

Town of Butternuts

Copes Corners Park Policy

Adopted October 14, 2026

Copes Corners Park is owned and operated by the Town of Butternuts. It is a hybrid blend of spaces for use by the public at no charge and areas for commercial use, which generate revenues used to operate, maintain and improve the park.

Copes Corners Park is managed by caretakers hired by the Butternuts Town Board. The caretakers are empowered to maintain the infrastructure, schedule all activities, and maintain the safety of the park. The caretakers shall adhere to all local and state regulations, and especially to the directives set forth by the Town Board.

The park offers free access to the Butternut Creek for fishing and kayaking. There is a large green space available for recreation as well as a walking pathway next to the creek. This area is on the “north side” of the park. Members of the public who visit are subject to all rules and regulations of Copes Corners Park and shall follow the directives of caretakers.

The commercial part of Copes Corners Park consists of RV sites, tent sites and pavilions that are available for rent by the public. The caretakers are responsible for scheduling all reservations for these amenities, maintaining an orderly and friendly community atmosphere, and maximizing the potential for generating revenue. All park patrons shall sign a rental agreement that defines and explains all rules and regulations. Areas rented to campers are not accessible to the general public.

The Town Supervisor shall be responsible for oversight of the caretakers to ensure that the park is being operated according to the goals and directives of the Town Board. The Supervisor shall collect all funds generated by the park on a regular basis and review all reservation forms and paperwork to ensure the accuracy of all transactions. All funds shall be deposited in a Town-approved depository immediately and entered into the record for the Town Board to review.

The Butternuts Town Board shall review all rules and regulations annually. Rates for RV rentals, tent rentals and pavilion rentals shall be reviewed annually and adjusted according to recommendations by the Town Supervisor or any Town Board Members. This review shall be done no later than August of each year in order to set rates for the following year. The financial goal for the commercial enterprise shall be to cover all costs of operation and to generate additional revenue for improvements at the park.