

PARKS AND RECREATION OFFENSES FOR WHICH COURT APPEARANCE MAY BE WAIVED

(on execution of written waiver of appearance and trial, and plea of guilty/responsible)

(Adopted by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges, October 15, 2025, pursuant to G.S. 7A-148)

NOTE: *The statute or regulation defining the elements of the offense is cited immediately after the description of the offense, and the statutory authority for the regulation is given in brackets.*

Applies To Offenses Committed On Or After December 1, 2025

1. Removal, disturbance, etc. of plants, rocks, etc. 07 NCAC 13B .0201. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
2. Collecting plants, animals, minerals or artifacts without a collector's permit.
07 NCAC 13B .0201. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
3. Harassing or intentionally disturbing wildlife, their nesting, breeding, etc.
07 NCAC 13B .0201(b). [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
4. Placement or distribution of agricultural products or processed foods to attract/feed wildlife.
07 NCAC 13B .0201(c). [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
5. Unlawful use of metal detectors. 07 NCAC 13B .0203. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
6. Rock climbing, rappelling, etc. or placement of permanent rock climbing equipment
in unauthorized area or without permit. 07 NCAC 13B .0204. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
7. Bathing, wading, surfing, diving, scuba diving, or swimming in undesignated areas.
07 NCAC 13B .0301. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 25
8. Public nudity in parks. 07 NCAC 13B .0302. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 50 and Costs
9. Carrying or depositing glass, crockery, or metal on park swimming area or beach.
07 NCAC 13B .0303. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 25
10. Disposing of household or business garbage in park garbage containers.
07 NCAC 13B .0401. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
11. Unauthorized bathing of animals or washing of clothes or motor vehicles in a park.
07 NCAC 13B .0402. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 25
12. Driving a vehicle in area of park not designated for vehicle traffic.
07 NCAC 13B .0501. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
13. Driving of unlicensed vehicles, motorbikes, mini-bikes or golf carts, etc. in a park.
07 NCAC 13B .0501. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
14. Parking in undesignated areas. 07 NCAC 13B .0502. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 25
15. Leaving a vehicle unattended for longer than 12 hours or overnight without a permit.
07 NCAC 13B .0502. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
16. Obstructing traffic in a park. 07 NCAC 13B .0503. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
17. Using boats, rafts, surfboards, personal watercraft, canoes, or other vessels in swimming areas.
07 NCAC 13B .0601. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 25
18. Launching boats, rafts or canoes from undesignated areas.
07 NCAC 13B .0601. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 25 and Costs
19. Unlawful mooring of boats, etc. impeding use of dock, wharf, pier or launch facility.
07 NCAC 13B .0601(d). [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
20. Unlawful use of boating access area. 07 NCAC 13B .0601(e). [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
21. Camping violations. 07 NCAC 13B .0602. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs
22. Participating in athletic contest in undesignated areas. 07 NCAC 13B .0701. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 25 and Costs
23. Using skateboards, rollerblades, roller skates, or similar devices in prohibited areas.
07 NCAC 13B .0701. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 10
24. Riding or unloading horses in undesignated areas. 07 NCAC 13B .0702. [G.S. 143B-135.16] \$ 35 and Costs

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25. Fishing in undesignated areas. 07 NCAC 13B .0802. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 25
26. Fishing without paying required fees. 07 NCAC 13B .0802 [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 25 and Costs
27. Collecting live specimens for fishing bait in a park. 07 NCAC 13B .0802. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
28. Setting fires in undesignated places or when prohibited by park employees. 07 NCAC 13B .0903. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 50 and Costs
29. Failing to tend to fires in designated areas. 07 NCAC 13B .0903. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 50 and Costs
30. Producing noise, music or other sounds that annoy, disturb or frighten park users. 07 NCAC 13B .1001. [G.S. 143B-135.16; G.S. 113-264(a)]	\$ 35 and Costs
31. Possession, consumption or sale of alcoholic beverage or controlled substance in park. 07 NCAC 13B .1003. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
32. Being intoxicated in a park. 07 NCAC 13B .1003. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
33. Violation of Alcoholic Beverage Special Activity Permit conditions. 07 NCAC 13B .1003. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
34. Allowing animal in swimming, bath, restaurant or cabin area in park; or allowing animal to be unattended; or allowing unleashed animal in park; or allowing animal outside of vehicle or tent between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. 07 NCAC 13B .1004. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
35. Engaging in commercial enterprise in park without permit. 07 NCAC 13B .1101. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
36. Taking photographs for commercial purposes in park without permit. 07 NCAC 13B .1102. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
37. Erecting or posting notice or advertisement without permit. 07 NCAC 13B .1104. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
38. Conducting meeting, performing ceremony, or making speech without permit. 07 NCAC 13B .1105. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
39. Entering and/or remaining in park before or after posted hours of operation without permit. 07 NCAC 13B .1201. [G.S. 143B-135.16]	\$ 35 and Costs
40. Intentional or reckless littering under G.S. 14-399(c) [charges of second offenses under G.S. 14-399(c) are not waivable]	\$500 and Costs
41. Unintentional littering under G.S. 14-399(c1) [charges of second offenses under G.S. 14-399(c1) are not waivable]	\$ 50 and Costs

OTHER POLICIES RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATION OFFENSES:

1. G.S. 7A-148 provides that the Conference of Chief District Court Judges shall prepare a "uniform schedule" of waivable Parks and Recreation offenses under G.S. Chapter 143B, and shall otherwise promote the "uniform administration of justice." In accordance with this statutory mandate, all judicial districts must adhere to this schedule, and individual judicial district policies deviating from this schedule are prohibited.
2. Where more than one charge is made on a criminal process or pleading, the defendant shall be fined only for the offense carrying the highest fine. Only one bill of costs will be assessed.
3. When a defendant is charged on the same criminal process or pleading with an offense(s) waivable under this schedule and an offense(s) that is not waivable, the defendant must appear in court to answer the waivable and non-waivable charges.
4. Parks and Recreation offenses are not waivable if the person charged has been convicted of any Parks and Recreation offense within the previous two years.
5. This schedule does not apply to littering charges under G.S. 14-399(c) or (c1), if the defendant is charged with a second offense under the subsection.
6. When a defendant is charged with multiple offenses arising out of the same event or transaction, only one criminal process or pleading should be used to the greatest extent possible given the limits of the electronic or paper pleadings provided by the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts.