

Rules & Regulations

For the NORTH COAST INLAND TRAIL as managed by Firelands Rails-to-Trails

Firelands Rails-to-Trails, Inc., a non-profit 501c3 corporation of the State of Ohio, is the designated manager, maintenance organization and developer of the Huron County section of the North Coast Inland Trail (NCIT) in partnership with area park districts who are co-owners of the trail and its ancillary properties. FRTTI is also partner with the Buckeye Trail Association and will work in cooperation with ODOT as part of US/Ohio Bike Route 30. Both the Buckeye Trail and US Bike Route 30 utilize portions of the NCIT as their route.

The Rules and Regulations are hereby posted and govern all trail and FRTTI Property use as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Firelands Rails-to-Trails, Incorporated. These Rules and Regulations are posted on trail property in Monroeville at the Rt. 99 Depot Shed and are found on the FRTTI Website:

www.frtti.org

Adoption of these Rules and Regulations was done in a formal meeting of the FRTTI Board. The adoption action is noted, below, at the end of the Rules and Regulations.

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Definition of Terms:

The following terms as used in the rules and regulations herein shall mean:

"FRTTI" means Firelands Rails-to-Trails, Incorporated.

"Board" means the Board of Firelands Rails-to-Trails, Inc., or its designated representative.

"Designee" means any member of FRTTI assigned specific tasks or delegated authority by the Board in the absence of the President.

"President" means the elected president of FRTTI.

"NCIT" means, North Coast Inland Trail

"FRTTI /NCIT Property" means any and all real land and waters owned, controlled, or administered by FRTTI in partnership with its Park District fellow owners in Huron County, Ohio, constituting the North Coast Inland Trail within the county.

“Person” or “Persons” include individual persons and corporations, businesses, trusts, estates, partnerships and associations, except employees or agents of FRTTI acting in their official capacity and association.

“Posted” means and requires that the FRTTI Board shall cause to be displayed appropriate regulations and operational policies at a location and in such a manner that they are reasonably accessible to Park visitors during regular hours of operation. This encompasses use of the FRTTI Website and physical posting at the Rt 99 Depot Shed in Monroeville, OH.

“Property” means real and personal property.

“Volunteer Trail Patrol” hereafter, "VTP," means a member of the FRTTI Volunteer Trail Patrol operating under its training and guidelines.

“Special function” means any function so designated and defined by the FRTTI President and/or Board.

“Special function designated area” means any such area so defined or limited by the FRTTI Board.

Singular and Plural uses of the terms above are considered at one with the definitions above, but in keeping with the needs of standard English grammar. Said rules and regulations are as follows:

1.0 Compliance with Rules, Signs, and Orders

1.01 All visitors to FRTTI property are subject to and bound by the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of FRTTI. Failure to comply with those rules may result exclusion from FRTTI/NCIT property and/or referral to law enforcement agency/ies for intervention.

1.02 VTP patrol persons and FRTTI Board executive officers, as well as law enforcement officers, are authorized to issue reasonable orders or directives to FRTTI/NCIT visitors when in the their opinion, an activity being conducted by the visitor constitutes a hazard, endangers the personal safety of the participants or other visitors, causes threat of damage to FRTTI facilities or natural resources, or endangers the good order of FRTTI/NCIT property

1.03 No person shall ignore, disobey, fail or refuse to comply with any request, direction, or lawful order given by a law enforcement officer acting under the Ohio Revised Code, or a VTP patrol person, or FRTTI Board executive officer acting under authority of FRTTI Rules & Regulations. No person shall willfully hamper, impede, resist, obstruct, or interfere with a VTP patrol person or FRTTI officer/s or volunteers in the execution of their office or duties.

1.04 No person shall commit a nuisance or obstruction, harass, or use abusive or insulting language toward any officer or volunteer of the FRTTI.

1.05 No person shall interfere with, unreasonably disrupt, delay, or in any manner hinder any officer or volunteer engaged in the performance of his duties.

ORC 2921.31, 32 Obstructing

2.0 Permits

2.01 Group Use Permits for organized events exceeding 25 persons or for other special trail-related events may be obtained by application via the FRTTI Website in advance of the intended event utilizing the trail or its ancillary properties. See the website for additional information and form(s). Permits are issued solely at the discretion of the FRTTI Board for trail-related activities only.

2.01a "Trail-related" events/activities are, but not limited to recreation such as: walks, hikes, runs, bike rides, nature hikes, historical hikes, athletic training, law enforcement and military physical training, pan-trail events (involving cooperating trail partner judicatories).

2.02 No person shall sponsor, promote, conduct or participate in any special activity, meeting, parade, concert, show, exhibit, bazaar, sporting event, musical performance, wedding ceremony, wedding reception, assembly, rally, picketing, protests, riots, occupations, children's day camp, camp drills, public meeting, demonstration, speech or addresses, marches, political meeting, or other un-authorized non-trail related activity. These types of activities are strictly prohibited. *Permits will NOT be issued for such events that are NOT trail-related.*

2.03 At the discretion of the FRTTI Board, usage fees may be waived or reduced. Fees paid for the use of a facility may be refunded in accordance with established refund policy.

2.04 No person shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of issuance of such a permit.

2.05 No person shall fail to present a proper receipt, registration or permit upon request by any law enforcement officer, FRTTI officer or VTP person for verification.

2.06 No person shall refuse to leave an area that they hold a permit for if ordered to do so by a FRTTI officer or VTP patrol person.

2.07 No event or activity sponsored or promoted by a person or organization shall be permitted if the FRTTI Board finds and determines it will constitute hazards and dangers to the personal safety of the participants or other FRTTI/NCIT visitors, causes serious threat of damage to FRTTI property, endangers peace and good order, interferes with the regular and normal use of FRTTI/NCIT facilities and activities by visitors, or is inconsistent with the appropriate use of FRTTI/NCIT property as defined herein or by policy or directives.

2.08 No person, group, sponsor, organization or business shall fail to provide appropriate or required insurance coverage as a condition of their permit.

2.09 No person shall by act or speech, willfully or unreasonably hinder, interrupt, or interfere with any duly permitted activity, or unreasonably or willfully intrude upon any person or persons who have a permit.

2.10 No person, group, sponsor, organization or business shall fail to pay any fee or registration amount assessed by FRTTI.

3.0 Hours of Operation and Closing

3.01 No person shall enter, remain, stop, or park within the confines of FRTTI/NCIT property before the posted opening hours, or after sunset or posted closing hours, unless participating in an authorized FRTTI program.

3.02 No person shall be permitted to enter, remain, stop or park without written permission within any FRTTI property when the Board has closed that area. An area can be closed by signage, fence, barricade or by other means, when and if determined by the Board to be hazardous for the public use because of weather, water, fire, maintenance, construction, or other situation involving public health, safety or welfare, or to ensure the safety and good order of FRTTI property or facilitate the management and protection of natural resources.

3.03 Vehicles that are parked or left unattended on FRTTI property before the posted opening hours or after the hours of closing as described in this section are subject to removal at the owner's expense.

3.04 "Dusk" for the purpose of this rule, shall be the time of sunset, as published in the U.S. Naval Observatory Time Charts for the eastern Ohio area local time for that day of operation.

3.05 The Board may authorize and organize night time trail events or night time bike rides with a board-issued Group Use Permit.

3.06 Board Members are authorized to be on the trail after dusk for any and all reasons without any type of permit but must be able to show identification as a board member.

[ORC 2911.21 Criminal Trespass](#)

4.0 Alcoholic Beverages

4.01 No person shall possess, sell, offer for sale or consume any intoxicating liquor, wine, beer or alcoholic beverage while on park-owned or controlled property, except where a liquor license exists or in specific designated areas for specific events *authorized by the FRTTI Board*.

4.02 No person shall bring onto FRTTI property or into its facilities any intoxicating liquor or alcoholic beverage other than those sold by the licensed concessionaires.

[ORC 2917.11B Disorderly Conduct due to Intoxication](#)
[ORC 4301.62 Open Container](#)

ORC 4301.64 Consuming in Motor Vehicle
ORC 4301.632, 69E Under Age
ORC 4511.19 OMVI

5.0 Defacement, Destruction, Removal, or Disturbance of FRTTI Property

5.01 No person shall injure, alter, mark upon, tamper with, deface, destroy, disturb, or remove any property of another, of the FRTTI buildings, signs, historical markers, signs, barricades, fences, kiosks, benches, bridges, vehicles, equipment, or other property found therein, nor shall any person cut, carve, sculpt, damage, destroy, disturb, remove or attempt to remove any sand, gravel, woodchips, mulch, fungus, mushroom, deer sheds, rock, concretion, historic or prehistoric artifact, mineral, vegetation crop such as tree, shrub, plant, flower or its fruit or seed. Removal of any and all railroad or historical artifacts is strictly prohibited.

ORC 2909.07 Criminal Mischief
ORC 2909.06 Criminal Damaging
ORC 2913 Theft

5.02 No person shall cut down, destroy, girdle or injure a vine, bush, shrub, sapling, tree or crop within the confines and boundaries of FRTTI property.

5.03 No person shall mark with paint or any other substance or place any obstruction in or upon a roadway, parking lot or trail within the confines and boundaries of FRTTI/NCIT property without proper authority.

5.04 No person shall operate an off-road or all terrain vehicle, golf cart, moped, mini-bike, motorcycle, or snowmobile on FRTTI property who is not engaged in official FRTTI work projects or details.

5.05 Motorized vehicles, inclusive of battery and/or fuel powered conveyances are prohibited on the NCIT and FRTTI property save for mobility/ambulation assistance vehicles limited to a single disabled operator.

6.0 Releasing of Plants and Animals Prohibited:

6.01 No person shall abandon, release or cause to be released onto or into any park, any plant or cultured seed of any type, or any wild or domestic pet or animal, bird, fish or reptile. No person shall release into the air, water, or onto the ground at any FRTTI/NCIT property any man-made or natural material or product, including but not limited to rubber, latex or mylar balloons (regardless of any purported biodegradable characteristics), ribbons, candles, confetti, artificial wreaths and flowers, lanterns, or any type of seed, plant, insect, reptile, bird, animal, or similar materials that may create a nuisance or produce a deleterious effect to FRTTI/NCIT property.

6.02 No person shall bring into or onto any FRTTI property any regulated or potentially harmful species or material as determined by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources or other recognized authority relating to plant and animal science and conservation.

7.0 Litter, Dumping, Importing Refuse (Litter):

7.01 No person shall, regardless of intent, throw, drop, discard, place or deposit litter, trash, rubbish, garbage, debris, grass clippings, brush, leaves or any other form of refuse in or on any FRTTI-owned or controlled lands or waters except in a receptacle designed for that purpose.

7.02 Importing Trash: No person shall import, leave behind, or dump any material of any kind in a receptacle or upon any area administered by FRTTI unless that person has been directed to do so by the FRTTI Board or has been issued a permit to do so. This does not apply to normal refuse generated as the result of a picnic on FRTTI property unless the area is designated as a "carry-in, carry-out".

7.03 Burning Materials: No person shall dispose of or discard any lighted match, cigar, or cigarette, nor deposit any burning material or hot ashes on any vegetation or in refuse receptacles within or adjacent to FRTTI property.

7.04 Stream Litter: No person shall, either within or adjacent to any FRTTI owned or controlled property, place, deposit, or permit to be placed or deposited into the air, river, brook, stream, ditch or drain that flows into or through FRTTI property any noxious or deleterious material which may harmful or inimical to health or to animal, vegetation, aquatic life, nor shall anyone:

7.04a place, deposit, or permit to be placed or deposited into the air, river, brook, stream, ditch or drain that flows into or through FRTTI lands, any noxious or deleterious material which may render FRTTI waters or land harmful or inimical to public health, or to animal, vegetation or aquatic life, OR...

7.04b which may prevent, limit or interfere with the use of such waters for domestic, industrial or agricultural purposes, or which may lessen to an unreasonable degree the use and enjoyment of such waters for park use.

7.04c No bottles, cans, refuse or foreign material of any description shall be deposited or thrown in any of the streams or waterways on FRTTI property.

8.0 Air Pollution:

8.01 No person, occupant, owner or person in charge, by himself, his agent, or employee, shall cause, suffer, or allow burning of garbage, waste material, trash refuse, vehicle or any part thereof, or other combustible within or adjacent to FRTTI/NCIT so as to cause smoke, odor, sparks, dust, dirt, or other residue to come upon, pass through, or over the property which would cause air pollution, nuisance, or danger.

[ORC 3767.32 Litter Prohibited](#)
[ORC 1531.29 Refuse Disposal Prohibited](#) [ORC 4511.82 Littering from a Motor Vehicle](#)
[ORC 4513.31 Securing of Loads](#) [ORC 1547.49 Littering from a Boat](#)
[ORC 3767.14 Prohibition Against Throwing Refuse, Oil, or Filth into Lakes, Streams, or Drains](#)
[ORC 3767.16 Prohibition Against Deposit of Dead Animals or Offal Upon Land and Water](#)
[ORC 3767.18 Prohibition Against Defiling Spring or Well](#)
[ORC 3767.29 Abandoned Refrigerators](#)

9.0 Weapons, Firearms, Fireworks, Explosives, Bows And Arrows:

9.01 Weapons and Firearms. The unlawful possession, use or discharge of deadly weapons and firearms, as defined by [Section 2923.11 of the Ohio Revised Code](#), is prohibited on FRTTI/NCIT property.

9.02 Concealed Weapons. Persons possessing a valid license to carry or have a firearm under the Ohio Revised Code may carry a concealed firearm on FRTTI property. Open carry of firearms is subject to discretion of local law enforcement.

9.03 Discharge of Weapons. No person shall discharge firearms of any description, air or gas gun, BB or pellet gun, black powder gun, stun gun, taser, paintball gun, smoke bomb, martial arts weapon, billy club, sling shot, boomerang, or any missile-throwing device within FRTTI property.

9.04 Firearms Education. Firearms or weapons may be permitted for the purpose of educational or cultural programs through the issuance of a special permit by the FRTTI Board.

9.05 Fireworks. No person shall possess, set off, discharge or ignite any fireworks or explosive, visible or audible substances or other pyrotechnics within FRTTI property except for licensed exhibitors or fireworks with written permit.

9.06 Arrows/Bolts. No person shall release an arrow from a bow, crossbow or longbow within FRTTI property except in areas designated as archery ranges, or by written permit.

[ORC 3734.65 Discharge Prohibited – Fireworks](#)
[ORC 2923 Firearms Section](#)
[ORC 3773 Firearms Section](#)

10.0 Peddling, Soliciting Gifts, Donations, Commercial Enterprises:

10.01 No person shall fundraise, canvass, beg, hawk, peddle, distribute literature, solicit for gift or donation, sell, offer for sale, solicit orders for sale, any article, thing, wares, merchandise of value, privilege, or service on FRTTI property unless applied for and have been issued express written permission by the FRTTI Board.

10.02 All vendors will operate with all necessary and valid concession vendor permits.

10.03 No person shall take or cause to be taken any still or motion pictures or sketches, or paintings for commercial advertising without express written permission from the FRTTI Board. This includes images or renderings of trail structures or the trail itself.

10.04 No person shall manage, operate, or engage in gambling of any kind, or have any machine or other device upon the act of which money is staked, bet, awarded, won or lost. Any such machine or device shall be subject to seizure and confiscation by law enforcement officers as appropriate.

10.05 No person shall bring in, set up, construct, manage or operate any amusement contraption without prior written approval, or the necessary insurance or permits required by the Ohio Department of Agriculture or other regulatory agency.

11.0 Public Assemblies in Designated Areas:

11.01 No person shall engage or participate in any special activity, meeting, parade, public assembly, rally, picketing, demonstration, protest, riot, occupation, speech or address, march, political meeting, or other organized activity that is not FRTTI/NCIT, i.e., trail-related.

12.0 Advertising and Signs:

12.01 Posting, Display, Signs: No person shall expose, distribute, post, place any sign, poster, advertisement or circular, handbill, notice, emblem or design on FRTTI property, nor paint, mark, write, or print in any manner upon any FRTTI property without first obtaining a written permit.

12.02 Reasonable, freestanding directional signs of the day of an event, provided such signs are removed at the conclusion of the event are permitted.

12.03 Signs, flowers, decorations and memorials shall not be placed on the trail or affixed to trees, gates or other FRTTI property unless approved by the FRTTI Board.

12.04 Persons may attach decorations or signs to a shelter for the purpose of identifying group location using only masking tape or other non-marring adhesive. Decorations shall be removed prior to vacating the shelter.

12.05 No person, organization or business shall use FRTTI name, logo, emblem, trademark or any FRTTI symbol or signs without first obtaining written permission from the FRTTI Board.

12.06 No person shall place, upon the trail or FRTTI Property any memorial device without the permission of the FRTTI Board. Memorial items will be held by FRTTI for 30 days before disposal.

13.0 Indecent Conduct, Exposure and Solicitation:

13.01 No person shall appear in a park in a state of nudity, or perform or engage in masturbation, sexual contact or conduct, or simulated sexual conduct, or engage in conduct which to an ordinary observer would appear to be sexual conduct or masturbation, nor make any indecent exposure of his or her person, or -

13.01a Solicit another to engage in sexual contact, or,

13.01b Solicit another to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene, or indecent act or behavior.

ORC 2907.04 Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor

ORC 2907.07 Importuning

ORC 2907.09 Public Indecency ORC 2907.24 Soliciting

ORC 2907.24.1 Loitering to Engage in Solicitation

14.0 Disorderly Behavior:

No Person Shall:

14.01 Smoke a tobacco or vapor product in or within 50 feet of any public building or structure, during any public event, refuse to immediately extinguish any lighted cigarette, cigar or similar item when asked to by any officer, volunteer or representative, or smoke a tobacco or vapor product if prohibited under local ordinance.

14.02 Utter any profane, obscene, offensive or abusive language or ethnic slur, make unreasonable noise, display or gesture while within a park, or insult, taunt or challenge another person under circumstances in which such conduct is likely to provoke a violent response.

14.03 Engage in conduct that to an ordinary observer would likely be offensive or to cause inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or engage in conduct or create a condition which presents a risk of physical harm to oneself or another, or to the property of another.

14.04 Play any game(s) of chance for monetary or material gain within the confines of any FRTTI property.

14.05 Play or operate any public address device, radio, stereo, tape player, television, musical instrument or other sound-producing device at a volume that can be heard by others and may offend, disturb or cause alarm to others not in control of the equipment.

14.06 Operate or play any toy sirens, drums, loud speakers, bells, horns or other signal or warning devices and other noise-making devices; or engage in noisy, boisterous, disorderly or loud behavior which impairs the tranquil atmosphere of FRTTI/NCIT property, or in any manner disturbs the peace and good order of others, or impairs the enjoyment of FRTTI visitors.

14.07 No person operating a vehicle on FRTTI property shall sound the vehicle's horn or other warning device except in an emergency.

ORC 2917.11 Disorderly Conduct Persisting
ORC 2917.11B Disorderly Conduct by Intoxication

15.0 Dogs, Cats, Horses, and Other Animals

15.01 Except for assistance dogs or other animal assistants used by persons with disabilities, no person shall bring any dog, cat, household pet or other animal destructive to wildlife in any part of FRTTI property that is not designated for such use. Where permitted, dogs must have a valid registration tag and be controlled at all times on a hand-held leash *not more than* six (6) feet long.

15.02 No owner or custodian shall fail to immediately clean up, remove and place into a rubbish receptacle in a sanitary manner any excrement left by his or her pet.

15.03 No person shall wash any pet at a water fountain, pump or other water source.

15.04 No person shall bring into any park any pet unless he/she has proof of current rabies inoculation for the animal and a collar and tag with registration number attached to the animal.

15.05 No person shall leave a domestic dog, cat, or other pet unattended.

15.06 No person shall lead, or permit to be led, any leashed pet or animal while in or on a moving motor vehicle or bicycle.

15.07 No person shall mistreat any animal within the confines of any FRTTI/NCIT property.

15.08 No pet or other animal shall be allowed to disturb or become obnoxious or a nuisance to other users of FRTTI property by frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping, or creating unreasonable loud or disturbing noises of such a character, intensity and duration as to disturb the peace, quiet and good order of the FRTTI or NCIT property.

15.09 No person shall feed or cause to be fed any bird, waterfowl, deer or other animal unless authorized by the FRTTI Board to do so for wildlife management education or other lawful purpose.

15.10 Horses, ponies, and miniature horses are permitted anywhere on FRTTI property with the exception of the gardens at Morrow Park.

16.0 Swimming/Diving:

16.01 Swimming Prohibited No person shall at any time swim, wade, bathe or enter into any waterway within the FRTTI property.

16.02 Diving Prohibited No person shall at any time dive off of any FRTTI bridge or other structure into any waterway within FRTTI property. This includes the Norwalk Double Arch Bridge and its Overlook, the Monroeville Route 99 Trestle, the Wakeman Bruce L. Chapin Bridge and all other water crossing structures included in FRTTI property.

17.0 Sledding and Snowmobiling

17.01 No person shall sled ride by gravity, pulling, or other means; or sleigh ride behind horses on the trail or on FRTTI property.

17.02 Snowmobiling prohibited on all FRTTI/NCIT property.

18.0 Traffic:

18.01 Except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in this section, the Board hereby adopts the definitions contained in the Ohio Revised Code.

19.0 Parking:

19.01 No person shall operate, stop, store, stand or park a vehicle (except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to comply with the provisions of this parking code, or while obeying the directions of a law enforcement officer or a traffic control device in any part of the following places):

19.02 On any trail.

19.03 On the approach apron of any section of trail at intersections with public roads.

19.04 At any location that has been gated, barricaded or posted as closed by the FRTTI Board.

19.05 Upon sod or gravel not specifically designated as a parking area.

19.06 In violation of ORC parking laws/restrictions:

On a sidewalk

Within an intersection

Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant

On a crosswalk

Within one foot of another vehicle

At any place where signs prohibit parking, stopping, or standing are posted or where the curbing or street is painted yellow, or at any place in excess of the maximum time limited by signs.

In any parking space that is reserved for use by vehicles that are issue4d and are properly displaying a handicapped placard

or registration plate.
Where such spaces are marked, no person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle in such a manner as to occupy more than one space.
Block another parked vehicle or restrict or impede the normal flow of traffic.
Roadside parking is subject to discretion of local law enforcement.

ORC 4511.68

20.0 Tractor/Trailers:

20.01 Except where authorized, no agricultural tractor, commercial tractor, commercial car, semi-tractor or vehicle designed for the transportation of goods and materials, loaded or empty, as defined in ORC 4501.01 (C), (D), (J) or (P) shall be operated by any person over any road or driven within any FRTI property. All Contractor, Utility, or Railroad access via the trail must be approved in advance, in writing, by the Board.

20.02 Law enforcement officers may cause to be removed and unattended vehicle that obstructs FRTTI/NCIT property or traffic when a vehicle is unattended upon any street, bridge, trailway, or where the vehicle constitutes an obstruction such as a hazard to traffic, when a vehicle displays illegal license plates, is damaged or wrecked so as to be inoperable, when used in the commission of a felony, is stolen or operated without consent of the owner or without a lawful license, the officer may cause such vehicle to be removed to the nearest authorized garage or other place of safety at the owner's expense. FRTTI shall not be responsible for any fee, charge, or damage arising from such removal.

ORC 4511.66-69 Parking/Unattended
ORC 4513.60-65 Abandoned Vehicles

21.0 Maintenance of Vehicles:

21.01 No person shall perform any non-emergency maintenance or repairs on any vehicle on any FRTTI property or use any motor vehicle out of repair, loaded or operated as to cause or create disturbing and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, thumping, rumbling or other noise.

22.0 Traffic Control Devices:

22.01 No pedestrian or driver of a vehicle or bicycle shall disobey any traffic control sign or device unless otherwise, at that time, directed by law enforcement officer.

ORC 4511.12 Obeying Traffic Control Devices

23.0 Racing:

23.01 No person shall participate in street racing upon any FRTTI-owned land or roadway.

ORC 4511.20 Reckless Operation
ORC 4511.25.1 Drag Racing

24.0 Disregard of Safety:

24.01 No person shall operate a vehicle in a reckless manner or in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of other persons, pedestrians, or property on FRTTI-owned or operated lands.

ORC 4511.20 Reckless Operation

25.0 Left of Center / Right of Marked Lanes:

25.01 Upon all roads and drives of sufficient width, a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or when otherwise directed by a traffic control device, law enforcement officer, or other official within the park.

ORC 4511.25 Lane of Travel

ORC 4511.29 Left of Center

26.0 Speed:

26.01 No person shall operate, propel, drive or cause to be driven or be propelled along any road or drive within the park any vehicle at a speed greater than those posted, reasonable and proper for the safe operation of the vehicle or the traffic conditions found to exist at any intersection, special hazard such as playground, picnic area, trail crossing, parking lots, narrow or winding roads, weather or road conditions and pedestrian, equestrian or bicycle traffic or other place upon any part of the roads or drives under the supervision of the FRTTI. In the absence of a posted speed limit the speed shall not exceed 20 miles per hour.

ORC 4511.21 Speed

ORC 4511.21B Excessive Speed

27.0 Assured Clear Distance:

27.01 The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicle and the traffic upon and the condition of the street that will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

ORC 4511.21 A

28.0 Endangerment:

28.01 No person shall solicit a ride, employment, business or contributions from a driver or occupant of any vehicle.

28.02 No person shall hang onto, or knowingly permit anyone to hang onto, or ride on the outside of any motor vehicle, any bicycle, coaster, roller skates or sled while it is moving upon a roadway or trail within the FRTTI/NCIT property.

29.0 Roadways:

29.01 No person shall use any portion of FRTTI/NCIT property for purpose of way except drives, roadways, paths, walks, and trails established for such purpose.

29.02 Paths established as bridle paths, foot paths or bicycle paths shall not be used for motor vehicles. FRTTI volunteer maintenance and governmental emergency vehicles excepted.

29.03 No person shall make entrance / exit to FRTTI Property except by the established points of entry.

29.04 No person shall drive upon or along any FRTTI trail, road or drive which has been closed by means of being posted closed with barricades or gates. The FRTTI Board shall have the authority to order roads, drives, trails, trailheads, parking lots or other facilities closed for construction, reconstruction, repair, investigation, weather conditions, or an unsafe condition.

30.0 Unsecured Load:

30.01 No vehicle shall be driven or moved within FRTTI property unless such vehicle is so constructed, loaded or covered as to prevent any of its load from dropping, shifting, leaking or otherwise escaping there from or as to track or drop stones, gravel, agricultural by-products or other similar material on any FRTTI property or road.

ORC 4513 Load

31.0 Unsafe Vehicle:

31.01 No person shall drive, move or knowingly permit to be driven or moved within the park, a vehicle in an unsafe condition that could endanger any person.

32.0 Incorporation of State Traffic Laws:

32.01 These rules are in addition to and supplement to state traffic laws that are in force and made a part hereof.

ORC 4511, 4513

33.0 Camping:

33.01 Camping Prohibited: No person shall establish, conduct or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within FRTTI property.

33.02 Camping Rules: Currently, there is NO provision for camping on FRTTI property. Should camping become available with a partner organization or governmental entity, FRTTI reserves the right to edit and amend this section to reflect changed circumstances with the adoption of appropriate rules and regulations.

34.0 All-purpose, All-terrain Vehicles, E-BIKES:

34.01 Snowmobiles Prohibited: No person shall operate a snowmobile or other self-propelled vehicle steered by skis, runners, or caterpillar treads which is designed to travel in snow or ice-covered surfaces as defined in section 4519.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code upon any FRTTI-owned or administered property.

34.02 Motorized Vehicles Prohibited: No person shall operate a motorized vehicle that is steered by wheels or caterpillar treads or operates on a cushion of air, vehicles commonly known as "all-purpose vehicles", all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), all-season vehicles, mini-bikes, trail bikes, any vehicle principally used in playing golf, any motor vehicle or aircraft required to be registered under Chapter 4503 or Chapter 4561 of the Ohio Revised Code and any vehicle excepted from definition as a motor vehicle by Division (B) of Section 4501.1 of the Ohio Revised Code on any property owned or administered by FRTTI except by FRTTI personnel for maintenance, safety or trail monitoring purposes.

34.03 E-Bikes: Only Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are permitted on FRTTI/NCIT property and only on such trails and paths as designated by FRTTI Board. Such designated trails and paths, as may be designated, can be found on the FRTTI website.

34.04 E-Bikes: Class III are NOT permitted on FRTTI/NCIT property. No person shall operate a Class 3 e-bike on any pathway on FRTTI property nor on sod or gravel areas not specifically designated as a parking area, nor on or within bike trails set aside for the use of bicycles or a shared-use path.

34.05 E-bike riders must comply with all regulations set forth in [Chapter 4511 of the Ohio Revised Code](#).

34.06 Any e-bike operating within the Park District after January 1, 2020 must display a permanent label affixed by the manufacturer identifying the classification of the e-bike.

34.07 No person shall operate any e-bike on any single lane or natural-surface trail, or on a pathway that is intended to be used primarily for mountain biking, hiking, equestrian use, or other similar uses. Such trails are exclusively for non-motorized use.

ORC 4519.01
ORC 4511.01: SSS, TTT, UUU
ORC 4511.52

35.0 Rappelling, Rock Climbing, Throwing Objects:

35.01 Rappelling, Rock Climbing: No person shall participate or assist in any type of rock, cliff or ice climbing, rope climbing, rappelling or ascending on any FRTTI property.

35.02 Rappelling, Climbing Equipment: No person, except FRTTI volunteers or contractors, shall use equipment or devices, including climbing spikes, ropes, harnesses, ladders, scaffolding for climbing trees, cliffs or rocks or man-made structures and facilities of FRTTI. This specifically enjoins climbing on FRTTI bridges, trestles, viaducts, levies or other such structures.

35.03 No person shall throw, toss, propel, or cause, directly or indirectly, the throwing, tossing, dropping or propelling of any object over or off any precipice, bridge, trestle, observation tower, or other similar structure or natural formation.

36.0 Use of FRTTI Structures, Areas:

36.01 No person shall utilize any structure, facility or area administered by FRTTI and upon vacating said structure, facility or area, cause it be left in a state of clutter or disarray, unsanitary or unclean, inclusive or but not limited to food scraps, animal droppings, or materials commonly used for decorating.

36.02 Upon reserving any facility, structure, or area, that person shall accept liability for any breakage, destruction, or removal of FRTTI property by any member of their group as a condition of receiving the applicable permit.

36.03 FRTTI Volunteers may remove material supplies or decorations or memorials left unattended. Items will be stored for 30 days before disposal. Owners of said decorations and memorials may contact the FRTTI Board for retrieval.

36.04 No person shall operate a generator within the park without the expressed permission of the FRTTI Board.

37.0 Horse Riding:

37.01 Horse riding is permitted on the NCIT within FRTTI jurisdiction (Huron County) on *unpaved sections of the trail*.

37.02 No person shall use, drive or operate a wagon, carriage, cart, sleigh, or sled on FRTTI property except by permit on approved trails.

37.03 While riding a horse or any domestic animal along the trail, the rider shall yield the right-of-way at all points where the trail crosses roads, drives, paths or parkways to vehicles or pedestrians.

37.04 No person shall ride a horse or other domestic animal on FRTTI/NCIT property without due regard for the safety, respect and well-being of vehicles, other riders, pedestrians, other equestrian riders and horses, and/or FRTTI property.

37.05 No person shall hitch or tie any horse or other animal to any tree, bush, shrub or building.

37.06 No person shall leave any horse unattended on FRTTI property except in cases of emergencies or exigent circumstances.

37.7 No person shall ride a horse on FRTTI/NCIT property except during posted hours of operation.

38.0 Aircraft, Balloons, Parachutes, etc.:

38.01 No person shall voluntarily bring, land or cause to ascend or descend, or alight upon or adjacent to FRTTI lands, any airplane, drone/UAS (unmanned aircraft system), flying machine, model rocket, balloon, glider, kite, parachute or other apparatus for aviation.

39.0 Toys / Metal Detectors:

39.01 No engine-powered, radio-controlled, self-propelled, free-sailing miniature model and toy airplanes, boats, cars, rockets, sirens or other noise-making devices are permitted to be started, operated, flown or used within the confines of the FRTTI property, without permit or within park areas designated for such use.

39.02 No battery or engine powered ride on toys are allowed on the NCIT or FRTTI property.

39.03 No person shall bring in or use any device or instrument used to detect metallic objects without prior written permission of the FRTTI Board. All abandoned/buried objects or artifacts – natural or manmade, along the NCIT right of way remain the property of FRTTI and may not be removed from FRTTI property.

39.04 Geocaching is permitted on the trail corridor on maintained / mowed surfaces, but not beyond the grass berms of the trail. Geocaching is permitted at all trailheads and trailhead parks with the exception of Ommert Farm. Geocaching is permitted as long as the surface is not altered (no digging) and the cache does not interfere with trail usage or cause danger to trail users.

40.0 North Coast Inland Trail and FRTTI-Developed Ancillary Trail(s):

40.01 No person shall be permitted off the posted trail(s) established by the FRTTI Board.

40.02 Person shall remain on the official, designated NCIT or improved trail(s) while on FRTTI property unless involved in a FRTTI program involving off-trail activity.

40.03 Use of trails may include bicycles, walking, hiking, jogging, wheelchairs, horseback riding, snow skis, and snowshoes (weather permitting).

40.04 Trail use shall only be as designated or posted. Designation may be letters, symbols or figures.

40.05 No person shall fail to obey any posted lane marking devices or operational policies.

40.06 Any person passing another person traveling in the same direction along the trail shall announce their intention before passing. No person shall pass another trail user in a manner that endangers the life, limb or property of any person while in the lawful use of roads, trails, or paths or causes inconvenience or alarms him or herself or other trail users.

40.07 No person shall exceed the posted speed limit or travel at speeds greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

40.08 No person shall operate any type of self-propelled vehicle or any vehicle moved by animal or human power upon any foot or unimproved trail unless by permit.

40.09 No person shall be on any trail, bikeway or land administered by FRTTI after closing or designated closed, with the exception of FRTTI Board Members.

40.10 Users of mountain bike trails must wear helmets and eye protection and follow all other safety rules.

40.11 No person shall ride bicycles on any path or trail more than two (2) abreast. Passing shall always be single-file.

40.12 No person shall carry another person on the handlebars, frame or fender or ride on a bicycle except on a suitable seat attached to such bicycle for such purpose or travel.

40.13 No person shall ride or knowingly permit any person to ride upon any bicycle, scooter, roller skates, skateboard, sled or toy vehicle to attach the same to himself or to any vehicle while it is moving upon a roadway or trail.

40.14 Every bicycle shall be equipped with an adequate brake and bell or other device capable of giving an audible sound from a distance of at least 100 feet except shall not be equipped with a siren or whistle when used on a roadway or trail.

40.15 No person shall use or operate a motorized vehicle or motorized bicycle on a multi-use trail, bridle path, footpath, all-purpose or bicycle path trail except FRTTI volunteers or emergency service personnel in the performance of their duties.

40.16 Electric personal assistive mobility devices (scooters) are permitted. Motorized wheelchairs are permitted by persons requiring such devices in order to be mobile. Golf carts are not considered mobility devices and are strictly prohibited.

[ORC 4511.52 Bicycle Traffic Law](#)
[ORC 4511.71 Paths for Bicycles](#)

41.0 Fires:

41.01 No person shall start, kindle, build, maintain, or use a fire other than in park grills or in a place specifically designated for such purposes and such fires shall be small and for culinary purposes only.

Currently, there are *no* such grills available for public use on FRTTI property.

41.02 The FRTTI Board reserves to itself the prerogative of use of grills for officially sanctioned FRTTI rail events at which food is served. This right is reserved solely to FRTTI and does not extend to individuals.

42.0 Hunting, Fishing and Molesting Of Animals:

42.01 No person or persons shall on FRTTI-owned property: hunt, attempt to hunt, pursue with animals, electric or mechanical devices, trap or in any other way molest, harm, harass, injure, poison, kill or disturb any den or nest or house, bird or animal, or take the eggs of any bird, any deer shed, invertebrate, mammal, reptile or amphibian, except when permitted by the FRTTI Board.

42.01a Fishing is prohibited on trail property or from trail bridges and abutments or headwalls.

42.02 The FRTTI Board reserves to itself the right to hire, at determination of need, professional animal control persons/companies to deal with wild life negatively affecting the trail or its ancillary structures. Use of firearms or traps by such contractors does **NOT** convey hunting privileges to other persons.

42.03 No person shall drive or cause to be driven any cows, horses, sheep, goats, swine or other livestock to graze or browse on FRTTI lands or traverse its property/trails without written permission of the FRTTI Board

42.04 Unless specifically addressed, these rules and regulations are in addition to and supplement the State Wildlife Orders and Laws which are in force and which are made a part hereof.

ORC 2931.02 Cruelty
ORC 1531, 1533 ODNR Wildlife

43.0 Encroachment:

43.01 No person shall encroach upon lands owned by FRTTI.

43.02 No person shall trespass from FRTTI property onto private property.

43.03 No person shall erect, construct, install or place any structure, building, shed, fence, machinery, equipment or apparatus of any type, or stockpile, store, discharge, or place any organic or inorganic material on, below, over or across FRTTI owned or operated property.

43.04 No person shall perform or cause any mowing, trimming, cutting or grooming of FRTTI land or perform similar maintenance for any purpose or in any like manner encroaching onto FRTTI property. No person shall engage in mowing or trimming of trail property without 1) being a member of FRTTI and 2) obtaining permission to work as an authorized volunteer. No person shall discharge or dump grass, leaves, weeds, trimmings onto FRTTI property.

43.05 No person shall graze livestock on trail property.

43.06 No person shall farm or grow any plants, trees, or crops on trail property without written permission from the Board / Trail Owners. All farming of trail property must be authorized by a specific written farm agreement for a limited specified term.

ORC 2911.21 Criminal Trespass
ORC 951 Running at Large

44.0 Ejection(s) of Persons From FRTTI Properties:

44.01 At the discretion of the FRTTI Board and/or the VTP patrol person on patrol, and law enforcement officers having jurisdiction, any person(s) who has violated a FRTTI rule(s) or the Ohio Revised Code may be ejected from all FRTTI properties and facilities on which the violation occurred.

44.02 Furthermore, ejection from FRTTI property or facility may be instituted in conjunction with or in place of written warnings or citations. Citations will be at the discretion of any law enforcement officer called for assistance by the VTP and/or the FRTTI Board.

44.03 Persons ejected from the property or banished from the property by local law enforcement or the FRTTI Board may appeal to the FRTTI Board for permission to return to the trail property.

45.0 Abandoned Personal Property:

45.01 Personal property of any kind, including signs, decorations, and memorials, that has been left on FRTTI property may be removed by FRTTI personnel and stored.

45.02 Upon proper description and identification, the owner may reclaim said property within 30 days and after paying any applicable storage fees.

45.03 Items not claimed within 30 days shall be disposed of as determined by the FRTTI President or Board.

46.0 Special Facility Regulations:

46.01 Certain FRTTI areas require additional regulations that are necessary for visitor safety and resource protection. Such regulations shall be posted at these special facilities.

47.0 The Board may authorize the following by permit:

- Aircraft / Balloons
- Astronomy
- Alcohol
- Boating
- Bows / Arrows
- Closed Hours
- Fires
- Live music / bands
- Night time trail events
- Off-Trail Activities
- Parking
- Powered or remote controlled toys
- Rappelling / Rock Climbing
- Releasing Plants or Animals
- Soliciting
- Tram Tours

48.0 Risk Management/Liabilities

48.01 FRTTI manages, maintains and develops the Huron County section of the North Coast Inland Trail as a recreational trail as described in ORC 1519.07(A)(3).

48.02 A "user of a recreational trail," according to ORC 1519.07(A)(4) is a person who enters on the NCIT in Huron County without first obtaining express permission to be there, in this case, from FRTTI.

48.03 Neither FRTTI nor any of its park district owner partners owes "any duty to a user of a recreational trail to keep the premises safe for entry or use by the user of [it]." ORC 1519.07(B)(1).

48.04 Neither FRTTI nor any of its park district owner partners "...assume, ...[have] responsibility for, ... incur liability for, and... [are] not liable for any injury to person or property caused by any act of a user [of the Huron County section of the North Coast Inland Trail or its ancillary property]...." ORC 1519.07(B)(2).

48.05 Trail user(s) assume all risks associated with the use of Recreational Trails.
ORC 1519.07



Implementing Resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of FRTTI that all provisions of these rules and regulations shall be in full force and effective immediately upon passage of Trail Rules and Regulations on December 3, 2020, and all rules and regulations and parts thereof established prior to this date which are inconsistent with any provisions of these rules and regulations are hereby repealed as of the effective date of these rules and regulations. The approval, adoption and enactment of these rules and regulations shall not be construed to relieve any person from punishment or prosecution for an act committed in violation of any rule or regulation prior to the effective date; and

Be it further resolved, the FRTTI Board is hereby authorized and directed to cause these rules and regulations to be published and to give notice of the approval, adoption, and enactment of these rules and regulations in the manner prescribed in [Section 731.21 of the Ohio Revised Code](#).

Signed: _____ **December 3, 2020**
Joshua Wyrick, President, FRTTI Board of Trustees

_____ **December 3, 2020**
Joe Mantey, Vice President, FRTTI Board of Trustees

_____ **December 3, 2020**
Joe Missler, Secretary/Treasurer, FRTTI Board of Trustees

For Emergencies, Dial 911

Non-Emergency Numbers:

Huron County Sheriff's Department 419-663-2828

Norwalk Police 419-663-6780

Monroeville Police 419-465-2474

Wakeman Police 419-839-2511

Bellevue Police 419-484-8400

For Contractor, Railroad, or Utility access: 419-465-3367

To report an adverse trail condition (fallen tree, etc.) or to contact the FRTTI Board
419-465-3367