



# Adopt-a-Park

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

## Safety Guidelines

- ✓ Designate a place to meet before cleanup begins to give instructions and distribute supplies.
- ✓ Review safety guidelines with all participants. Group leader should bring a first aid kit.
- ✓ Invite participants to bring any useful supplies or tools they may want to use.
- ✓ Make arrangements with Sault Ste. Marie Parks & Recreation Dept. for the trash bags to be collected if proper disposal options are not available on site. If recyclable materials are kept separate, please take it home or to an appropriate recycling collection site.
- ✓ Ask participants to return to the designated meeting place at the end of the cleanup project to report problems or area maintenance concerns to Group Leader. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator after each project and report the work done and any maintenance concerns to the Volunteer Coordinator.
- ✓ Determine who is responsible for supervising child participants, away from busy or unsafe areas.
- ✓ Use the Group Leader's first aid kit for minor scrapes or cuts. Call 911 immediately to request assistance for any serious injury, or to report any suspicious or illegal activity present in the area.
- ✓ Wear sunscreen and a hat for sun protection; wear gloves at all times during the cleanup project
- ✓ Wear boots or sturdy, closed-toe shoes (absolutely NO open-toed sandals).
- ✓ Drink water/hydrating beverages; avoid caffeinated drinks. Alcohol and other impairing substances are strictly prohibited and participants may not be under the influence when volunteering.
- ✓ Stay with your group in the designated cleanup boundaries. Stay out of storm drains and culverts, and other hazardous areas. Don't trespass on private property or neighbors' yards.
- ✓ Be cautious when working around debris, insects, wildlife, slopes and sharp rocks. Immediately report potentially unsafe or dangerous situations to the Group Leader.
- ✓ Do not pick up any of the following: hypodermic needles, medical waste, chemicals, dead animals and other items posing health and safety hazards. Report any of these items to the Volunteer Coordinator.