

prevent injury to any tree, shrub, plant, lawn, or other vegetation growing within park areas.

(g) *Wires.* No person shall string any wire or wires through or above any park areas; nor prune or remove branches or trees which may now or hereafter interfere, rub or grow near existing wires; nor attach any wire, insulator or devise to trees or within any area covered by the root system of trees, without first obtaining an official permit. Any person having jurisdiction or control over any wire or conduit for the transmission of an electric current shall guard all trees through which such wires or conduits pass, against any injury from the wires or the electric current carried thereby. The device or means used shall, in each case, be of a type approved by the Superintendent.

(h) *Planting.* No person shall plant or cause to be planted any tree, shrub or plant within a park area without first obtaining an official permit.

(i) *Adjacent trees.* Any tree, shrub or plant growing upon private property and which overhangs any park area in such a way as to present a hazard or impede, obstruct or interfere with traffic, travel or park use shall be trimmed, removed, braced, or otherwise treated by the owner of the premises on which such tree, shrub or plant is located, in a manner prescribed by the Superintendent. In an emergency, the Superintendent is empowered to enter such premises and to trim, remove, brace or otherwise treat any tree which is deemed hazardous to park travel or use, in such a manner that the hazard shall be eliminated.

§50.11 Dogs, cats and livestock.

(a) The laws and regulations of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, relating to licenses and muzzles shall apply to dogs in the park areas located within the geographical limits of the respective jurisdiction.

(b) No dog or cat, unless caged or on a leash not more than six feet long and entirely under control, shall be taken into or exercised in park areas: *Provided*, That in special cases the Director may authorize the keeping of dogs, cats and livestock by park residents under such conditions as he may prescribe.

(c) No dog or cat shall be permitted by the person exercising or walking the animal to commit any nuisance on playgrounds, trees, shrubs, plants, lawns, sidewalks, footpaths, or in flower beds, buildings, or in any other park area, except in park roadways.

(d) Livestock and dogs trespassing on any land of the United States in the National Capital Park System may be impounded and shall be disposed of in accordance with State or District of Columbia statutes insofar as the same may be applicable.

§50.12 Horses.

(a) A horse shall not be left unbridled or unattended in any park area without being securely fastened, unless harnessed to a vehicle with wheels so secured as to prevent its being dragged faster than a walk.

(b) A driver shall continuously hold the reins in his hand while riding, driving or leading a horse within a park area.

(c) No more than two horses abreast shall be permitted on the bridle paths in any park area.

(d) Horses shall not be allowed to move over any park area other than those specifically designated for horse exercise.

(e) Fast or reckless riding or driving of horses in any park area is prohibited. Equestrians shall be careful to come down to a walk or slow trot before passing pedestrians.

(f) Horseback riding on the towpath of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal between Rock Creek and Swain's Lock (Lock 21) is prohibited without special permit.

CROSS REFERENCE: For regulations prohibiting the tying of horses or other animals to lamp posts or trees, see §§ 50.8(a) and 50.10(b), respectively.

§50.13 Grazing; permitting animals to run loose.

Using park areas for grazing, allowing to graze, or permitting to run loose thereon any animal, is prohibited, unless authorized by an official permit. Any owner or custodian of an animal or animals shall prevent such animal or animals from doing any of the acts enumerated in this section.

§50.14 Picnics in park areas.

(a) *Picnicking.* Picnicking is permitted only in areas designated for such use.