



Notice

Rules & Regulations

Jefferson County, Iowa, Conservation Board

A. General

By the authority granted unto the Jefferson County, Iowa Conservation Board by the laws of the State of Iowa, the following Rules and Regulations 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.

Section 1. 350.10 Applicable Iowa Laws:

The provisions of Sections 461A.35 through 461A.57 inclusive, of the Code of Iowa shall apply to all parks, lands and waters under the control of any county conservation board, in the same manner as if such lands waters were state parks, lands, or waters. However, the provisions of said sections may be modified or superseded by rules and regulations herein adopted as provided in Section 350.5 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 2. Definitions:

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, the Jefferson County, Iowa, 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 meanings assigned hereto, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated.

- A. The term 'Board' shall mean the Jefferson County, Iowa, Conservation Board.
- B. The term 'Director' shall mean the Director of the Department of Conservation.
- C. The term 'area' shall mean all or any part of the land and/ or water owned, leased, managed or by other means under the control of the Board.
- D. The term 'authorized representative' shall include park officers and other person designated from time to time by the Director.
- E. The term 'camp' or 'camping' shall mean the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, or sleeping bag for temporary residence at a campground.
- F. The term 'campground' shall mean any area designated by the Board for camping.
- G. The term 'family campground' shall mean any campground designated by the Board for camping by families or groups consisting of six persons or less.
- H. The term 'campsite' shall mean a segment of campground designated by the Board for camping by a camping unit or camping party.
- I. The term 'camping unit' shall mean either a single tent no 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 those shelters used exclusively for dining purposes, plus, at the option of said camping party, an additional tent may be used and occupied by members of that same family.
- J. The term 'camping party' shall mean any individual, family or informal unorganized group of not more than six persons occupying one campsite.
- K. The term 'family' shall mean a parent or parents with their unmarried children and not more than 2 minor guests.
- L. The term 'noise' shall mean any loud, confused or senseless shouting or outcry. Any noticeably unpleasant man-made sound that is undesired or disturbing to other campers.
- M. The term 'disturbance' shall mean any act, verbal or physical, that interferes with the quality of another camper's stay or destroys the tranquility of the park setting.
- N. The term 'Peace Officer' shall mean the individual(s) appointed by the Board to enforce the provisions of this regulation.

Section 3. The Preservation of Property, Natural Resources, and Wildlife:

No person shall injure, deface, disturb, 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, except so designed by the board. 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 in the section below.

Section 4. Conduct:

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, possess, use or consume, or otherwise in any manner to have liquor, or drugs in or on any Area under the jurisdiction of the Board. Keg beer shall not be allowed in any area unless the person responsible for the keg signs a responsibility agreement and makes a deposit payable to the Board. Unruly demonstrations, disturbing of the peace, unseemly conduct, nudity, or violation of the law, are prohibited. Peddling, hawking, soliciting, begging, advertising or carrying on of business or other commercial enterprise within an Area without written permission of the Board is strictly prohibited. No person shall post, paste, fasten, paint or affix any placard bill, notice, or sign upon any structure, tree, stone, fence or enclosure along or within any Area, unless written permission is obtained from the Board.
- B. There shall be no smoking allowed in any shelter or structure controlled by the Board.

Section 5: Closing:

All parks shall be closed during the hours of 10:00pm to 5:00am. Failure to vacated an area at closing time or when directed to do so by an Officer, shall be unlawful.

Section 6: Permits and Fees:

The Board reserves the right to require permits, to collect camping fees and to establish admission fees to any facility, use, show, concert, demonstration, material, or service, without notice. The Board also reserves the right to refuse to issue a permit to any portion of any Area for any purpose whatsoever.

Section 7. Traffic, Parking and Off Road Vehicles:

The maximum speed limit on all roads, drives, parking areas, maneuvering lanes and ramps within all Areas will be 25 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. All vehicles shall be driven and parked in designed roadways and parking places only. No off road vehicles shall be used on any area controlled by the Board.

Section 8: Noise-Producing Devices:

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 any Area in such a manner as to create excessive noise and/or disturb other persons. Said equipment shall not be used between the hours of 10:00pm and 9:00am.

Section 9. Trails:

It shall be unlawful, except for official maintenance and patrol vehicles, to operate any snowmobile, mo-ped, motorcycle, automobile or all-terrain vehicle on any trail in any Area except for designated roads that are within the park. It shall be unlawful to ride, lead or otherwise allow the entry or use of horses on any portion of any trail in Jefferson County Park, Cedar View Trail, Fairfield Loop Trail, Whitham Woods and Cedar Creek Timber and Wetland. Horses are allowed in other Areas insofar as they do not disturb, injure or deface any structure or natural attraction. No horses shall be ridden in any public hunting area during designated hunting seasons.

Section 10. Fires:

Fire may be built only in picnic stoves or in other equipment or space provided therefore by the Board, and in such areas so designated by the Board. Firewood must fit inside the provided rings. It shall be unlawful to start or cause to be started any fire whatsoever in any other location within an Area. Hot coals and ashes shall not be dumped into streams, lakes, or ponds nor upon the ground nor in trash receptacles, but are to be thoroughly extinguished with water after use. Campfire rings and stoves are not to be used for the disposal of garbage.

Section 11. Picnic Tables:

Picnic tables may be provided for the use of the public. Persons using such tables shall vacate same when their meal is finished. It shall be unlawful to remove picnic tables from any Area under the jurisdiction of the Board.

Section 12. Disposal of Refuse:

All refuse must be placed in disposal cans provided. It shall be unlawful to deposit any refuse anywhere on any Area, that has been brought from a household, place of business, or elsewhere and that was not a legitimate by-product of legal usage of the Area. It shall be unlawful to dump, or to allow to leak, sewage upon any Area except into such dumping stations as might be specifically designed for such use and designated as such. A carry in-carry out refuse policy will be enforced in the picnic area in Jefferson County Park.

Section 13. Firearms:

No firearms, air rifles, slingshots, bows and arrows, or inflammable or explosive material or other dangerous articles or substances shall be used or kept or permitted in any Area except in those Areas or parts thereof designated for the use of the above-mentioned arms and substances as described in the Hunting and Trapping section below.

Section 14. Domestic and Feral Animals:

No tame, domestic, or feral animals shall be allowed to run at large upon any Area in such a manner as to be a nuisance, annoyance, threat, or danger to the general public, the wildlife vegetation of the Area, or Board property. All pets must be leashed and under owner's control at all times. No animal shall be left unattended at any time. Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit the owner of a trained hunting dog from the use of such dog for the legal hunting of game in those Areas where such hunting is permitted. No animal shall be hitched or tied in such a manner as to result in damage to Board property or personal injury. It shall be unlawful to release and abandon any domestic pet in any Area under the jurisdiction of the Board.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, boating, horseback riding, etc. shall be governed by Rules and Regulations as may be established now and hereafter by the Board and posted in each individual area. Upon posting and publishing such rules as required by law, said regulations will become part of this law and enforceable as such.

Section 1. Camping:

- A. VIOLATION: Violation of any state law or county park regulations 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.
- B. FEE: When any campground is open and in usable condition all chargers and fees shall be in effect and shall be enforced as set forth in the official fee schedule approved by the Board.
- C. REGISTERING: All camping parties must register and pay for the site immediately after placing a camping unit or vehicle on the site.
- D. ONE UNIT PER SITE: It shall be unlawful for more than one camping party or camping unit to occupy a campsite, except when such use has been approved by the Director or his authorized representative. If said permission is given each camping unit shall pay the posted camping fee.
- E. PARKING: It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite. No more than two registered vehicles are permitted at any campsite.
- F. QUIET HOURS: All campers shall maintain quiet and avoid excessive noise in the campground between the hours of 10:00pm to 9:00am.
- G. MOVING: No camping unit or camping party shall move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval from the director or his authorized representative.
- H. TIME LIMIT: No camping party or camping unit of any kind shall occupy any campground more than fourteen days out of any twenty-one day period.
- I. SET-UP/TAKE-DOWN: No camping party shall set up or take down their equipment between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 5:00am.
- J. RESTRICTED VEHICLES: No vehicles shall be allowed in Jefferson County Parks' designated camping areas unless that vehicle has been registered for camping purposes or is being operated by a registered camper, or if prior approval has been obtained from the director or his authorized representative.
- K. VISITORS: Any persons visiting a camping party in the campground must park only in designated areas and must vacate the campground and park by 10:00pm.
- L. MINORS: No one under the age of 18 shall be allowed to register to camp unless that minor is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for the entire night or nights that the camping party wishes to stay. A ratio greater than 5 minors to one parent will be unlawful unless the group is of the same family.
- M. CHECK-OUT TIME: Check-out time at all campgrounds is 5:00pm except if prior approval is obtained from the Director or his authorized representative.
- N. RESTORING SITE: Campers shall restore their campsite to the same approximate condition or better than they found it.
- O. RESERVATIONS: Campsites cannot be reserved. A campsite will only be considered occupied when a camping unit or vehicle is in place at the site and the proper fees have been paid.
- P. SHOWERS: Showers in Jefferson County Park are for registered campers only.
- Q. CABINS: No one under the age of 21 shall be allowed to register for cabins.

Section 2. Fishing

Fishing shall be allowed in all ponds, streams, and rivers within any Area of the Board unless designated otherwise. The Board reserves the right to establish length limits on bass in any pond under their jurisdiction. The privileges of fishing

on a County Area may be revoked by any Officer for unsportsman-like conduct, violation of Iowa Law or these Rules and Regulations or other just cause. No turtle trapping shall be allowed on any Area under the control of the Board.

Section 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. The Board is not responsible for boats or fishing equipment left unattended.

Section 4. Swimming:

Swimming is prohibited on all areas. The Board assumes no responsibility for death or injury of any person while swimming in any Area.

Section 5. Hunting and Trapping:

Certain Areas or portions of Areas shall be posted as closed to hunting and trapping of wildlife at any time including seasons established by the Department of Natural Resources. Firearms, air rifles, bows and arrow, slingshots or inflammable or explosive material or other dangerous articles shall be permitted in any Area or in such other fields, courses and waters as are designated and maintained for the safe use thereof and are consistent with the statutes of Iowa pertaining thereto, except Areas so posted for public hunting, trapping, etc.

- A. HUNTING AREAS: It shall be unlawful to hunt, trap, 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. All firearms are restricted from Mac Coon Access from May 15 through Labor Day of each year.
- B. HUNTING WITHIN 200 YARDS: It shall be unlawful to hunt, shoot or carry a loaded gun within 200 yards of any buildings, camping areas, or picnic areas while hunting on all areas designated as a hunting area by the Board.
- C. TREE STANDS: It shall be unlawful to build permanent tree stands on any county hunting area. Portable tree stands may be placed on county hunting areas no more than two weeks prior to opening day of deer season and must be removed from all county hunting areas within two weeks after the closing of deer season.
- D. TARGET SHOOTING: There shall be no target practice or target shooting allowed in any area controlled by the Board. Privileges granted by these paragraphs may be revoked by any Officer for unsportsman-like conduct, violation of Iowa Law or these Rules and Regulations or other just cause.

Section 5. Winter Activities:

Persons skating, skiing, sleighing, tobogganning, ice fishing, and engaging in other winter sports in Areas established and designated by the Board, do so at their own risk.

C. PENALTIES.

Any persons violating any of the provisions of the foregoing sections shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a simple misdemeanor.