

# NOTICE

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Jasper County, Iowa, Conservation Board

#### A. GENERAL

By the authority granted unto the Jasper County, Iowa, Conservation Board by the laws of the State of Iowa, Chapter 350.5, Code 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 are hereby adopted:

##### 1. Definitions

“Board” when used hereunder shall mean the Jasper County, Iowa, Conservation Board, or its Director, who is empowered by law to act on behalf of said board.

“Area” when used herein shall mean all parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, county forests, wildlife and other conservation areas, and other recreation lands, waters, buildings, and facilities owned, leased or otherwise controlled or governed by the Jasper County, Iowa, Conservation Board.

“Officer” when used herein shall mean all employees so designated by the Board, empowered to enforce the Rules and Regulations and the laws of the State of Iowa and such officer shall have all 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.

##### 2. 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 buildings, signs, structures, equipment, or other property found therein. It shall be unlawful to remove, injure, or destroy any tree, flower, shrub, plant or other vegetation, or any rock or other mineral in any area. It is lawful to collect fruits, nuts berries and mushrooms as long as no damage is done to the parent plants. 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 “B” below.

##### 3. Closing Hours:

Except by arrangement or permission granted by the Board, its Director or his representative, all persons shall vacate county areas between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 5:00 A.M. of the following day, except in specific areas designated for overnight fishing or camping.

##### 4. Closing of Area:

Any area or portion thereof may be entirely or partially closed to certain uses or any use by the public any specified period of time as may be determined by the Board. 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.

##### 5. Alcohol:

No person or group shall bring, use or have in possession beer in a keg or any type of alcohol in a container larger than one quart. Unruly demonstrations, disturbing of the peace, unseemly conduct or violation of the law are prohibited.

##### 6. Peddling and Advertising:

Peddling, hawking, soliciting, begging, advertising or carrying on of business or other commercial enterprise within any area without written permission of the Board is strictly prohibited.

##### 7. Firearms:

No firearms, air rifles, slingshots, bows and arrows, or inflammable or explosive material or other dangerous articles or substance shall be used in any area except in those areas or parts thereof designated for the use of the above mentioned arms and substances as described in Section “B” below. This provision shall not apply to any officer or employee of the Board.

##### 8. Fires:

Fires may be built only in picnic grills or in other equipment or space provided therefore by the Board, and only in such areas so designated by the Board. It shall be unlawful to start or cause to be started any fire whatsoever in any location within an area.

##### 9. Signs:

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 unless written permission is obtained from the Board.

##### 10. Traffic:

The speed limit for all vehicles shall be 15 miles an hour, except where otherwise posted. No vehicle exceeding the restriction of class “A” license as defined by the Iowa Motor Vehicle Law shall be permitted upon the roads in the areas without written permission granted by the Board. All vehicles shall be driven only on designated roadways.

Properly licensed motorized bikes, scooters and cycles may be used as a means of conveyance to an area. However, unwarranted and indiscriminate “cruising” of designated roadways or parking areas within said area is prohibited.

##### 11. Parking:

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

##### 12. Disposal of Refuse:

No person shall 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.

##### 13. Swimming:

Swimming is prohibited in any areas administered by the Board. The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury of any person while swimming in any area. Persons using county conservation facilities do so at their own risk.

##### 14. Camping:

Camping is permitted only in areas and locations so designated. No camping party shall occupy any camp area for more than 14 days out of a 17 day period.

##### 15. Noise Producing Devices:

It is unlawful to operate or use any radio, television, stereo, musical instrument, electric generating plant, power saw, or any similar equipment in or on any area in such a manner as to create excessive noise and or disturb other persons.

##### 16. Winter Activities:

Persons skating, skiing, sleighing, tobogganing, snowmobiling and engaging in other winter sports in areas established and designated by the Board do so at their own risk. The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury as the result of persons engaging in winter sports in the areas.

##### 17. Animals on Leash

No privately owned animal shall be allowed to run at large in any park or preserve or in areas established and designated by the Board. Every such animal shall be deemed as running at large unless the owner carries such animal or leads it by a leash or chain not to exceed six feet in length, or keeps it confined in or attached to a vehicle.

##### 18. Other Activities:

Conduct or activities such as fishing, swimming, boating, horseback riding, games, etc., shall be governed by Rules and Regulations as may be established now or 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 this law and are enforceable as such.

##### 19. Refusal to Issue A Permit:

The Board reserves the right to refuse to issue a permit to any group or individual for the use of all or any portion of any area for any purpose whatsoever.

#### B. RESERVATIONS, PERMITS, FEES, AND DESIGNATED USES

##### 1. Hunting and Shooting Areas:

Certain areas or portions of areas shall be posted as closed to the hunting, trapping or taking of certain fish or wildlife during seasons established by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. No permanent blinds or tree stands shall be allowed. Firearms, air rifles, bows and arrows, slingshots or inflammable or explosive material or other dangerous articles shall be permitted in such posted areas or in such other fields, courses and waters as are designated and maintained for the safe use thereof and as is consistent with the statutes of Iowa pertaining thereto. Privileges granted by this paragraph may be revoked by any Officer for unsportsmanlike conduct, violation of Iowa law or these rules and regulations or other just cause.

##### 2. Fishing:

The use of live minnows is prohibited in or on any artificial impoundment under the jurisdiction the Board. The privilege of fishing on a county area may be revoked by any Officer for unsportsmanlike conduct, violation of Iowa law or these rules and regulations, or other just cause.

##### 3. Boating:

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. Petroleum powered motors or engines shall not be allowed on any waters under the jurisdiction of the Board. On artificial lakes built and/or maintained by the Board, the Board may designate the type of boating permitted and establish rules governing same. Boats shall be removed from all areas at closing time.

##### 4. Other Facilities:

The Board reserves the right to require permits and establish fees and admission for any other facility, use, show, concert, demonstration, material, or service without notice.

##### 5. Penalties:

Any person violating any of the provisions of the foregoing sections shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine or imprisonment in the county jail.

##### 6. Effective Date:

The above Rules and Regulations having been adopted the 14th day of August, 1997, the same shall be effective upon the expiration of ten days from and after the date hereof. Publication has been made hereof once a week for two weeks in the Newton Daily News, a newspaper published in the City of Newton, Iowa, and circulated in the County of Jasper, Iowa.



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