



# Scout Guidelines

*The staff at Shiloh National Military Park welcomes you. We hope that you have an enjoyable and safe visit. Please take a few minutes to review this information and share it with your group.*

## **DOGS IN THE PARK**

Dogs must be restrained on a leash at all times. When you enter the park, be sure that you do not allow any stray dogs or pets to follow you. Often times, scouts will feed, pet, and play with neighborhood dogs. This sometimes results in the dogs accompanying or following the group into the park. This has become a park issue of concern and scout leaders must recognize, if this happens, the adult leader of the scouts is responsible for the dogs. This includes the dogs' behavior and returning them to their owners.

## **WALKING IN THE ROAD**

When walking in the park, scouts must remain COMPLETELY off the pavement. Keep your group together and ensure each and every member walks on the same side/shoulder of the road. Please remember that roads are made for vehicles to travel on and not every driver is as courteous and attentive as they should be. When crossing a roadway, safely cross the pavement as a group and not individually.

## **TRASH**

Ensure that your scouts are not dropping trash on the ground. We look to scouts to be good example. Please, do not discard candy wrappers and empty water bottles along the routes where scouts travel. Remember the mantra, "pack out what you pack in."

## **LUNCH**

The park has designated a picnic area on Highway 22. The park also has picnic tables and trash cans in the visitor center parking area. Do not allow your group to eat lunch in front of or around monuments and plaques. Also, please be mindful that the visitor center parking lot can become very congested with vehicles. Monitor your group to ensure that they are not interfering with the flow of traffic or placing themselves in danger. Remember that when drivers are backing up, they may have a difficult time seeing people who are sitting on the ground. It is also likely that they will be distracted by the excitement of arriving to the park and seeing the many sites.

## **SITTING AND CLIMBING ON MONUMENTS, CANNONS, AND FENCES**

Do not allow members of your group to sit or climb on any structure, commemorative feature (i.e. cannon, markers, monuments, National Cemetery walls, etc.) or natural feature (i.e. trees etc.) in the park. This is dangerous for the individual and it also may result in damage to the structure.

## **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Shiloh National Military Park was created in order to preserve and educate the public about the historic significance of the Civil War battle fought here and to commemorate the sacrifices made by the soldiers. It is considered hallowed ground and a shrine to many visitors. Recreational activities such as baseball, football, frisbee throwing, and kite flying have been deemed inappropriate except in the official picnic

area. Please ensure that members of your group do not participate in this type of activity during your visit. Recreational type activities such as these are limited to the park picnic area on Highway 22.

### **REMOVING ITEMS FROM THE PARK**

Shiloh National Military Park is a unit of the National Park System, stewarded by the National Park Service. One goal of the National Park Service is to protect and preserve all resources within its boundaries. Resources include even a seemingly insignificant flower or feather. Please ensure that your scouts understand this principal and do not remove any natural or cultural items. By doing this, you can ensure that the next group or individual will have the opportunity to see that same object and experience the same joy and excitement that you felt. This also helps to insure a healthy natural environment.

### **PARK HOURS**

The park hours of operation are from sunrise to sunset. Plan your visit and hikes accordingly. No non-authorized recreational visits or use are permitted from sunset to sunrise.

### **RESTROOM CLEANLINESS**

Restrooms are provided for the convenience of all park visitors. Please make sure your scouts leave them as clean as you find them.

**Signature of Scout Leader** \_\_\_\_\_

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