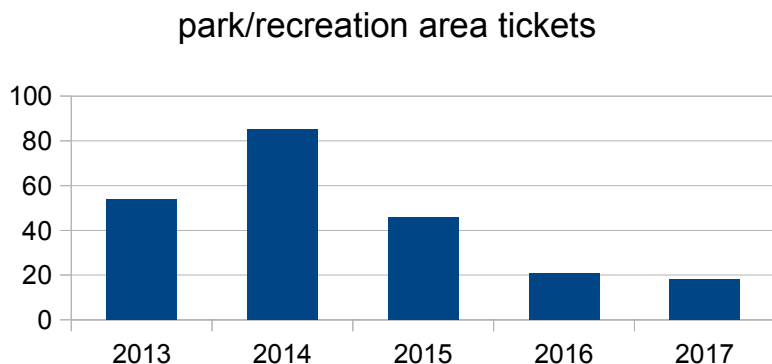


Tickets written under Sec. 23-203 – prohibited acts in recreation areas, including parks, 2013-2017

year	tickets
2013	54
2014	85
2015	46
2016	21
2017	18



Notes:

- This ordinance forbids at least 20 acts within Fort Collins' recreation areas (parks, golf courses, etc.). These include camping and being in a recreation area between 11pm and 5am (or other posted hours), but also many other things (ex: fishing without a permit, flying your hot air balloon too low, feeding squirrels, taking plants, and dozens more).

Text of ordinance:

Sec. 23-203. - Prohibited acts; permits.

(a) It shall be unlawful to:

- (1) Operate or park a motor vehicle or other motorized means of conveyance anywhere in a recreation area other than on established roadways and in designated parking areas; provided, however, that a motorized wheelchair may be used by any person with a temporary or permanent mobility disability, anywhere in a recreation area that public access is allowed, and an other power-driven mobility device may be used in a recreation area by any person with a temporary or permanent mobility disability, in accordance with City regulations regarding such use of other power-driven mobility devices.
- (2) Discard, dispose or release any waste or hazardous substance of any kind in a recreation area or in a manner reasonably likely to result in the entrance of such waste or hazardous substance into or upon a recreation area, except for the disposal of incidental trash generated from activities in the recreation area in receptacles provided and marked for disposal of trash.
- (3) Bring any glass container into a recreation area or possess the same while in any recreation area except when removing containers during site clean-up activities.
- (4) Bathe or wash any persons or objects in any waters of a recreation area, or otherwise in any manner reasonably likely to result in the release of any waste or hazardous substance in any waters of a recreation area.
- (5) Drive, hit or throw golf balls into or upon any recreation area, except City golf courses in accordance with the rules and regulations of the golf courses.
- (6) Knowingly or negligently harass wildlife, or permit or direct a dog, falcon or other animal

under one's care or control to harass wildlife in a recreation area, whether or not the same results in injury to such wildlife.

(7) Remove, destroy, mutilate, modify or deface any building, structure, water control device, fence, gate, notice, sign, tree, shrub or other plant or vegetation, animal or bird, or any other object in a recreation area, except during site clean-up activities, when taking fish in a manner otherwise permitted under this Article or as specifically allowed by permit issued pursuant to §§ [23-203](#) and [23-204](#).

(8) Possess or consume in a recreation area any alcoholic beverage or possess any container, whether open or unopened, that contains or has been used to contain any alcoholic beverage, except on City golf courses in accordance with the rules and regulations of the golf courses, and except where allowed by a special event permit issued by the City's Liquor Licensing Authority.

(9) Fish in a recreation area without a valid license as required by the Colorado Division of Wildlife, or in violation of any requirements of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, or possess a fish taken in violation thereof.

(10) Fish in any waters on any City golf course.

(11) Leave any fire unattended in a recreation area.

(12) Bicycle on a tennis, volleyball or horseshoe court, or on any golf course except upon a roadway or parking area.

(13) Deposit or scatter cremated remains of any human or animal in a recreation area.

(14) Ride a horse, bicycle, skateboard or other means of conveyance, or skate, in a reckless or unsafe manner in a recreation area.

(15) Violate the following in any recreation area:

- a. Division 5 of [Chapter 4](#), regarding control of animals;
- b. [Chapter 9](#), regarding fire prevention and protection;
- c. [Chapter 11](#), regarding hazardous materials transportation;
- d. [Section 12-20](#), prohibiting tampering with refuse or rubbish containers;
- e. [Chapter 17](#), regarding miscellaneous offenses, including, without limitation, the discharge of weapons, trespass, loitering, disturbing the peace and the transfer or display of marijuana;
- f. [Chapter 23.5](#), regarding special events; and
- g. Fort Collins Traffic Code or [Chapter 28](#), regarding vehicles and traffic.

(b) Unless a sign has been posted by the Service Unit that the particular recreation area or a portion thereof is open for such use, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) Enter upon the ice of any waters of a recreation area.

(2) Swim in the waters of a recreation area.

(3) Operate a motorized model boat, car, truck, aircraft or other motorized model vehicle in a recreation area.

(4) Launch a model rocket in, onto or over a recreation area.

(5) Ride or have a horse in a recreation area more than ten (10) feet from a designated trail or roadway, or on any irrigated turf grass, except to the extent unavoidable circumstances require that

a horse be ridden or taken into such areas briefly to avoid imminent danger to other persons.

(6) Skateboard or in-line skate, except on a sidewalk, roadway, parking area or designated trail.

(c) No person shall engage in any conduct or activity within or upon a recreation area when a sign has been posted by the Service Unit that such conduct or activity is not allowed in the recreation area or a portion of the area, based on a determination by the Service Unit that such prohibition is appropriate to protect the safety or well-being of persons, or animals, or to protect or preserve the recreation area and related facilities, or any other City property or facility, the use and enjoyment of the same by the general public, or the needs and objectives of the City in maintaining and operating the same.

(d) Except as authorized by a permit obtained for such use from the Service Unit, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) Enter a recreation area during the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

(2) Operate a motorized boat in a recreation area.

(3) Land or launch in a recreation area, or fly lower than five hundred (500) feet above a recreation area, any type of aircraft, including hot air balloons and hang gliders, except within takeoff or landing airways of a commercial airport or in emergency situations.

(4) Remove archaeological, geological or paleontological materials from a recreation area.

(5) Collect seeds, plants or cuttings of trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, wildflowers or other plants in a recreation area.

(6) Plant trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, wildflowers or other plants in a recreation area.

(7) Construct a structure in a recreation area.

(8) Light a campfire, bonfire or other fire in a recreation area, except for fires in grills provided by the City or fires in portable grills or stoves on tables provided by the City.

(9) Allow livestock to graze in a recreation area.

(10) Feed, or attempt to feed, songbirds, squirrels, ducks, geese or any other wildlife species in a recreation area.

(11) Post a notice or sign, including fastening, displaying or depositing cards, posters or other written materials in a recreation area, or to erect a display in a recreation area. Even when the posting or displaying of such items is authorized by a permit, no such items shall be left within the recreation area between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

(12) Conduct or sponsor a group event in a recreation area.

(13) Perform a service for commercial gain or sell or offer to sell any item for commercial gain in a recreation area.

(14) Deposit rocks, wood or dirt in a recreation area.

(15) Camp in a recreation area.

(e) Research or public safety related training activities involving any of the activities prohibited in this Article, including without limitation the training of search and rescue dogs off-leash, may be authorized by the Service Unit by permit in accordance with the procedures and standards set forth in [§ 23-204](#).

(Ord. No. 28, 1999, § 1, 3-2-99; Ord. 212, 2001, § 2, 1-15-02; Ord. No. 31, 2002, §§ 3, 4, 3-5-02; Ord. No. 62, 2002, § 1, 5-7-02; Ord. No. 16, 2003, § 10, 2-18-03; Ord. No. 053, 2004, § 3, 4-20-04; Ord.

No. 210, 2006, § 6, 1-16-07; Ord. No. 004, 2007, § 15, 2-6-07; Ord. No. 167, 2011, § 4, 12-20-11; Ord. No. 030, 2012, § 88, 4-17-12; Ord. No. [038, 2014](#), § 3, 3-18-14)