

ELKHART COUNTY PARKS HOURS POLICY #90-7
March 11, 2013

A policy pertaining to gate and access hours for the various park sites and facilities.

- I. Park access hours shall be defined as 6:00 a.m. until gate closing in all park areas excepting the park area where the Elkhart County Historical Museum is located. During these hours, parks are open to public use. Therefore, all park areas, except the Elkhart County Historical Museum property, will be considered closed from gate closing until 6:00 a.m., except for those possessing a valid camping permit, participants in the opening day of trout season, and those persons receiving permission from park administration.
- II. Gate hours will vary with season. During gate hours, park areas will be open to vehicle traffic. Gate hours for parks will be defined as follows:
 - A. **Ox Bow Park, Bonneyville Mill Park, River Preserve, DeFries Gardens & Cobus Creek Park**

January, February, November, December	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
March and October	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April and September	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
May, June, July, August	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 - B. **Treasure Island:** Gate closed December 1 - April 1

April and September	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
May, June, July, August	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
October	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
November	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - C. **Pumpkinvine Nature Trail and MapleHeart Trail** Dawn to Dusk
- III. Special facility and office hours of the Elkhart County Park and Recreation Department will be set as follows:
 - A. **Elkhart County Historical Museum**

Tuesday . Saturday	9:00 a.m. . 5:00 p.m.
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 - B. **Bonneyville Mill**

May 1 . October 31 (Wednesday - Sunday)	10:00 a.m. . 5:00 p.m.
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 - C. **Six Span Boat Landing (Rest Room Hours)**

April 15 (opens) and September	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
October	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
May, June, July, August	9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
November 15 (closes)	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 - D. **Park Administration Office**

Monday . Friday (except county holidays)	8:00 a.m. . 4:30 p.m.
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IV. Application of Hours:

- A. All gates may begin partial closing no earlier than 20 minutes before the posted time. Exceptions to gate opening and closing shall include situations of hazardous conditions or when the assigned staff is called away due to other emergencies.

- B. All park property owned by the Elkhart County Park and Recreation Board that is designated as developed ~~by the~~ shall be open to the public for all legal uses, every day, year round within these guidelines for gate/access hours. All or portions of any property may be closed to public use when park administration determines conditions exist that could be hazardous to the public such as weather emergencies or construction areas.

- C. Violation of gate or access hours shall be subject to prosecution and fine in accordance with Elkhart County Code, Section 36-10-3-10, Ordinance 12-177.

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