

PASSIVE RECREATION ACTIVITIES

A passive recreation area is generally an undeveloped space or environmentally sensitive area that requires minimal development. Emphasis is placed on preservation of wildlife and the environment.

Passive park use refers to less structured recreational activities which require little or no specialized parkland development and management, and therefore can be provided at a low cost to communities. It involves casual activities and pursuit of hobbies, with no adverse impact to the natural habitat.

Parks are enjoyed on a first-come, first-served basis, and only minimal visitor facilities and services are available. Generally, no motorized activity is allowed and trails are typically dirt or gravel.

Examples of passive recreation activities:

Walking and jogging	Canoeing
Hiking and nature walks	Hunting
Wildlife viewing and bird watching	Hand-gliding
Painting	Kite-flying
Photography	Frisbee
Cross country skiing	Horseback riding**
Rustic picnic areas	Bicycling**
Snow Shoeing	**Conditionally permissible
Fishing	

The following criteria testing may assist with understanding whether an activity is passive, and therefore allowed:

Criteria 1. Will the Open Space resource values be diminished?

- If YES then activity is not allowed
- If NO continue to Criteria 2

Criteria 2 Will event effectively close or significantly limit use of the Open Space in whole or part to the public?

- If YES then activity is not allowed
- If NO continue to Criteria 3

Criteria 3. Will event leave anything behind and/or trace (even chalk marks, flags, litter, graffiti, waste, etc.)?

- If YES then what is the trace?
- If trace CANNOT be removed then activity is not allowed

ACTIVE RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Active recreation is generally any recreational activity that requires significant infrastructure for the purposes of active sports or organized events. It is about engaging in adventure sports or outdoor games. An active park refers to structured recreational activities which require specialized parkland development and management which may restrict general use of the parkland or facility.

Active recreation, such as team sports, typically involves intensive management, maintenance, and therefore higher costs, due to the need to provide substantial space to congregate.

Examples of active recreation types:

Sports fields	Skating rinks or Skateparks
Ball fields	Outdoor theaters
Playgrounds and play areas	Gymnasiums
Golf courses	Meeting space
Marinas	Game rooms
Waterfront	Bicycling
Swimming pools	Horseback riding

Specific examples include:

Baseball	Skeet Shooting
Volleyball	Putting green
Basketball	Archery
Soccer	Tennis
Lacross	Platform Tennis
Cricket	Sledding
Mountain Biking	Inflatable flotation
Skiing	Golf
Skateboarding	Lawn Tennis
Zipline	Bungee Jumping
Paint Ball	



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