

Rules and Regulations
St. Anne's Cemetery

St. Anne's Episcopal Parish welcomes visitors to its cemetery, which includes both St. Anne's and Cedar Bluff sections, located along Northwest Street in downtown Annapolis. It is a place of beauty and contemplation, with many historic graves dating back to the Colonial and Revolutionary War eras. St. Anne's is guided, as an owner and steward of this religious not for profit cemetery, as an Episcopal Church, a Christian Protestant denomination, by the Bible, the Nicene Creed, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, and Resolutions of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, as well as by the provisions of Maryland law. We require that all visitors to our cemetery be respectful of the cemetery and its rules, which are intended to comply with both our religious as well as applicable secular law.

Rules Governing Visitation to St. Anne's Cemetery Properties:

1. Respect the cemetery as a sacred space devoted to the burial of the dead, showing respect for all parts of the property and for other visitors. These rules will be strictly enforced.
2. No person shall be allowed to use profane or boisterous language or in any way disturb the quiet and good order of the cemetery.
3. All unauthorized persons are strictly forbidden to break, injure or otherwise disturb any tree, shrub, or other planting or to mar any landmark, marker, or memorial or in any way deface the grounds or structures of the cemetery. Leaning, standing, walking or climbing on any grave markers or monuments of any type is strictly prohibited for the maintenance of the monuments and the safety of visitors. Rubbings are not permitted without prior written authorization by the Rector or his/her designee.
4. No person or persons, other than a law enforcement officer, shall be permitted to bring or carry or possess a firearm or other weapon within the cemetery except with the prior written authorization of the Rector or his/her designee.
5. Wine, beer, intoxicating liquors or illegal drugs or substances, or illegal acts of any type are strictly forbidden.
6. Loitering or littering, including cigarette butts, within the cemetery is prohibited.
7. All commercial activity on cemetery property is prohibited without prior written authorization from the Rector or his/her designee.
8. Only cut, potted, or artificial flowers and wreaths or official current USA flags (Stars and Stripes) may be used to decorate gravesites, unless by prior written authorization of the Rector or his/her designee. All other materials will be removed and discarded. Glass or other breakable containers are not permitted and, if placed, will be removed and discarded. No permitted gravesite decorations may impede normal cemetery maintenance activities.

9. Delivery of flowers or other permitted gravesite decorations for receipt by St. Anne's personnel is prohibited.
10. Permitted decorative items will be removed in 7 days or when the Rector or his/her designee deems appropriate in the ordinary course of cemetery maintenance. The Church is not responsible for damage or theft of any permitted items left on gravesites.
11. Absent special permission as set forth below, and other than for burials or previously arranged memorial services, visitation for individuals and groups of up to 10 people to the cemetery is allowed between the hours of dawn and dusk seven days a week. Organized tours or other publicized activities or gatherings of more than 10 people require prior approval by the Rector or his/her designee. The Church reserves the right to forbid and prevent assemblages which it deems inappropriate. See St. Anne's Church website: www.stannes-annapolis.org for permit form.
12. Other than for burials or previously arranged memorial services, and absent prior advance written authorization from the Rector or his/her designee, visitors are not permitted to carry or display placards, signs, banners, flags, or the like in the cemetery. Visitors are permitted to bring and display portraits or photographs of persons who are buried in the cemetery with them when they visit the cemetery.
13. The only pets allowed in the cemetery are service animals.
14. Children under the age of 16 must be under the direct supervision of a parent or other responsible adult.
15. The digging of holes anywhere in the cemetery property for any purpose whatsoever by anyone other than Cemetery employees or authorized contractor with written permission from Cemetery Management or the Rector or his/her designee is strictly prohibited.
16. Burial or scattering of any form of human remains is not permitted except under the direct supervision of St. Anne's employees or the Rector or his/her designee.
17. Vehicle traffic is permitted in the cemetery on designated roadways only.
18. The Rector or his/her designee reserves the right to refuse entrance to any person, to ban from the grounds anyone violating the Rules, and to refuse admittance of any material or merchandise.
19. A copy of these Regulations shall be given to the purchaser of a Burial Permission Certificate and to family members at the time of a burial or interment. Plot owners are responsible for upkeep and maintenance of headstones, in accordance with these Rules.
20. These Rules may be revised at any time by St. Anne's. Please see the website or contact the Parish for the current version.