

PARKLAND USE POLICY

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The Truro parkland is a common area and shared resource for the use and enjoyment of Truro community members and guests only. The covenants require that this common area be managed for the general benefit of all Truro homeowners. The Truro Homes Association subscribes to the following principles when determining how the parkland should be used and managed:

- The parkland should be used in such a way that is minimally disruptive to the community
- Use of the parkland should not put at risk the safety of others using the parkland
- The parkland should be maintained as a natural ecosystem
- Plants and wildlife should be protected
- Any alterations to the parkland must be for the use by and to the benefit of the community
- Common areas including playgrounds, paths, bridges and steps should be kept in good order and free of hazards
- Playground equipment, trails, bridges, paths, stairs, trees, animals, and the stream can be hazardous; Truro members and guests must use the parkland with caution
- Homeowners should not encroach on the parkland

General rules for the parkland include:

- No fires or fireworks
- *Motorized vehicles are prohibited, except electric-powered vehicles operated according to Fairfax Park Authority trail policy
- No firearms, air rifles, sling shots, or bows and arrows
- No littering or dumping
- No disturbing of plants or wildlife
- Dogs must be leashed
- Pick up dog waste and properly dispose of it
- Faster trail users should pass on left and announce their intention before passing
- No smoking in the playground area

*The Fairfax Park Authority trail policy for electric-powered vehicles can be found at:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/e-bikes>.

The Parkland Encroachment Policy details additional guidelines on the use of the parkland and the Parkland Resource Management Policy details how the Parkland Committee will manage the parkland.

All members of the THA shall help with the stewardship of the Truro parkland and notify the THA or Parkland Committee of concerns related to the use and management of the Truro parkland. The Parkland Committee is responsible for enforcing these policies, which shall be applied consistently throughout Truro. A homeowner may appeal the enforcement of these policies to the THA Board, whose ruling on the matter is final.