

## PARK REGULATIONS



### A. Definitions

1. "Park area" means any lands accepted as a County park pursuant to ORS Chapter 275.
2. "Motor vehicle" means every self-propelled vehicle and vehicle designed for self-propulsion, except police and other emergency motor vehicles, and does not include camping or sleeping facility vehicles.
3. "Sleeping facility vehicle" means any motor vehicle or device designed for overnight camping, including but not limited to campers, motor homes, travel trailers, and tent trailers.
4. "Camp" or "camping" means the placing or pitching of tents, the placing of camping or sleeping facility vehicles including but not limited to a trailer, mounted camper, motor vehicle or other equipment for the purpose of staying overnight or for a limited period during proscribed hours at a County park, upon other County property, or upon a County or public road.
5. "Park Ranger" means a Clatsop County employee specifically designated to seek compliance with, and enforce, County park ordinances.

### B. Park and County Property Restrictions

The following restrictions shall apply to all parks and County property:

1. Fires and smoking may be restricted by the Park Ranger at any time.
2. All fires, when allowed, shall be confined to a stove, pit, or fireplace designated for fires, attended at all times, and extinguished before its user leaves the fire. As used in this subsection, "fire" includes all open flames except for camp stoves, charcoal cookers, and other contained camping equipment used for cooking.
3. No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard to traffic, surface, and strength of roadways, hazards at intersections, and other conditions then existing. The maximum speed limit on all interior roads, drives, and parking lots shall be 15 miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.
4. No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any walk, path, trail, service road, or other area, unless said walk, path, trail, service road, or area has been officially designated for use by motor vehicles.
5. No person shall park any auto, truck, trailer, or other vehicle in any area other than an area specifically designated for such purposes.
6. No person shall:
  - (a) Allow a dog or other animal to run at large. All animals shall be confined or leashed with a leash of not more than ten feet. The custodian of said animals are responsible for the animals' behavior and the removal of the animals' waste from the park;

- (b) Ride, drive, lead, or keep a saddle horse or other animal except on such roads, trails, or areas specifically designated for that purpose;
- (c) Deposit any rubbish, garbage, glass, or other litter except in receptacles designated for that purpose;
- (d) Dispose of hand and dish water other than in the receptacles provided for that purpose, or dump human waster in gray water receptacles;
- (e) Wash any clothing or other materials in a lake or stream, or in any way pollute or defile any stream, spring, well, or lake;
- (f) Dump household or commercial garbage, brought from lands outside the park, in park facilities;
- (g) Alter, deface, mutilate, or destroy any trail, road, parking lot, bridge, fence, building, sign, barrier, or other facility or structure;
- (h) Dig up or remove any soil, stones, rocks, or other substances whatsoever; make any excavation, or lay or set off any blast therein except within the confines of the County rock pit;
- (i) Mutilate, dig, or remove any plant, or in any way burn, destroy, or defile any tree or plant or natural feature found in the park;
- (j) Create or erect signs, markers, or inscriptions of any type;
- (k) Use abusive, threatening, boisterous, vile, obscene, or indecent language or gestures;
- (l) Operate radios, televisions, musical instruments, or other noise-producing devices, or otherwise cause unnecessary sound in such a manner and at such times so as to disturb other persons;
- (m) Cause, attempt to cause, or bring about any public demonstrations or disturbances, or in any way create a public nuisance;
- (n) Discharge any firearm, slingshot, arrow, air, CO <sup>2</sup>, spring activated rifle or pistol or other similar device, darts, fireworks or related explosive materials, except in areas designated for such activity;
- (o) Throw rocks, sticks, or other objects, which may endanger the safety of any other person within said area; or
- (p) In any manner pursue, hunt, trap, or molest any bird or animal.

### **C. Restricted Areas**

1. The Park Ranger may, if necessary to protect natural resources or to promote safety in any park, designate areas as access restricted;

2. No person shall enter into an access restricted area unless that person has the written permission of the Park Ranger.

#### **D. Overnight Camping**

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to camp in a County park or on other County property, except in areas specifically designated by the County as public campgrounds. It shall be unlawful for any person to camp on a County or public road.
2. In designated camping areas, residence shall be limited to ten consecutive days in any park during the period from May 15 to September 15, and fourteen days during the remainder of the year.
3. No person shall abandon a camp established by that person. Any camp that is uninhabited for more than 24 hours shall be deemed abandoned. Abandoned vehicles and abandoned personal property shall be sold or disposed of in a manner established by Oregon law.

#### **D. Concessions**

1. No person shall operate a concession, or engage in the business of selling, hawking, peddling or vending any merchandise or material, without a written permit from Clatsop County.

#### **E. Fees**

1. The fees for day use, overnight camping, concessions and other Clatsop County park uses shall be set by order of the Board of Commissioners.
2. No person shall attempt to use a County park in a manner for which a fee is required without paying the established fee.

#### **F. Enforcement**

1. This ordinance shall be excepted from the enforcement provisions of Ordinance 96-15, the Clatsop County Code Compliance Ordinance.
2. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than \$250.00 for a non-continuing offense and \$1,000.00 for a continuing offense. Offenses shall be prosecuted pursuant to ORS 203.065, as amended.
3. Bail shall be set as 10% of the maximum fine together with any fees and assessments required by Oregon law.