

PUBLIC NOTICE

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE HARRISON COUNTY, IOWA, CONSERVATION BOARD

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS:

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, the Harrison County, Iowa, Conservation Board hereby promulgates and places into effect the following Rules and Regulations deemed by the Board to be necessary for the protection, regulation and control of all areas under the jurisdiction of the Board.

A. The term "Board" shall mean the Harrison County, Iowa, Conservation Board.

B. The term "Director" shall mean the Director of the Conservation Board.

C. The term "Authorized Representative" shall mean the Park Officers and other persons designated from time to time by the Director.

D. The term "Officer" shall mean all employees so designated by the Board, or its Director to enforce the Rules and Regulations and the laws of the State of Iowa, and such officer shall have all the powers conferred by law on police officers, peace officers or sheriffs in the enforcement of said Rules and Regulations and the laws of the State of Iowa and the apprehension of violators thereof.

E. The term "Area" shall mean all or any part of the land or water owned, leased, managed, or by any other means under control of the Board and all buildings and facilities on any part of the land and/or water.

F. The term "campground" shall mean any area designated by the Board for camping.

G. The term "campsite" shall mean a segment of a campground designated by the Board for camping by a camping unit or camping part.

H. The term "camping unit" shall mean either a single tent not larger than 140 square feet in size at its base, pickup camper, motor home or converted bus, recreation trailer, or a motor vehicle used for a camp by a camping party, except for 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 140 square feet in size at its base, if the same is used and occupied by members of that camping party.

I. The term "camping party" shall mean any individual, family, or informal unorganized group of not more than six persons occupying one campsite.

J. 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.

K. The term "alcoholic liquor" shall mean all beverages which contain more than five (5) percent of alcohol by weight and as defined in Chapter 123.3(5) of the Code of Iowa.

L. The term "beer" shall mean all beverages which contain not more than five (5) percent of alcohol by weight and as defined in Chapter 123.3(7) of the Code of Iowa.

M. The term "special use permit" shall mean any use permit, issued by the Director, pursuant to the authority delegated by the Board, and signed by the Director or his authorized representative.

N. The term "responsibility agreement" shall mean any agreement required by the Board used to identify individuals in a group who accept responsibility for activities and actions of that group.

O. The term "permanent blind" shall mean any constructed place of concealment containing any sawed lumber, wire, nails, bolts, posts or pipes, metal cable, or hardware of any type, except where these materials are parts of portable blinds which are self-contained units readily movable from one site to another.

P. The term "tree stand" shall mean any portable place of concealment, either free-standing or placed in a tree. No nails, spikes, pins or other objects, metal or otherwise, shall be driven or placed within a tree.

Q. The term "beach" shall mean that portion of a county area designated for swimming activity including the water area as designated and marked by the Board.

R. The term "camping cabin" shall mean any wooden structure provided for overnight camping that does not contain restroom or bathroom or kitchen within the structure.

S. The term "deluxe cabin" shall mean any wooden structure provided for overnight camping that contains a restroom or bathroom and kitchen within the structure.

SECTION 2. CAMPING:

A. Camping is permitted only in Areas and location so designated by the Board.

B. Any person or persons camping in an Area under the jurisdiction of the Board shall be required to register his or her name, and to pay the appropriate fee as set forth in the official fee schedule of the Board. All camping areas under the jurisdiction of the Board shall be self-registration.

C. When any campground is open and in a usable condition all charges and fees shall be in effect and shall be enforced.

D. No camping party, camping unit, or cabin unit shall be permitted to camp for a period longer than that designated by the Board, and in no event longer than for a period of 14 consecutive days.

E. Campsites shall be considered occupied when:

1. The proper registration form has been completed with fee included and deposited; and 2. The completed receipt has been placed on campsite post; and 3. The campsite is occupied by placing a camping unit on it, i.e., tent, pickup camper, pop-up camper, motor home, covered bus, recreational trailer. No exceptions.

F. It shall be unlawful to occupy a campsite with more than one camping unit, i.e., 1 camper and 1 tent or 2 tents.

G. 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 or cabin.

H. 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.

I. Violation of any State law or any county park rule and regulation by any member of camping party is cause for revocation of the camping privilege and the entire camping party may be required to leave the area.

J. Campers shall restore their campsite to the same approximate condition or better than when they found it.

K. Campground checkout time is 4:00 p.m. daily. All campers occupying campsites after daily checkout will be required to pay an additional daily camping fee.

SECTION 3. CLOSING:

Except by arrangement or permission granted by the Board, its Director or his representative, all areas shall be closed to public use and all persons shall vacate County Areas between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the following date, except in specific areas designated for overnight fishing or camping.

SECTION 4. CLOSING OF AREA:

Any Area or portion thereof may be partially or entirely closed for use by the public for a specified period of time as determined by the Board or its Director. During such period of time it shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon or occupy such areas or portions thereof contrary to posted regulations.

SECTION 5. SWIMMING RESTRICTED:

A. It shall be unlawful to swim, wade or engage in related water activities in or on any area except in those ponds or waters or parts thereof as specifically designated by the Board.

B. Swimming will be permitted only in the designated area on the Willow Lake Recreation Area. The beach will be closed between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the following day.

The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury to any person while swimming in any area.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to bring onto or possess glass bottles, glass jars, or other glass containers on any beach or water area designated for swimming activities by the Board.

D. Consumption of alcoholic liquor or beer shall not be allowed on any beach or water area designated for swimming activities by the Board. Areas adjacent to designated swimming areas may also be closed to alcoholic liquor or beer consumption as determined by the Board.

E. Consumption of alcoholic liquor or beer shall not be allowed in an area adjacent to the Willow Lake swimming beach as described by bounded on the south by County Road F20L, on the east by Willow Lake entrance road, and on the north by Willow Lake and the boat ramp. The area includes the main boat ramp, parking lot and all grass areas surrounding the swimming beach area.

SECTION 6. FIRES:

Fires may be built only in picnic stoves or in other equipment or space provided thereof by the Board, and only in such Areas designated by the Board.

SECTION 7. TRAFFIC:

A. Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 321.236 of the Code of Iowa the speed limit for all vehicles on all area roads is 15 miles per hour, except where otherwise posted.

B. All vehicles shall be driven only on designated roadways.

C. Motorized bikes, scooters, and cycles may be used as means of conveyance to an area. However, unwarranted and indiscriminate "cruising" of designated roadways within said Area is prohibited.

D. Excessively loaded vehicles shall not operate on any Area roadways. The determination as to whether the load is excessive will be made by the Director or his authorized representative and will depend upon load and road conditions.

E. It shall be unlawful to drive any motor vehicle, snowmobile, ATV, motorized bike, scooter or cycle on any ice covered waters under the jurisdiction of the Board, except by written permission of the Board or its Director.

SECTION 8. PARKING:

A. Parking in places contrary to posted regulation is prohibited. Vehicles shall be parked only in designated places within an area.

B. It shall be unlawful to leave any motor vehicle unattended on any area for more than twenty-four hours without the permission of the Director or his authorized representative. Any motor vehicle left in violation hereof shall be removed and stored at the expense of the owner.

SECTION 9. POSSESSION OF LIQUOR, CONTAINER SIZE REGULATION, CONDUCT:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, possess, use, consume or otherwise in any manner to have alcoholic liquor alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor, or any controlled substance in or on any area under the jurisdiction to the Board in accordance with Chapter 123.46 of the Code of Iowa.

B. No person or group shall bring, use or have in his, her or its 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 his authorized representative. The request for the special use permit shall be made in writing at least one week prior to the date of the activity.

C. Pursuant to the authority under Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, upon determination of the Director or his authorized representative any person or group of persons engaged in any activity offering beer as a refreshment may be required to sign a responsibility agreement. Failure to sign a responsibility agreement will result in immediate removal of the group from the area.

SECTION 10. THE PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WILDLIFE:

No person shall injure, deface, disturb, defoul, nor in any manner destroy or cause to be destroyed any part of any Area, nor any public building, sign, structure, equipment, or other property found therein. It shall be unlawful to remove, injure, or destroy any tree, flower, shrub, plant or vegetation or any rock or other mineral in any area, except where permitted under Section 11. It shall be unlawful to kill, trap, hunt, pursue, or in any manner disturb or cause to be disturbed any bird or animal within any Area, except where permitted under Section 16.

SECTION 11. COLLECTION OF FRUITS AND NUTS:

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 350.10 of the Code of Iowa, it shall be lawful to collect the fruit of all nut and berry producing plants or mushrooms for noncommercial home use on any Area, provided that the collector does not otherwise damage the parent plant.

SECTION 12. RECREATION USES ONLY ALLOWED:

It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any portion of any area for washing or repairing vehicles; advertising or political campaigning; peddling, hawking, soliciting, begging, or carrying on of business or other commercial enterprise, or any other purpose not primarily recreational, except by written permission of the Board or its Director. No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or affix any placard, bill, notice or sign upon any structure, tree, stone, fence, thing or enclosure along or within any Area, except by written permission of the Board or its Director.

SECTION 13. PETS:

No privately owned animal shall be allowed to run at large in Area except where permitted under Section 14. Every such animal shall be deemed as running at large unless the owner carries such animal; or leads it by leash or chain not exceeding six (6) feet in length; or keeps it confined in a vehicle; or chains it to any man-made object. No leashes or chains shall be attached to any tree or shrub. Owners are responsible for maintaining areas occupied by pets. Owners are responsible for their pets creating any excessive noise at all times.

SECTION 14. HUNTING AND TRAINING DOGS:

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 350.10 of the Code of Iowa, it shall be lawful to permit dogs to run at large for the purposes of training, hunting or exercising them in or on all areas designated as hunting areas by the Board.

SECTION 15. FIREARMS:

No firearms, air rifles, slingshots, bows and arrows, fireworks, or inflammable or explosive material or other dangerous articles or substance shall be used or kept or permitted in any Area except in those Areas or parts thereof designated for use of the above mentioned arms and substances as described in Section 16(D). This provision shall not apply to any officer or employee of the Board.

SECTION 16. HUNTING AND SHOOTING AREAS:

A. Hunting will be allowed between September 1 and May 15 on certain areas or portions of areas so designated by the Board.

B. Certain areas or portions of areas may be posted as closed to hunting, trapping or taking of certain fish or wildlife during seasons established by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

C. No permanent blinds will be allowed on any Area.

D. Tree stands may be left on public hunting areas from seven days prior to the start of a hunting season until seven days after the final day of that season.

E. Firearms, air rifles, bows and arrows, slingshot or inflammable or explosive material or other dangerous articles shall be permitted in such posted areas, designated by the Board.

SECTION 17. BOATING:

A. All boats must be in compliance with Chapter 462A of the Code of Iowa, for use on any waters under the jurisdiction of the Board.

B. Where ramps are provided for the launching of boats, the ramp is to be promptly cleared upon launching or recovering a boat to permit others to use the facility.

C. Only electric motors, oars and/or paddles will be allowed as a means of conveyance on any waters under the jurisdiction of the Board.

D. No boat or other form of water conveyance shall be left unattended on or attached to any area for more than twenty-four consecutive hours. Any water conveyance left in violation hereof may be removed and stored at the expense of the owner.

E. It shall be unlawful to tamper with, move, or attempt to move, moor or tie any rope, anchor or line to any buoy or any fish or wildlife management structure.

SECTION 18. DISPOSAL OF REFUSE, DOMESTIC REFUSE PROHIBITED:

A. It shall be unlawful to deposit or abandon in any Area any garbage, sewage, refuse, trash, waste, or other obnoxious or offensive material, except in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes.

B. It shall be unlawful to deposit garbage, refuse, or litter from any household, business or any other place on any Area for the purpose of disposing of same in any receptacles or pits therein provided.

SECTION 19. EXCESSIVE NOISE:

It shall be unlawful to operate or use any radio, television stereo, musical instrument, electric generating plants, power saws, or any similar equipment in or on Area in such manner as to create excessive noise and/or disturb other persons. Pet owners shall be held responsible for excessive noise or disturbance caused by barking dogs.

SECTION 20. USE OF HORSES RESTRICTED:

The use of horses is restricted to designated roadways, except for those trails designated from time to time by the Director and with written permission from the Director or his authorized representative.

SECTION 21. ATV'S AND SNOWMOBILES:

It shall be unlawful to operate any snowmobile, air sled, swamp buggy, all terrain vehicle or any other land conveyance that runs on wheels, tracks or runners in or on any Area, except for those trails and roads which the Board shall from time to time designate.

SECTION 22. OTHER ACTIVITIES:

A. Any person engaged in any designated activity in any Area established and designated by the Board does so at his or her own risk. The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury as a result of persons engaged in activities in any Area.

B. Conduct or activities shall be governed by Rules and Regulations as may be established now or hereafter by the Board. Upon posting and publishing as required by law, said Rules and Regulations shall become law and are enforceable as such.

SECTION 23. FEES AND PERMITS:

A. The Board reserves the right to require special permits and establish fees for services or for the use of land, facilities, equipment, materials, supplies, and for admission to any facility, use, show, or demonstration.

B. The Board, its Director, or his authorized representative, reserve the right to refuse to issue a permit to any group or individual for the use of all or any part of any Area for any purpose whatsoever.

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

SECTION 24. CAMPING AND DELUXE CABINS:

A. Cabin occupancy rates shall not exceed those maximums established by the Board.

B. Cooking inside any camping cabin is prohibited except for microwave ovens and coffee makers.

C. Smoking is prohibited inside all camping and deluxe cabins.

D. No additional camping units, i.e. tents, motor homes, campers, are allowed at any cabin site or cabin parking lot.

E. Pets are prohibited inside all camping and deluxe cabins.

F. No pets shall be allowed at any cabin site overnight.

G. Damage to or excessive cleaning at any cabin or cabin site shall be the tenants' responsibility, upon review by the Director or appointed staff.

H. Return of cabin keys shall be the tenants' responsibility. Lost or stolen keys shall result in a \$50.00 replacement charge.

I. Check out time for all cabins shall be before 12:00 noon and check in time shall be after 4:00 p.m.

SECTION 25. STATUTES APPLICABLE:

Pursuant to the authority under Section 350.10 of the Code of Iowa, the provision of Sections 461A.35 through 461A.57 inclusive shall apply to all lands and waters under the control of the county conservation board, in the same manner as if the lands and waters were state parks, lands or waters. As used in Sections 461A.35 through 461A.57, "natural resource commission" includes a county conservation board, and "director", includes a county conservation board or its director, with respect to lands or waters under the control of a county conservation board. However, Sections 461A.35 through 461A.57 may be modified or superseded by rules adopted as provided in Section 350.5.

SECTION 26. EXCEPTIONS:

Nothing in these rules and regulations shall prohibit or hinder the Conservation Board, its Director, his authorized representative, or any peace officer from performing their official duties.

SECTION 27. PENALTIES:

A. Any person violating any of the provisions of the foregoing sections shall be charged with a simple misdemeanor and upon conviction be subject to a fine not to exceed six hundred twenty-five dollars and/or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed 30 days.

B. The privilege of use of any County Area by any person may be revoked by any peace officer for violation of State Law or County Board Rule and Regulation or other just cause.

C. A separate fine or imprisonment shall apply to each violation.

SECTION 28. EFFECTIVE DATE:

The above Rules and Amendments to the Rules have been adopted on the 3rd day of March, 2014, under the authority of Chapter 350.5 of the 2014 Code of Iowa as Amended and shall be declared effective March 24, 2014, following publication and posting as required by law.

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