

Black Fork Bottoms Gilliom-Cherp Hunting Area Regulations

The hunting parks will be regulated by the Ashland County Park Board and its Hunting and Safety committee. Park users will follow all regulations and seasons as designated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and state and federal statutes.

- No camping
- No overnight parking
- The park will be closed daily from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise
- No fires or grills of any kind
- No cutting or trimming of trees or plant life
- No disposal of trash – remove everything you take into the park
- No motor vehicles beyond the designated parking area
- No trespassing on park neighbors property
- No building of permanent tree stands or digging goose pits
- No use of climbing spikes or damage to trees is permitted
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs

The park will be closed from October 1st to December 31st for all non-hunting uses, except as noted. The park will remain open for hunting, but will also open Sunday afternoons from 12:00 noon until closing for non-hunting activities such as hiking. This exception does not apply during the gun deer hunting Sundays. These Sundays will be posted at the park entrance.

The park is not a target range. No random or reckless discharge of firearms is permitted. Shooting is restricted to legitimate hunting and dog training only. Guns are restricted to legal hunting weapons, including black powder rifles, shotguns, bows and crossbows, but excluding all rifles and handguns. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Deer Hunting - A lottery will be held for deer youth hunting, shot gun season, and black powder seasons. Bow hunting will be permitted daily throughout the season with the exception of lottery gun seasons.

Waterfowl Hunting - A lottery will be held for duck and goose hunting, including the early goose season.

Turkey Hunting – A lottery will be held for spring turkey hunting, including youth days.

Lottery Dates will be posted at the parks. All lottery winners will be assigned areas and must hunt only their assigned area. Lottery winners will be allowed one hunting partner each day. Hunters may use established tree stands and duck blinds within their assigned areas. Portable stands may be used, provided they are removed from the park each day.

Small and Upland Game Hunting – is permitted following ODNR State hunting regulations.

Trapping and Predator Control - The committee will regulate trapping and predator control as needed. **No coon hunting is permitted.** All interested applicants may apply by calling 419-606-4561 for further information.

Dog training grounds will be designated and available for use. Dog training is not permitted during deer gun seasons.

These regulations may be modified by the Ashland County Park Board and the Hunting and Safety Committee for specific special events. They will be reviewed annually.

Violators will be subject to appropriate criminal and civil prosecution.

Violations may be reported to the Ashland County Sherriff's office 419-289-0911 or to the park committee at 419-651-4966.