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Hours of Operation

The park will be open 360 days a year weather permitting and will close a total of five days during New Years, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Park hours vary seasonally based on the following schedule:

April 1 through September 30.....8 am to 8 pm
October 1 through October 31.....8 am to 7 pm
November 1 through February 28.....8 am to 5 pm
March 1 through March 31.....8 am to 7 pm

Hiking Safety & Environmental Protection

For your safety and protection, **stay on designated trails and within hiking areas**. The area contains hazards associated with rocks, steep slopes and cliffs. Injury or death is possible. Many rare and endangered plants live on the thin soils and rocks, and are vulnerable to damage from foot traffic. **Stay on designated trails and within hiking areas.**

Climbing and Rappelling

Climbing and rappelling are allowed **only** with a daily permit. All park rules and regulations apply, as well as specific rules of rock climbing. Violations(s) may result in confiscation of permit, and/or eviction from the park. Before participating in climbing or rappelling, climbers must acknowledge through the park's permitting system, a clear understanding of the inherent dangers and risks involved in the sport of climbing and rappelling, including the risk of personal injuries, paralysis, and death.

Climbing and rappelling are restricted to regular park hours and to approved locations. Permit and photo identification must be in climber's possession while climbing.

Only sport and top-rope climbing are permitted. Trad climbing is prohibited.

The county does not certify climbers. Each person is encouraged to be in good physical condition and have all necessary equipment in good repair and receive appropriate training before attempting this activity.

The installation, adjustment, or maintenance of any fixed hardware not specifically authorized by a park staff member is prohibited. Report hardware problems to the park office.

Youth under age 18 must have adult supervision. Permits are available at Park Office.

Natural Resources

Rocky Face Park is home to a number of rare and endangered plant and animal species. The removal, destruction or injury of any tree, flower, artifact, fern, shrub, rock or other plant, mineral, animal, or insect in the park is prohibited unless with an approved collection permit for scientific or educational purposes.

Certain areas of the park may be closed to public use for safety or for the management and protection of natural resources. Hikers should remain on designated trails to prevent destruction of habitat.

Trash and Litter

Littering is illegal. To help maintain a clean and safe environment for park visitors and wildlife, place trash in proper containers. Wildlife may mistake plastic bags for food and may become entangled in discarded litter.

Burying trash is prohibited. Shifting winds and other types of weather may expose trash and endanger wildlife and the environment.

State law requires aluminum cans to be placed in recycling containers where available.

Camping and Fires

Camping is allowed only with a valid permit and in designated areas. A permit can be obtained at the Park Office. Cost is \$13.00/night. Reservations are **required**. Any unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. **ALL** participants must sign camping permits. **Parent/Guardian signatures are required for any person under 18 years of age.** Campers can stay no longer than 7 consecutive nights within a 30 day period. Fires are permitted only in designated areas.

Horses

Horses are prohibited from all areas.

Vehicles and Bicycles

Motorized vehicles are permitted only in the designated parking area and not permitted on park trails, excluding emergency response.

No bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, or scooters are permitted on hiking trails or on paved ADA trail.

Pets

Pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. All pets within the park must have a current rabies vaccination. Owners may be asked to remove dangerous or noisy pets from the park.

Pets must not be left unattended. Pets are not allowed in restrooms or park office with the exception of personal service animals. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Alcohol

Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited, and visitors shall not be or become intoxicated while within the park.

Tobacco Use

Tobacco use is **not permitted at any county owned parks**. Tobacco is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, loose tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, tobacco substitute including herbal mint snuffs and chews, or any product that contains tobacco or is labeled tobacco-less and is intended for human consumption.

Guns and Fireworks

Firearms and other weapons are prohibited except that those with a proper permit may possess a concealed handgun in permitted areas and under the requirements of North Carolina G.S. 14-415.11 and G.S. 14-415.23. The possession or use of fireworks, cap pistols, air guns, bows and arrows, sling- shots or lethal missiles of any kind are prohibited.

Business Activity

Conducting commercial business/activity in the park is prohibited except as governed by a Special Activity Permit.

Photography or video production for commercial purposes is prohibited except under a Special Activity Permit.

Special Activities Permit

The park may allow for certain commercial or business activities. However, all such events must be held under a Special Activity Permit. The fee is \$35. The Special Activity permit application is available online and from the park office.

Picnic Shelter Reservations

The picnic shelter may be reserved for special events such as private parties, club meetings, etc. Reservation fee is \$5 per hour or \$35 per day. Restrooms will remain available for use of all park visitors.

