

Safety Tips

Franklin County Metro Parks are safe and enjoyable places to visit any time of the year! However, remember to practice the same personal safety routines you would anywhere else.

Personal Safety Tips

- ❖ Be aware of nearby people and vehicles.
- ❖ If using headphones, let them hang around your neck. It's important to hear what's around you.
- ❖ If it becomes necessary to call for help, be able to give an exact location by knowing the nearest park area, road intersection or landmark.
- ❖ Carry a loud whistle to make a loud noise if in an emergency.
- ❖ Always be observant, particularly if a suspicious person or group of people. If someone becomes a victim of crime, a good description will assist in identifying the suspect.
- ❖ If you become a victim of a crime, yell or scream. Do not risk injury by chasing or fighting with an attacker.

Child Safety

- ❖ Young children should never be allowed to wander off by themselves.
- ❖ Keep close visual contact with children at all times, especially around roadways and bodies of water.
- ❖ Teach children not to talk to strangers and never accept invitations to go anywhere with someone they don't know.
- ❖ Educate children about rangers and police officers. Explain that they are there to help and it's okay to ask for help.
- ❖ Teach children how to contact help in the event of an emergency.
- ❖ Teach children that if they become lost in the park to stay put and wait for help to arrive.

Vehicle Safety

- ❖ Lock car doors and close windows after checking to make sure keys are removed from the vehicle.
- ❖ Have your keys ready when returning to your vehicle.
- ❖ Lock valuables (purse, wallet, cell phone, camera's, etc.) in the trunk.
- ❖ If you find that your vehicle has been broken into, try to touch as little as possible and call a Ranger.