

**INFORMATION AND GENERAL RULES FOR THE USE OF
AHF PARKS AND PATHS
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INTRODUCTION

Did you know that eleven percent of the land in this community is parkland owned by the American Homesteading Foundation and dedicated to the residents of the Town of Melbourne Village?

Today we can appreciate the skill of Louise Odiorne, town planner for Melbourne Village. She platted the land to preserve the two hammock areas, designated streets around specimen trees and planned for buffer areas between many of the lots in the Village.

These natural areas add to the pleasure of living in Melbourne Village. While walking the paths, you might see a pileated woodpecker, gopher tortoise or native orchid in bloom. The town is a bird sanctuary by decree of the charter.

GENERAL RULES

The Parks and Paths Committee, responsible for the care and maintenance of certain parklands, asks your help in keeping them for the enjoyment of all Villagers by following these rules:

1. Since these parks and paths are for the enjoyment of all Melbourne Village residents, all plants and animals within the parklands are protected and may not be removed.
2. In order to keep the park areas clean and pleasant for walking, nothing should be dumped or stored on parklands. Clothes lines, trash containers, compost bins, and personal possessions must be kept within the resident's lot boundaries. If you should find any litter, please carry it out. Leave nothing but footprints. Remember, parklands are for the enjoyment of all.
3. Mowing, planting, or clearing may be done only by the consent of the AHF Board. Such requests should be submitted to the Parks and Paths Committee for evaluation and recommendation to the Board.
4. Vehicles may park in areas adjacent to these community facilities: Village Hall, Community Pool, Hester Wagner Community House.

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5. Park paths are intended foot travel. No motorized vehicles or horses are permitted on any parkland. If you should see riders on the footpaths, kindly tell them that they are not allowed. Bicycles are permitted. Bicyclists using the paths are asked to ride with caution and to be courteous to pedestrians.
6. Smoking and burning are not permitted in parklands. Fire is a hazard to our wildlife, trees and homes.
7. Pets are allowed on the paths. Please observe the County leash laws and clean up after your pet.
8. While enjoying paths and parklands, be careful not to stray onto private property which, in some places, is very close to the paths.

REMEMBER:

PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE NOT TO BE REMOVED
MOTORIZED VEHICLES AND HORSES ARE NOT PERMITTED
MOWING OR PLANTING IS BY AHF PERMISSION ONLY
PARK VEHICLES IN DESIGNATED AREAS

POLICY FOR USE OF PARKLAND IN MELBOURNE VILLAGE

ANY GROUP WISHING TO USE THE AHF PARKLAND FOR EVENTS MUST BE SPONSORED BY AN AHF MEMBER. THE COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION FOR USE OF PARKLAND IN MELBOURNE VILLAGE PRIOR TO THE EVENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE AHF. THE SPONSORING AHF MEMBER MUST ATTEND THE EVENT. NO TRAILS MAY BE MARKED WITHOUT AHF PERMISSION.