

**Swimming** - For safety reasons, swimming is permitted only in the designated areas and only during posted hours. Lifeguards are provided to ensure safe activity.

**Duck Feeding** - We ask that you do not feed the ducks as public health officials advise us that the ducks transmit a microscopic parasite which is harmful to humans and is waterborne. Extreme cases of Schistosome Dermatitis have been reported. The ducks enter the swimming areas because they are being fed.

**Dogs** - In the past many dogs have been allowed to wander, scavenge and soil the parks. Concern about the problem has forced us to prohibit all dogs in the park.

#### **Picnics/Cooking/Alcoholic**

**Beverages** - Because of the litter problem that automatically comes with these activities, they are not permitted in the parks. We ask that you enjoy these activities elsewhere. Public picnic areas are available in Austin Park, convenient to the State Street entrance. Littering is against the law. Please remember to put litter in its place. Several trash containers are available for your use.

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#### **PARK RULES**

**Swim in designated area and only during posted hours.**

**Dogs are prohibited.**

**Feeding the ducks is prohibited.**

**No alcoholic beverages.**

**No cooking or picnics.**

**You will be fined for littering.**

**Park closes at 11:30 p.m.**

**Village of  
Skaneateles**

**Enjoy  
Your Lakeside Parks  
Clift  
Shotwell  
Thayer**

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Our Village Parks are here to be enjoyed by everyone. These, situated at the north end of Skaneateles Lake, offer a beautiful view, provide an attractive location for our veterans' memorials and a place to enjoy band concerts, swimming and relaxation. With everyone's cooperation, they will be here to enjoy for many years to come.

**CLIFT PARK** was the site of the Packwood Carriage factory until it was torn down in 1888 and the land purchased by the village. Different factions in the village debated the proper eventual use of the land. One plan was to use it for the fire department structures, however, the park supporters won out and it was established as a permanent park in 1892.

**SHOTWELL PARK** was willed to the village in 1925 by Florence Thorne Shotwell in memory of William J. Shotwell. It is also the site of the veterans' memorials.

**THAYER PARK** was given to the village in 1922 by Mary and Eva Webb in honor of their grandfather, Joel Thayer. It adjoins a small piece of land to the east donated by the Austin family.

**AUSTIN PARK**, our largest park located between Jordan and State streets, was willed to the village by Clarence Austin in 1922.

