

By the authority granted to the Jones County Conservation Board by the laws of the State of Iowa, the following rules and regulations are necessary for the protection, regulation and control of all areas under the jurisdiction of the Jones County Conservation Board.

As defined by Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, any person violating any provision of the rules and regulations shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

The following rules and regulations are hereby adopted:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- A. The term "Board" shall mean the Jones County Conservation Board.
- B. The term "Department" shall mean the Jones County Department of Conservation.
- C. The term "Director" shall mean the Executive Director for the Jones County Conservation Board and Department of Conservation.
- D. The term "Area" shall mean all or any part of land, water, buildings or facilities owned, leased, managed, or by other means, under the control of the Board.
- E. The term "authorized representative" shall include Park Rangers and other persons designated by the Director or the Board.
- F. The term "Special Use Permit" shall mean any use permit issued by the Department pursuant to authority delegated by the Board and signed by the Director or an authorized representative of the Director.
- G. The terms "camp" or "camping" shall mean the use of a shelter, such as a tent, trailer, motor home, tarp, or sleeping bag for temporary residence at a campground.
- H. The term "campground" shall mean any area designated by the Board for camping.
- I. The term "campsite" shall mean a segment of a campground designated by the Board for camping by a camping unit or camping party.
- J. The term "camping unit" shall mean either a single tent, pickup camper, motor home, manufactured conversion van, converted bus, or a camping trailer designed for camping for a camping party.
- K. The term "camping party" shall mean any individual, family or informal unorganized group.
- L. The term "family" shall mean a parent or parents with their unmarried children and not more than two other lineal relatives or not more than two minor guests.
- M. The term "youth group" shall mean a group consisting of minor members of an established organization and under the leadership of at least one adult for each ten (10) minors in the group.
- N. The term "adult group" shall mean any group of adults whether or not organized into an established organization.
- O. The term "capacity" shall mean the maximum number of camping parties, camping units or park users that the Board, the Director or authorized representative of the Director shall determine, may occupy an area, campground, campsite or picnic shelter.
- P. The term "official sign" shall mean informational signs provided by the Board and posted in the parks.
- Q. The term "official barriers" shall mean any man-made or arranged structures erected to restrict public access in Board designated areas.
- R. The term "noise" shall mean any loud, confused or senseless shouting or outcry or sounds which are noticeably unpleasant or excessively loud as to disturb others.

SECTION 2. SCOPE

The provisions of these regulations shall apply to all areas.

SECTION 3. FEES AND CHARGES

- A. Fees or charges made for services or for the use of land, facilities, equipment, materials or supplies on any area to be collected by the Department or authorized concessionaires shall be prescribed and approved by the Board.

- B. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to enter or use any facilities for which entrance fees or user fees are prescribed without payment of the same, except those persons on official business or authorized by special use permits.

SECTION 4. USE OF FIREARMS

The use by the public of firearms, explosives and weapons of all kinds is prohibited in all areas, except in those areas or parts thereof so designated for the use of these firearms or as public hunting areas. The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury as a result of persons using any firearms, explosives or weapons of any kind, in or on any area.

SECTION 5. ANIMALS ON LEASH

No privately owned animal shall be allowed to run at large in any campgrounds, picnic area, playgrounds, fishing accesses or waters owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Board. Every animal shall be deemed running at large unless the owner carries such animal or leads it by a leash or chain not exceeding six (6) feet in length, or keeps it confined in or attached to a vehicle, except that it shall be lawful to permit dogs to run at large for the purpose of training or exercising them in or on all areas designated as hunting areas by the Board. The Director, or his authorized representative, may, in the interest of the public safety, order the removal of any animal at any time from any area.

SECTION 6. CAMPING

- A. Violation of any state law or any county park regulation by any member of the camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and the entire camping party shall be required to leave the area. All fees are non-refundable.
- B. Except for group camping, no campsites will be reserved. Camping unit must be on site and paid for to be considered occupied. No "tent only" in modern area camping area located east of the Bowstring Bridge Bay. Must have wheeled camping unit and paid to be occupied.
- C. When any campground is open and in usable condition, all charges and fees shall be in effect and shall be enforced as set forth in the official fee schedule approved by the Board. Camping permits may be purchased at the self registration kiosks or from designated Park Staff and the Conservation Board office.
- D. No camping party or camping unit of any kind shall occupy any campsite in the same park for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days; campers are then required to vacate that campsite for a minimum of 48 hours.
- E. No campsite or camping unit shall be left unoccupied by the camping party for more than two (2) consecutive days. Any camping unit left in violation hereof shall be removed and stored at the expense of its owner, which expense shall be not less than fifty (\$50) dollars. If not reclaimed within three months of removal, all such camping units shall be considered abandoned and shall thereafter be disposed of.
- F. It shall be unlawful to camp in any campground without a portable shelter or camping unit as defined in Section 1.
- G. No camping shall be allowed under any circumstances within fifty (50) feet of any well, restroom or shelter house.
- H. All campers shall maintain quiet and avoid any noise in the campgrounds between the hours of 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
- I. Any non-registered persons visiting a camping party in the campground must vacate the campground area by 10:30 PM.
- J. Camping is permitted only in areas and locations so designated.
- K. It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain a camping permit for use by a camping party of which he is not a member, except that parents and group leaders shall obtain camping permits for use by youth groups. Persons under 18 years of age will not be allowed to camp alone unless the Director or his authorized representative is contacted in advance by parent or legal guardian and permission is granted.
- L. Campers shall restore their campsite to the same approximate condition or better than when they found it. This shall include cleaning up all pet waste.

M. Check out time at all campgrounds is 6:30 PM.

N. One extra tent per site may accompany another unit at an extra charge determined by the Board.

SECTION 7. NOISE PRODUCING DEVICES

It shall be unlawful to operate or use any radio, television, stereo, musical instrument, electricity generating units, power saws or similar equipment in or on any area in such a manner to create noise and/or disturb others. Said equipment shall, under no circumstances, be used between the hours of 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM. This section also applies to senseless shouting or loud laughter and voices.

SECTION 8. USE OF CHAINSAWS

It shall be unlawful for any person to use chainsaws in or on any areas under the jurisdiction of the Board, except for cutting firewood which may be provided at the campground areas by the Conservation Department. The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury as a result of persons engaged in this type of activity. Said use must comply with Section 7. There will be no use of chainsaws by the public at any time in Central Park except with special permission by the Director.

SECTION 9. CUTTING OF TREES PROHIBITED

It shall be unlawful to cut any standing tree, dead or alive, at any time in or on any area. County personnel or foresters may harvest trees under a forestry management plan, in the interest of public safety, or with the permission of the Director.

SECTION 10. PICKING OF PLANTS, FLOWERS AND FRUITS

It shall be lawful to collect the fruit of all nut and berry producing plants for home use, provided the collector is not otherwise damaging or removing the parent plant. Collection of nuts and fruits for any commercial purpose is expressly prohibited. Mushrooms may also be collected for home use.

SECTION 11. PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS RESTRICTED

It shall be unlawful to operate or use any public address system, whether fixed, portable or vehicular mounted, in or on any area, except when such use or operation has been approved in writing by the Board or Director.

SECTION 12. RECREATION USES ONLY ALLOWED

It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any portion of an area for washing or repairing vehicles, advertising or political campaigning, hawking or peddling, begging, or carrying on a business or any other commercial activity without the written permission from the Board or Director. Concessionaires acting under the authority of a lease or contractual agreement with the Board are exempt from this section while operating under the conditions as set out in the said lease or contractual agreement.

SECTION 13. USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES RESTRICTED

Operation of any motorized vehicles shall be restricted to designated roadways and parking areas. The maximum speed limit for all vehicles shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour. All roadways are considered to be public roads and governmental rules and regulations apply to all vehicles, including licensing requirements. It shall be unlawful to operate any snowmobile, air sled, swamp buggy, all terrain vehicle, or any other land conveyance propelled by a gasoline or electrical engine, run on wheels, tracks or runners in or on any area, except snowmobiles may operate on trails so designated by the Board.

SECTION 14. USE OF HORSES RESTRICTED

It shall be unlawful to ride, lead or otherwise allow the entry of horses or horse drawn wagons on any road or trail in or on any area, unless written permission is obtained from the Board or Director.

SECTION 15. TRAPPING

Trapping is allowed only in designated areas.

SECTION 16. HUNTING

Hunting is allowed only in designated areas.

SECTION 17. FISHING

All areas are open to fishing.

SECTION 18. SWIMMING

The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury of any person swimming or engaged in related water activities in or on any area.

SECTION 19. RESERVING PARK FACILITIES

Designated park facilities may be reserved in advance by obtaining a "reservation permit" at least four (4) days before the reservation date. Reservations are not transferable.

SECTION 20. LITTER

No person shall place any waste, refuse, litter or foreign substance in any area.

SECTION 21. ALCOHOL AND BEER RESTRICTIONS

It shall be unlawful to possess or consume any alcohol, other than beer, in or on any area. Nor person or group shall bring, use or have in their possession on any area beer in a keg or any other container larger than one court.

SECTION 22. CLOSING TIME

All persons shall vacate areas between the hours of 10:30 PM and 4:30 AM of the following day. The provisions of this section shall not apply to authorized camping in areas provided for that purpose.

SECTION 23. MOTOR VEHICLES UNATTENDED

It shall be unlawful to leave any motor vehicle on or in any area for more than 24 hours without written permission of the Director or authorized representative. Any motor vehicle in violation shall be removed and stored at the expense of its owner.

SECTION 24. BREACH OF PEACE

No person shall use threatening, insulting, abusive, profane or indecent language or gestures, nor be guilty of any act that constitutes a breach of peace, in any area.

SECTION 25. OFFICIAL SIGNS AND BARRIERS

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter, use or occupy any area or facility in disregard of official signs and/or barriers.

SECTION 26. CLOSING OF AREAS TO PUBLIC USE

The Board, Director or authorized representative may close any area, shelter, campground or any portion thereof when a question of public safety or health may exist.

SECTION 27. EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board, Director and all employees, or authorized representatives or agents, shall be exempt from these rules and regulations when in the official performance of their duties.