

RULES AND REGULATIONS, Lake Icaria, ADAMS COUNTY, IOWA

A. GENERAL

By the authority granted unto the Adams 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, regulations, and control of all areas under the jurisdiction of said Board and are hereby adopted:

1. DEFINITIONS:

“Board”, when used hereafter, shall mean the Adams County, Iowa, Conservation Board.

“Area”, when used hereafter, shall mean all parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, county forests, wildlife, and other conservation areas, rooms for arts and crafts, camps and meeting places, community forests, and other recreation lands, waters, buildings and facilities owned, leased or otherwise controlled or governed by the Adams County, Iowa, Conservation Board.

“Officer”, when used hereafter, 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 powers conferred by the 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 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.

3. CLOSING HOURS:

Except by arrangement or permission granted by the Board, its Director, or his representative, all persons shall vacate County Park Areas between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. of the following day, except in specific Areas designated for overnight fishing or camping.

4. CLOSING OF AREA:

Any Area or portion may be entirely or partially closed to certain uses or any use by the public and 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 or to occupy such Areas or portions thereof contrary to posted regulations.

5. CONDUCT:

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, possess, use, consume, or otherwise in any manner have liquor or drugs, in or on any Area under the jurisdiction of the Board. Unruly demonstrations, disturbing 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 enterprises within any Area without written permission of the Board is strictly prohibited.

7. FIREARMS:

No firearms, air rifles, slingshots, bows, and arrows, inflammable or explosive material, or other dangerous articles or substances shall be used, kept, or permitted in any area except in those Areas or parts thereof designed for use of the above-mentioned arms and substances as described. This provision shall not apply to any Officer or an employee of the Board.

8. FIRES:

Fires may be built only in picnic fire rings or in other equipment or space provided by the Board and only in such Areas so designated by the Board. It shall be unlawful to start or be the cause of starting any fire whatsoever in any other 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 maximum speed for all vehicles shall be 15 miles per 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 Area without written permission granted by the Board. All vehicles shall be driven only on designated roadways. ATVs, golf carts, vehicles, motorized bikes, scooters, and cycles must be licensed and street-legal. However, unwarranted and indiscriminate “cruising” of designated roadways within the said Area is prohibited.

11. PARKING:

Parking in places contrary to posted regulations is prohibited.

Vehicles shall be parked only in designated places within an Area.

No parking along roadways.

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 provided for such purposes.

13. SWIMMING:

Swimming is permitted only in designated Areas and during such hours specified by the Board. The Board assumes no responsibility for the death or injury of any person while swimming in any Area. Persons using these facilities do so at their own risk. Scuba diving is allowed only by written permission of the Director whereby a permit may be obtained.

14. CAMPING:

Camping is permitted only in Areas and locations so designated. It shall be unlawful to camp or occupy a campsite on any designated campgrounds under the control of the Adams County Conservation Board without observing the following rules:

14.1 Camping equipment will be considered a camping unit when it consists of the following pieces or combination of pieces of equipment with one camping unit allowed per campsite: (a) Station Wagon or van (b) Any motor vehicle and tent (c) Any vehicle and trailer plus a two-man tent for minor children (d) Motor home plus a two-man tent for minor children (e) Converted bus plus two-man tent for minor children (f) Pickup truck plus a topper (g) Any portable shelter or sleeping gear associated with camping

14.2 Any person who camps in any county Area so designated shall register and pay established fees. Registration may be self-registration or collected by Park Rangers with receipts issued and placed on designated posts or vehicle windows for inspection. Failure to register is a misdemeanor. (461A.50 Code of Iowa)

14.3 Campers shall set up camping equipment and camp at designated campsites only in campgrounds where sites are designated, the camper may camp in groups or any place in the campground except those portions where camping is expressly prohibited with official signs giving notice of the restriction.

14.4 No camping equipment of any kind may occupy a campsite in any county campground for more than 14 consecutive days. The Board authorizes the Park Ranger to grant an extension of time for emergencies or unusual circumstances.

14.5 All must maintain quiet in campgrounds during the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. Visitors must leave the Area by 10:30 P.M. or be subject to a fine as an unauthorized visitor after park closing hours.

14.6 Check-out time for all campers at fee camping Areas shall be 3:00 P.M. Campers remaining in the campgrounds past the check-out time will be required to pay an additional day of camping fees as outlined in the fee schedule.

14.7 Vehicles must park on designated gravel sites where provided. Visitors and extra vehicles must be parked in designated parking areas away from the camping site.

14.8 Each camping unit shall be restricted to one picnic table and one grill.

14.9 Privately owned animals shall be leashed and not tied to Area vegetation. Every such animal shall be kept on a leash not to exceed 6 feet. All animal waste material needs to be collected and properly disposed of. Horses shall be restricted to designated roadways or otherwise posted. (461A.45 Code of Iowa)

14.10 Park Rangers or designated Board representatives are given the authority to refuse camping privileges and to rescind any camping permits for cause, which is within the power of the Board to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public. (461.51 Code of Iowa)

14.11 Loud and raucous noise of any kind including radio, television, musical instrument, or similar noise-producing devices in such manner or at any time as to disturb other campers is prohibited. After one registered complaint of a noise disturbance, the Park Ranger may approach the offender and request the disturbance cease.

14.12 Electrical cords shall be limited to no more than one per unit and at designated sites. No cords shall be allowed across traveled roads. All cords using campground receptacles shall have a ground wire with U.I. approval.

14.13 Youth and Group Camping-supervised youth and other groups will be permitted to camp in designated areas.

14.14 No person shall use park vegetation to erect a clothesline, hammock, or any other weight-bearing structure. (461A.41 Code of Iowa)

15. PICNIC TABLES:

Picnic tables may be provided for use of the public.

16. **WINTER ACTIVITIES:** Any person 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. 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 Area. Upon posting and publishing as required by law, said Rules and Regulations shall become part of this law and are enforceable as such.

18. 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.

A. RESERVATIONS, PERMITS, FEES, AND DESIGNATED USES

1. HUNTING AND SHOOTING AREAS:

Certain Areas or portions of Areas shall be posted as closed to hunting, trapping, or taking of certain fish or wildlife during seasons set by the Dept. of Natural Resources. No permanent blinds 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 un-sportsmanlike conduct, violation of Iowa law or these Rules and Regulations, or other just cause.

2. FISHING:

All fishing must conform to Iowa law in Areas under the jurisdiction of the Board. The privilege of fishing in a county Area may be revoked by any Officer for un-sportsmanlike 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. The Board may designate the type of boating permitted and set rules governing the same.

Boating regulations at Lake Icaria shall conform with State Laws as follows: Chapter 462A (571-40.20) Lake Icaria, Adams County-Watercraft use: Motorboats of outboard or inboard-outdrive type shall be permitted on Lake Icaria. Icaria in Adams County.40.20 (1) All vessels shall be operated at a no wake speed when within fifty feet of another vessel that is not underway or operating at a no wake speed.

40.20 (2) ZONE AREAS:

(a) No vessel, except authorized emergency vessels, shall be permitted in Areas specifically designated for swimming and wading which is marked by the use of buoys or signs by Chapter 40 rules of the Department of Natural Resources (b) No motor boats, except authorized emergency vessels, shall be operated in marked bay Areas at a speed greater than the limit designated by buoys or signs marking said bay (c) No motor boats, except authorized emergency vessels, shall be operated in restricted speed Areas between the nearest shore and a line designated by uniform marker buoys or signs at a speed greater than the limit designated on the buoys or signs marking the Area.

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 fined not to exceed \$100.00 or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed thirty days.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE:

The above Rules and Regulations having been adopted on the 24th day of March 1977, the same shall be effective upon the expiration of ten days from and after the date hereof. The publication has been made hereof once a week for two weeks in The Adams County Free Press, a newspaper published in the City of Corning, Iowa, and circulated in the County of Adams, Iowa.

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