



MODEL SPORTS DEPARTMENT POLICY

PURPOSE:

To provide sites for and manage various model sports activities in St. Louis County Parks.

POLICY:

It is the policy of the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation to offer sites and support facilities for modelers of radio controlled aircraft, boats and cars in County Parks, where such activities are safe and not in conflict with other park uses.

PROCEDURE:

GSLMA

1. The Greater St. Louis Modeler's Association (GSLMA) is a multi-club coordination group for hobbyists who operate various model airplanes, boats and automobiles. The Association is comprised of several member clubs and serves as an umbrella organization which advises the County Parks Department on a variety of matters, including safety, rules, etc.

Facilities

PARK	AIRCRAFT	WATERCRAFT
Buder – Radio Control and Control Line Fields	Airplanes, helicopters, gliders	
Unger – Lake Area		Motorboats
Tilles – Lake Area		Sailboats
Bee Tree – Lake Area		Sailboats
Queeny – Jarville Lake		Sailboats
Spanish Lake – North Lake		Sailboats

Automobiles - No specific sites identified. By special approval only.

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Rules

1. For radio controlled models, the Federal Communication Commission has determined specific radio frequencies approved for specific model types:

Aircraft:	72.080-72.910	Frequency in megahertz
Cars & Boats:	75.430-75.870	Frequency in megahertz
	26.995-27.225	Frequency in megahertz
2. Frequency will be marked on the transmitter held by the operator and must be in accordance with the above assigned frequency ranges.
3. Individuals operating high performance radio controlled models in County Parks must carry proof of \$2 million dollars of liability insurance as an individual or as a member of a group policy. This is not required for sailboats. Standard homeowners insurance is not acceptable.
4. Aircraft modelers may have insurance through GSLMA or the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Boaters insurance is through the International Model Power Boaters Association. Automobile insurance is through the Radio Operated Automobile Racers. Membership in these organizations verifies insurance coverage.
5. No specific County Park sites have been identified for model cars, which usually use managed fields and parking lots. Use of such areas by individuals and small groups may be authorized by park staff on a case by case basis, in compliance with all other rules and when such activity will not interfere with other park uses.
6. Some companies produce small R/C cars and boats that are relatively safe. Use of these can be authorized in any County Park by park staff on a case by case basis.
7. Reservations are required for special events.
8. Radio controlled aircraft at Buder Park must fly within a designated safety zone. Other park users should be advised of the potential hazards of this area.

Reservations

1. Reservations are required for special events and may be made up to one (1) full year in advance by calling 314-615-4386 on weekdays between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm. The fee is based on a per hour usage and provides the user with exclusive use of the specified area for the time of the reservation. Only one (1) modeling special event weekend will be allowed each month at Buder Park.

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2. Reservations must be made at least 14 days in advance of the intended use date.
3. Payment for a reservation must be made at the time you make the reservation. You may pay by charge card or by bank debit card (no ATM cards). The Department accepts Visa, Master-Card and Discover.
4. No refunds will be issued for cancellations.
5. Date or site changes may be made if notification of the desired change is received 30 or more days before the original reservation date. An additional fee of \$19.00 will be charged to make the change. If notice is received in less than 30 days, the original fee will be forfeited and a new charge assessed for the new reservation.

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