



PARANORMAL RESEARCH POLICY

Purpose:

To establish a policy to respond to requests by individuals and groups to conduct paranormal research in St. Louis County Parks.

Policy:

St. Louis County Parks receives requests by individuals and groups to conduct paranormal research on park property. St. Louis County Parks does not sanction or endorse this activity but does recognize it as being an activity that could be conducted in a park. Paranormal research is not allowed within historical or cultural buildings.

Procedure:

The individual or group should submit a written request 30 calendar days in advance to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation for a permit to conduct paranormal research. The request should include the following:

- Name of the individual or group
- Name of a responsible individual that will be on site during the investigation and their phone number and e-mail address
- Location to be investigated
- Date and time of the investigation
- Number of participants
- Affiliations and/or certifications

Responsibilities:

St. Louis County Parks will grant permission for individuals or groups to conduct paranormal research under the following guidelines.

The investigation is not to interfere with other park users or park activities.

The investigation will occur during normal park hours. After hour investigations will be considered but will require the presence of a contract Park Ranger, paid by the investigators, after the park closes.

Investigations conducted on park property not open to the public will require the presence of a contract Park Ranger, paid by the investigators.

Through cooperative agreements, some sites are patrolled or maintained by other agencies. If this is the case, it will be the responsibility of the investigators to obtain permission from the other agency. Permission from St. Louis County does not supersede any other required permits.

Any minor under the age of seventeen (17) years must be accompanied by his parent, guardian, or other adult person having the care and custody of the minor.

All park regulations will apply. Including the following:

Alcoholic Beverages...The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages in any County Park is not allowed except by reservation or when purchased from a licensed concessionaire. (Co. Ord. 616.060) Alcohol is prohibited. Permission to conduct paranormal research does not include permission to possess and/or use alcoholic beverages.

Business Solicitation...Solicitation of any business or service is prohibited. No one may sell goods, maintain a concession or use public County Park property for commercial purposes except by written permission of the Director of St. Louis County Parks and Recreation. (Co. Ord. 616.160)

Closing...All County Parks close 30 minutes after official sunset except as posted or by reservation (Co. Ord. 101.080)

Dumping...Do not dump garbage, trash or yard waste in County Parks. (Co. Ord. 101.130)

Excessive Noise...Excessive noise is not allowed in County Parks regardless of how it is generated. (Co. Ord. 616.080) Disturbing the peace of others is prohibited - music cannot be audible at a distance of greater than 50 feet from where it is being played without a permit. (Co. Ord. 616.035)

Natural Life...Do not pick the flowers or in any way alter the vegetation growing in your County Parks. (County Ordinance

616.030) Also, do not deface or remove any rocks, stones or other native materials. (Co. Ord. 616.030)

Parking & Driving...Do not drive vehicles on grassy or unpaved areas in County Parks. (Co. Ord. 616.100 and 616.055) Public motorized vehicles are not permitted on park trails or service roads. (Co. Ord. 616.065)

Permits are not transferable and may be revoked or changed at any time at the discretion of the Director or her appointed representative.

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