

**Chippewa Township
Nature Preserve Rules**

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1. The Chippewa Township Nature Preserve is open for public use.
2. Nature Preserve hours are seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Requests for additional hours past dusk must be approved by Chippewa Township Trustees. All requests must be submitted in writing and advance notification must be given to Chippewa Rogues Hollow Historical Society by the township.
3. Out of respect for nature, no person shall purposely, knowingly, recklessly or negligently handle or feed the wild animals, destroy or remove any tree, flower, shrub, grass, artifact or any part thereof from the Nature Preserve property.
4. The use of, or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Smoking is not permitted in the Nature Preserve.
5. In the interest of safety, the use of firearms, fireworks, explosives or other projectiles of any kind are strictly prohibited in the Nature Preserve.
6. The burial of anyone or anything including the spreading or depositing of cremains on Nature Preserve property is strictly prohibited.
7. Fires shall be permitted in a fireplace, charcoal burner or established charcoal grills and fire pits only. Must have prior authorization to use open fire pits. No grills allowed in the pavilion. Grills to be use outside only, away from any structures. Portable stoves or grills are prohibited on picnic tables.
8. Fishing, hunting, trapping or molesting of the wildlife is prohibited.
9. Swimming or wading is not permitted in the Nature Preserve.
10. Camping is prohibited, except organized groups with prior written permission of township Trustees.
11. In the interest of safety, all pets must be kept under control by their owner at all times and remain on a leash that is no greater than eight feet (8') in length. Pet owners must clean up after their pets. In addition, these pets are permitted on trails only. No equestrian use is permitted.
12. All users of the Nature Preserve must stay on and use only properly marked trails, boardwalks and lawn areas.
13. No person shall operate a bicycle on or over a grassy area, walkway, path or any other area not established for vehicle operation within the preserve. No person shall ride, operate or use a skateboard, skates, roller blades or other similar devices within or upon the grounds of the Nature Preserve. Cross-country and snowshoeing is approved.
14. The use of snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles on the Nature Preserve property is strictly prohibited.
15. The use of mopeds or motorbikes is strictly prohibited.
16. All trash shall be deposited in properly marked receptacles or taken by the visitor out of the Nature Preserve. Disposal of hot coals upon the grounds or within trash containers is prohibited.
17. No person shall conduct himself, by word or by act, in a riotous, disorderly or other manner so as to disturb the peace and good order of the Nature Preserve. No person shall use insulting, abusive, threatening, profane or indecent language in the preserve.
18. No person shall disturb the good order and quiet of the Nature Preserve by creating unnecessary or unreasonable noise by the use of loud speakers, boom boxes, radios, the playing of recorded music, the use of sound systems or any other means at a level and/or volume which interferes with the enjoyment of others within or near immediate area. Properly sponsored public functions are excluded from this provision.
19. No posting or distributing of signs of any type shall be permitted.
20. Chippewa Township assumes no responsibility or obligation for damage to any vehicles or property owned by users of any of the Nature Preserve property.
21. Chippewa Township assumes no responsibility or obligation for injury that may occur on Nature Preserve premises or while using Nature Preserve facilities.
22. Preserve in designated areas. Vehicles left in Nature Preserve area unattended after hours can be subject to being towed.
23. Groups wishing to use the pavilion at the Chippewa Township Nature Preserve shall contact the Chippewa township trustee office at 14228 Galehouse Road by calling 330-658-2112 during normal business hours. All requests are to be made Monday – Thursday between the hours of 8:00 and 3:00. The Chippewa Township Nature Preserve rules for the pavilion are the same as those listed for the Chippewa Township Nature Preserve Property.
23. It will be the responsibility of those who reserve the pavilion for parties or meetings to clean up all debris and clean off all tables.

_____ (Applicant initials)