Circle Trail corridor, except with written permission of the parks commission or director.

(12) **Closing of the Green Circle Trail corridor and Support Facilities.** In an emergency, or when in the judgment of the director of parks and recreation or a department supervisor, any portion of the Green Circle corridor and its support facilities may be closed to the public for reasons that may include severe high fire danger, flooding, severe weather or any other reason that the public interest demands closing of the corridor. Use of the portion of the corridor after it is posted "closed" under this section shall be trespass.

(13) **Additional Rules and Exceptions.** Rules and regulations may be made from time to time by the parks commission/common council, governing further use and enjoyment of the Green Circle Trail corridor and the facilities thereof. These rules shall be posted on the trail corridor. Any person who shall violate such rules or regulations may be required to leave the trail corridor or support facility and shall be subject to penalties as set forth in Section 10.14 of this ordinance. Persons required to leave the trail corridor or its support facilities shall not return for a 24 hour period from the date and time of such order to leave.

(14) **Penalties.** Any person, firm, company, or corporation who violates the regulations set forth in this ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00 together with the costs of the action and in default of payment thereof, to imprisonment in the county jail until such forfeiture and costs be paid, but no

more than 30 days pursuant to law. Each day of a violation constitutes a separate violation.

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