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CONSERVATION BOARD REGULATIONS**

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70.01 DEFINITIONS. Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 350 of the Code of Iowa and the County Conservation Board hereby promulgates and places into effect the following regulations. The following terms, as used in these regulations, shall for the purpose of these regulations have the meaning assigned hereto, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated. Some definitions may also be found in the Code of Iowa.

1. "Adult group" means any group of adults consisting of members of an established organization.
2. "Area" means all or any part of the land or water owned, leased, managed, or by other means under the control of the Board.
3. "Authorized representative" means Park Ranger, Park Attendants, and other persons designated from time to time by the Director.
4. "Camp" or "Camping" means the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor home, tarp, or sleeping bag for temporary residence at a campground.
5. "Camping day" means a period of any portion of a period from 3:00 p.m. of one day to the established checkout time for the following day.
6. "Campground" means any area designated by the Board for camping.
7. "Camping party" means any individual, family, or informal unorganized group of not more than two persons occupying one campsite.
8. "Camping unit" means either a single tent no larger than 144 square feet in size at its base; pickup camper; motor home or van or converted bus; passenger vehicle; recreation trailer used for a camp by a camping party; except those shelters used exclusively for dining purposes; plus, at the option of said camping party, a second tent or an additional tent no larger than 144 square feet at its base, if same is used and occupied by members of that same camping party.
9. "Campsite" means a segment of a campground designated by the Board for camping by a camping unit or camping party.
10. "Capacity" means the maximum number of camping parties or camping units that the Board, Director, or other authorized representatives shall, from time to time, determine may occupy an area, campground, or campsite.
11. "Conservation Board" means the Sac County Conservation Board.
12. "Director" means the Executive Director for the Conservation Board and Department of Conservation.

13. “Family” means a parent or parents with their unmarried children and not more than two other lineal relatives or not more than two minor guests.
14. “Noise” means any loud, confused, or senseless shouting or outcry; a sound lacking in agreeable musical quality or which is noticeably unpleasant or excessively loud as to disturb others.
15. “Official signs” means signs provided for in the Iowa State Highway Commission Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Iowa Streets and Highways and other signs designated from time to time by the Board.
16. “Special Use Permit” means the Use Permit issued by the Department pursuant to authority delegated by the Board, and signed by the Director or other authorized representative.
17. “Youth group” means a group consisting of minor members of an established organization and under the leadership of at least one competent, mature adult for each eight minors in the group and using any number of camping units.

70.02 SCOPE. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to all areas.

70.03 FEES AND CHARGES.

1. Fees or charges made for services or for the use of the land, facilities, equipment, materials, or supplies on any area to be collected by the Board or authorized concessionaires, shall be prescribed and approved by the Board.
2. It shall be unlawful for any persons to enter or use any facilities for which entrance fees or user fees are prescribed without payment of same, in advance, except those persons on official business or authorized by special use permit.

70.04 HUNTING ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS. Section 461A.42 of the Code of Iowa is hereby modified under authority of Section 350.10 of the Code of Iowa as follows: It shall be lawful to hunt or pursue game birds or wild game animals in or on all areas designated from time to time as hunting areas by the Board. The Board shall post all such areas with official signs to constructively notify the public that this activity is lawful.

70.05 ANIMALS ON LEASH - EXCEPTIONS. Section 461A.5 of the Code of Iowa entitled “Animals on Leash” is hereby modified under the authority of Section 350.10 of the Code of Iowa as follows: It shall be lawful to permit dogs to run at large during the participation of hunting activities in all areas designated from time to time as hunting areas by the Board. This section applies only during the times as stipulated in Section 70.04.

70.06 USE OF FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS, AND FIREWORKS PROHIBITED. Section 461A.42 of the Code of Iowa is hereby modified under authority of Section 350.10 of the Code of Iowa as follows: It shall be unlawful to hunt, pursue, or in any manner molest any birds or wild animals or to use or carry firearms, fireworks, explosives, and weapons of all kinds, except as otherwise provided by law, in or on any area not designated as a hunting area by the Board. It shall be unlawful to possess a firearm of any kind in an area defined as a campground in Section 70.01.

70.07 CAMPING.

1. Violation of any State law or any County park regulation by any member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and the entire camping party shall be required to leave the area.
2. No campsites will be reserved.
3. 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 schedule approved by the Board. Campgrounds will be open from the first day of April through the first day of Pheasant season. The Board or authorized representatives have the discretionary authority to extend or shorten the camping season when it is in the best public interest to do so.

4. No camping party or camping unit of any kind shall occupy any campground for more than 14 consecutive days. A camper who has removed their equipment for a 24 hour period may then return and occupy a different camp site in the same campground for 14 days, or; a camper with permission of the Director or other authorized representative may move to a different camp site without leaving for 24 hours. On all parks or areas with more than one campground, this shall apply to the entire area and all campgrounds in the area.
5. It shall be unlawful to camp in any campground without a portable shelter or camping unit as defined in Section 70.01.
6. It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite, and not more than two licensed vehicles are permitted at any campsite. Only properly licensed motor vehicles may be used to gain access to campgrounds. Licensed vehicles must be operated only by licensed drivers.
7. All campers shall maintain quiet and avoid excessive noise in the campgrounds between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
8. Any persons visiting a camping party in the campground must park only in designated areas and must vacate the campground and parking area by 10:30 p.m.
9. No camping party shall set up or take down their camping equipment between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Exceptions may be made by the Director or other authorized representatives.
10. It shall be unlawful for any person to obtain a camping permit for use by a camping party of which the person is not a member, except that parents and group leaders shall obtain camping permits for use by youth groups. Persons under 18 will not be allowed to camp alone unless the Director, or other authorized representative, is contacted in advance by parent or legal guardian and permission is granted.
11. Campers shall restore their campsite to the same approximate condition or better than when they found it.
12. Checkout time at all campgrounds is 12:00 p.m. However, recognizing that some campers may need to be granted some leeway in this matter, the Director, or other authorized representative, has the authority to extend the checkout time. A camping party must request this late checkout authorization.
13. A charge of the daily rate for the campground and campsites involved will be made for occupying any campsite for any portion of a camping day.

70.08 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 as to create excessive noise or disturb others. Said equipment shall, under no circumstances, be used between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless confined to a campsite where it will not disturb others. This section also applies to senseless shouting or loud laughter and voices.

70.09 USE OF CHAINSAWS. It shall be unlawful to use chainsaws, except for cutting firewood brought to the area; in any area under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Board. Said use must comply with the provisions of Section 70.08.

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

70.11 PICKING OF PLANTS, FLOWERS, AND FRUITS - EXCEPTIONS. 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 the parent plant. Collection of nuts and fruits for any commercial purpose is expressly prohibited. Mushrooms may also be collected for home use. Nuts may be collected once they have fallen to the ground, but may not be removed directly from trees.

70.12 ROCK CLIMBING OR RAPPELLING. Rock climbing or rappelling activity which utilizes bolts, pitons, or similar permanent anchoring equipment or ropes, harness, or slings is prohibited in all areas not designated as a rock-climbing area by the Board.

70.13 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, Director, or other authorized representative.

70.14 RADIO, TELEVISION, OR TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT RESTRICTED. It shall be unlawful to install aerial or special radio, telephone, or television equipment in or on any area of the Board without the written approval of the Board, Director, or other authorized representative.

70.15 RECREATION USES ONLY ALLOWED. It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any portion of a Board area for washing, repairing vehicles, or carrying on of a business or any other commercial activity. Concessionaires, acting under the authority of a lease or contract with the Board, are exempt from this section while operating under the conditions as set out in the said lease or contract.

70.16 USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES RESTRICTED. Operation of any motorized vehicle shall be restricted to designated roadways and parking areas on all Board areas.

70.17 USE OF HORSES RESTRICTED. It shall be unlawful to ride, lead, or otherwise allow the entry or use of horses or horsedrawn wagons on any portion of any area, except as provided herein. The Board may designate a portion of an area for this use. Official designation signs will be used to notify the public where such use may occur. The Director may, by issuing a special permit, allow such an activity in any area. Riders may gain access to all areas by horse, provided they follow designated roadways. Horses are not allowed on the grassy portions or hiking trails of any areas except as permitted above by Special Use Permit.

70.18 TRAPPING RESTRICTED. It shall be unlawful to trap, or attempt to trap, any wild animal in or on any area not designated as a hunting area by the Board, except that protection of areas and facilities shall be accomplished as needed by the Director or other authorized representative.

70.19 RESERVING PARK FACILITIES. It shall be unlawful for a minor to reserve a park facility. When a group consists of minors and adults, a ratio of at least one adult to each eight minors must be maintained. Park shelter houses may be reserved in advance and a user fee must be paid for use of any shelter house designated as “reservation required.”

70.20 DOMESTIC REFUSE NOT PERMITTED. It shall be unlawful to transport garbage, refuse, or litter from any household, business, or any other place for the purpose of disposing it in or on any areas of the Board or their litter containers provided for the use of the Board and its current facilities users. A “carry-in, carry-out” trash policy is in effect for all Board areas, meaning that everything carried in must be removed by the individuals carrying it in.

70.21 OFFICIAL SIGNS. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter, use, or occupy any Board area or facility in disregard to official signs.

70.22 POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND ALCOHOL.

1. Possession and Consumption of Beer or Alcohol other than Beer Restricted. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or consume beer or any alcohol other than beer, as defined by the Code of Iowa, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in or on any area of the Board, except that beer may be possessed and consumed within a camping site. Any beer possessed or consumed in violation of this rule will be confiscated by the Director or other authorized representative and destroyed.
2. Possession and Consumption of Beer Prohibited; Container Size Regulated. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or consume beer, as defined in Section 123.46 of the Code of Iowa, between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in or on any area, except that beer may be possessed within a camping site between said hours by an adult member of any camping party. No 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 quart without

first obtaining a Special Use Permit from the Director or other authorized representative per Chapter 71. The request for the Special Use Permit shall be made in writing at least 48 hours prior to the date of activity. Kegs are only allowed at shelter houses with a permit.

3. Any beer possessed in violation of this rule shall be confiscated by the Director or other authorized representative and destroyed.

70.23 CLOSING TIME. All areas shall be closed to public use between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified by the Board, in which case signs will be erected giving the public constructive notice of such change. The Director, or other authorized representative, may issue special use permits in conformity with Board policy which, when issued, shall allow groups or persons to observe other hours. The provisions of this section shall not apply to authorized camping by registered campers in designated camping areas.

70.24 OPERATION OF BOATS.

1. No Wake Regulations. Boat operators shall observe no wake regulations in harbors and areas adjoining ramps, gas docks, and in other designated areas so marked by signs.
2. Boat Launching. Boats shall be launched from ramps only. Boats and trailers shall be parked in designated areas only.
3. Permanent Mooring. Permanent mooring (in excess of times posted) is allowed only in designated areas. Arrangements for permanent mooring must be made with the Director or other authorized representatives or concessionaires.
4. Boats Unattended Not Permitted. It shall be unlawful to leave unattended any boat or other form of water conveyance on or attached to an area under the control of the Board, except those areas designated by the Board for more than 12 hours. Any water conveyance left in violation hereof shall be removed and stored at the expense of its owner, which expense shall not be less than \$25.00. If not reclaimed within six months of its removal, such water conveyance shall be considered abandoned and shall be thereafter disposed of as directed by the Board. It shall be unlawful to leave unattended any boat or other form of water conveyance on or attached to privately leased boat docks without the express written permission of the lessee.

70.25 MOTOR VEHICLES UNATTENDED NOT PERMITTED. It shall be unlawful to leave any motor vehicle or trailer unattended on or in any area under the jurisdiction of the Board, for more than 24 hours without the written permission of the Director or other authorized representative. Any motor vehicle left in violation hereof shall be removed and stored at the expense of its owner, which expense shall not be less than \$25.00. If not reclaimed within six months of its removal, all such motor vehicles shall be considered abandoned and shall be disposed of as directed by the Board.

70.26 BREACH OF PEACE. No person shall use threatening, insulting, abusive, profane or indecent language, nor be guilty of any act that constitutes a breach of peace, in any County park, preserve, or other public area under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Board.

70.27 CLOSING OF AREAS TO PUBLIC USE. The Director, or other authorized representative, is hereby granted discretionary authority to close any park or other Board areas when a question of public safety exists. The Director, or other authorized representative, may do so by the erection of suitable barriers clearly signed indicating that the area has been closed for public use. Persons removing these barriers, or ignoring the signs and occupying the areas that have been closed to public use, will be in violation of these rules and regulations. The Director, or other authorized representative, is also authorized to develop effective methods of controlling special uses which are not provided for in these rules and regulations, but which are consistent with these rules and regulations and other policies of the Conservation Board. Persons affected by these special uses will be notified in writing of the nature of these regulations, or the area effected by these regulations will be posted and will take immediate effect when so posted.

70.28 EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Department, its Supervisors, Park Rangers, Director, or duly authorized representatives or agents, shall be exempt from these rules and regulations when in the official performance of their duties and are not acting inconsistent with the State law.

70.29 RULES AND REGULATIONS - FORCE AND EFFECT. These rules and regulations are separate and complete however separated, and should any part thereof be unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portions and sections shall remain in full force and effect. Anyone violating this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 3.