

ing 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 the Director.

**SECTION 15. TRAPPING:** All trapping on Conservation Board lands and waters will be done according to Iowa Department of Natural Resources regulations and Iowa law. Trapping is allowed on all Areas, EXCEPT in picnic grounds, campgrounds, playgrounds or other posted Areas. Trapping privileges may be revoked by any law enforcement officer for violation of Iowa law or these regulations.

**SECTION 16. HUNTING:** All hunting done on Conservation Board lands and waters will be done according to Iowa Department of Natural Resources regulations and Iowa law. Hunting is allowed only in designated Areas. Hunting privileges may be revoked by any law enforcement officer for violation of Iowa law or these regulations. Any structure built for hunting purposes (deer stands, duck blinds, etc.) in a county Area must be removed at the close of each hunting season.

**SECTION 17. FISHING:** All fishing done on Conservation Board lands and waters will be done according to Iowa Department of Natural Resources regulations and Iowa law. The privilege of fishing on an Area under the jurisdiction of the Board may be revoked by any law enforcement officer for violation of Iowa law or these regulations.

**SECTION 18. SWIMMING:** The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury of any persons swimming or engaged in related water activities in or on any Area.

**SECTION 19. PICNIC TABLES:** Picnic tables may be provided for the use of the public and are available on a first-come basis. The Board may refuse or limit the use of those tables at any time. Tables shall not be removed from the immediate area.

**SECTION 20. WINTER ACTIVITIES:** Persons engaged in winter sports in any Areas do so at their own risk. The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury as a result of persons engaged in winter sports in any Area.

**SECTION 21. RESERVING PARK FACILITIES:** Park pavilions at parks designated by the Board, may be reserved in advance for family picnics, group meetings, reunions and other activities by obtaining a "special use permit" at least four days before the reservation date, at the Conservation Department Office during normal business hours. A request to change a reservation date will be accommodated whenever possible under the fol-

lowing conditions: (A) There will be an additional fee. (B) Only one date change will be allowed per reservation. (C) Date change will not be allowed less than four days prior to original date. Reservations are not transferable from one person to another or from one group to another. If a group decides to cancel a reservation, there will be no refund. Picnic shelters which are not reserved are available on a first-come basis. Persons under 18 will not be allowed to reserve a park facility. When a group consists of minors and adults, a ratio of at least one adult to each 10 minors must be maintained.

**SECTION 22. 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 Conservation Board Area.

**SECTION 23. LITTERING GROUNDS:** No person shall place any waste, refuse, litter or foreign substance in any area or receptacle, except those provided for that purpose.

**SECTION 24. ALCOHOL AND BEER RESTRICTIONS:** It shall be unlawful to possess or consume any alcohol, other than beer, in or on any Area. No person or group shall bring, use or have in his, her or their possession on any area beer in a keg or any other container larger than one quart. When beer in a keg is found in any Area, it shall be confiscated by the Executive Director or his authorized representative and destroyed. Unruly demonstrations, disturbing of the peace, unseemly conduct or violations of the law are prohibited. All beverage containers are limited to the Area of immediate use.

**SECTION 25. CLOSING TIME:** Except by arrangement of permission granted by the Board or their authorized representative, all persons shall vacate county Areas between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 4:30 A.M. of the following day. The provisions of this section shall not apply to authorized camping in Areas provided for that purpose. Other closing hours may be in effect in designated Areas and are posted accordingly.

**SECTION 26. MOTOR VEHICLES UNATTENDED NOT PERMITTED:** It shall be unlawful to leave any motor vehicle 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 his authorized representa-

tive. 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 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). If not reclaimed within three months of its removal, all such motor vehicles shall be considered abandoned and shall be disposed of as directed by the Board.

**SECTION 27. 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 28. OFFICIAL SIGNS AND BARRIERS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to enter, use or occupy any Board Area or facility in disregard of official signs and/or barriers.

**SECTION 29. CLOSING OF AREAS TO PUBLIC USE:** The Director or his authorized representative is hereby granted discretionary authority to close any park, shelter house, campground or any portion thereof, or other Board Area when a question of public safety or health exists. He may do so by the erection of suitable barriers clearly indicating that the area has been closed for Public use.

**SECTION 30. OTHER ACTIVITIES:** Conduct of activities may be established hereafter by the Board and posted in each individual Area. Upon posting and publishing as required by law, said Rules and Regulations shall become a part of the law and enforceable as such.

**SECTION 31. EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Board, its Director, and all employees, or duty 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 state law.

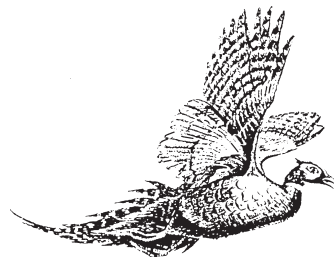
**SECTION 32. RULES AND REGULATIONS - FORCE AND EFFECT:** These Rules and Regulations are separate and complete however separated and should any part thereof be unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portions and sections shall remain in full force and effect. Under Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, any person violating any provision of the aforesaid Rules and Regulations shall be guilty of a simple misdemeanor. UPON CONVICTION, SAID PERSON SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN \$100.00 OR BE IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS.

# Park Rules and Regulations



## Jones County Conservation Board

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**INTRODUCTION:** It is essential that you feel secure when visiting a County Park Area for legitimate recreational reasons. Since parks and other conservation Areas are public property, all people are welcome. Your conduct should be governed by a sense of respect and consideration for the land, plants, animals and facilities and other people visiting the Area. Compliance with State laws and these Rules and Regulations will enhance your recreation experience. The enforcement of these laws by peace officers or park rangers is designed to protect the “rights of the many from the selfishness of a few”, to protect the natural resources and help people enjoy the parks. By the authority granted unto the Jones County, Iowa, Conservation Board by the laws of the State of Iowa, the following Rules and Regulations are deemed by said Board to be necessary for the protection, regulation and control of all Areas under the jurisdiction of said Board and are hereby adopted:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS:** The following terms shall, for the purpose of these regulations, have the meanings assigned hereto, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated:

- A. The term “Board” shall mean the Jones County, Iowa Conservation Board.
- B. The term “Department” shall mean 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, Park Attendants and other persons designated from time-to-time 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 his authorized representative.
- G. The term “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 his authorized representative shall, from time-to-time, determine may occupy an area, campground, campsite or picnic shelter.
- P. The term “Official Signs” 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; A sound lacking in agreeable musical quality or which is 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 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 such 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 park Area.

**SECTION 6. CAMPING:**

- A. 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. 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 and semi-modern. Must have wheeled 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 from designated Park Attendants and the Conservation Department office.
- D. No camping party or camping unit of any kind shall occupy any campground 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 (\$50.00). 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 P.M. and 8:00 A.M.
- I. Any non-registered persons visiting a camping party in the campground must vacate the campground area by 10:30 P.M.
- 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 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 2 P.M.
- 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 as to create noise and/or disturb others. Said equipment shall, under no circumstances, be used between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. 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 Area 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 the provisions of Section 7. There will be no use of chainsaws by the public at any time in any Area except with special permission by the Director.

**SECTION 9. 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 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 the Director.

**SECTION 12. RECREATION USES ONLY ALLOWED:** It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any portion of a Board area for washing or repairing vehicles; advertising or political campaigning; hawking or peddling; begging; or carrying on of a business or any other commercial activity without the written permission from the Board or the Director. 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.

**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. Unwarranted and indiscriminate “cruising” of roadways is prohibited. All roadways are considered to be public roads and governmental rules and regulations apply to all vehicles (including licens-