

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE  
TAYLOR COUNTY IOWA  
CONSERVATION BOARD

Section 350.10 of the Iowa Code states: "Sections 461A.35 through 461A.57 apply to all lands and waters under the control of a 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 However, sections 461A.35 through 461A.57 may be modified or superseded by rules adopted as provided in section 350.5.

The Taylor County Conservation Board on February 11, 1998 adopted the sections 461A.35 through 461A.57, Natural Resource Commission Administrative Rules sections 571-61.5(6) and 571-61.21(1) for its own rules with one exception. The one exception is as follows:

**Taylor County Conservation Board Regulation 001.1** Swimming is not allowed in any waters on Taylor County Conservation Board property.

For purposes of Taylor County Conservation Board, areas will be Wilson Lake, Windmill Lake, Sand's Timber Recreation Area, French Reserve and Siam Tract.

These rules along with the above mentioned exception become effective 10 days following this publication as provided in section 350.5 of the Iowa Code. Any person violating a provision of the regulations is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

**461A.35 Prohibited destructive acts.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, enjoy the privileges of, destroy, injure or deface plant life, trees, buildings, or other natural or material property, or to construct or operate for private or commercial purposes any structure, or to remove any plant life, trees, buildings, sand gravel, ice, earth stone, wood or other natural material, or to operate vehicles within the boundaries of any state park preserve, or stream or any other lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the commission for any purpose whatsoever, except upon the terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions as set forth by the commission.

**461A.36 Speed limit.**

The maximum speed limit of all vehicles on state park and preserve drives, roads and highways shall be thirty-five miles per hour. All driving shall be confined to designated roadways. Whenever the commission shall determine that the speed limit herein before set forth is greater than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any place of congestion or upon any part of the park roads, drives or highways, said commission shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat which shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected at such places of congestion or other parts of the park roads, drives or highways.

**461A.37 Excessive loads.**

Excessively loaded vehicles shall not operate over state park or preserve drives, roads or highways. The determination as to whether the load is excessive will be made by the director or the director's representative and will depend upon the load and the road conditions.

**461A.38 Parking.**

All vehicles shall be parked in designated parking areas, and no vehicle shall be left unattended on any state park or preserve drive, road or highway, except in the case of an emergency.

**461A.39 Hitching to trees.**

No horse or other animal shall be hitched or tied to any tree or shrub, or in such a manner as to result in injury to state property.

**461A.40 Fires.**

No fires shall be built, except in a place provided therefor, and such fire shall be extinguished when site is vacated unless it is immediately used by some other party.

**461A.41 Removing plants, flowers or fruit.**

No person shall, in any manner, remove, destroy, injure or deface any tree, shrub, plant, or flower, or the fruit thereof, or disturb or injure any structure or natural attraction, except that upon written permission or the commission certain specimens may be removed for scientific purposes.

This section shall not apply to activities of the commission or its officers, or employees when caring for and managing state-owned land and waters under the jurisdiction of the commission. This section shall not apply to the gathering or removal of any tree, shrub, plant, flower, fruits, structures or natural attractions under terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions adopted by the commission as rules under chapter 17A.

**461A.42 Use of firearms, explosives, weapons, and fireworks prohibited-exceptions.**

1. The use by the public of firearms, explosives, and weapons of all kinds is prohibited in all state parks and preserves, except preserves or portions of preserves designated as hunting areas by the state advisory board on preserves upon the request of the commission. However, any person may use a bow and arrow with attached bow fishing reel and ninety-pound minimum line attached to the arrow to take rough fish under rules and regulations prescribed by the commission.

2. The use of fireworks, as defined in section 727.2, in state parks and preserves is prohibited except as authorized by a permit issued by the department. The commission shall establish, by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 17A, a fireworks permit system which authorized the issuance of a limited number of permits to qualified persons to use or display fireworks in selected state parks and preserves. A person violating this subsection is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. The court may order restitution for damages caused by the violation which may include, but is not limited to, community service. The court may also require that the violator provide proof of restitution.

**461A.43 Littering grounds.**

No person shall place any waste, refuse, litter or foreign substance in any area or

receptacle except those provided for that purpose.

**461A.44 Prohibited areas.**

No person shall enter upon portions of an state park or preserve in disregard of official signs forbidding same, except by permission of the director or the director's representative.

**461A.45 Animals on leash.**

No privately owned animal shall be allowed to run at large in any state park or preserve or upon lands or in waters owned by or under the jurisdiction of the commission except by permission of the commission. 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 exceeding six feet in length, or keeps it confined in or attached to a vehicle.

**460A.46 Closing time.**

Except by arrangement or permission granted by the director or the director's authorized representative, all persons shall vacate state parks and preserves before ten-thirty o'clock p.m. Areas may be closed at an earlier or later hour, of which notice shall be given by proper signs or instructions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to authorized camping in areas provided for that purpose.

**460A.47 Camping.**

The commission is hereby authorized to fix fees for camping and other special privileges which shall be in such amounts as may be determined by the commission upon a basis of the cost of providing and reasonable value of such privileges.

**460A.48 Camping areas.**

No person shall camp in any portion of a state park or preserve except in portions prescribed or designated by the commission.

**460A.49 Time limit.**

No camping unit shall be permitted to camp for a period longer than that designated by the commission for the specific state park or preserve, and in no event longer than for a period of two weeks.

**460A.50 Registering - vacating.**

Any person who camps in any state park or preserve shall register the person's name and address with the park custodian and advise the custodian when the camp is vacated.

**460A.51 Camping Refused.**

Custodians are given authority to refuse camping privileges and to rescind any and all camping permits for cause.

**Ice, Sand and Gravel Removal**

**460A.52 Agreement with commission.**

No person shall remove any ice, sand, gravel, stone, wood, or other natural material from any lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the commission without first entering into an agreement with the commission.

**460A.53 Permits.**

The commission may enter into agreements for the removal of ice, sand, gravel, stone, wood, or other natural material from lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the commission if, after investigation, it is determined that such removal will not be detrimental to the state's interest. The

commission may specify the terms and consideration under which such removal is permitted and issue written permits for such removal.

**460A.54 Barriers on ice field.**

Any person removing ice under a permit shall erect barriers on any part of an ice field where ice is cut, where said field crosses or traverses any part of a stream or lake that is used as a way of passage.

**460A.55 Dredging**

In removing sand, gravel, or other material from state-owned waters by dredging, the operator shall so arrange the operator's equipment that other users of the lake or stream shall not be endangered by cables, anchors, or any concealed equipment. No waste material shall be left in the water in such manner as to endanger other craft or to change the course of any stream.

**460A.56 Disturbing natural bank.**

Where operations are entirely on private property adjacent to a public lake or stream the natural bank between the state and privately owned areas shall not be removed except by permission of the commission.

**460A.57 Penalties.**

Any person violating any of the provisions of sections 461A.35 to 461A.56 is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

**Natural Resource Commission (571)**

**571-61.5(6) Noise.** Creating or sustaining any unreasonable noise in any portion of all state parks and recreation areas is prohibited at all times. The nature and purpose of a person's conduct, the impact on other area users, time of day, location, and other factors which would govern the conduct of a reasonable, prudent person under the circumstance shall be used to determine whether the noise is unreasonable. This shall include the operation or utilization of motor vehicle, motorized toy or audio device such as radio, television set, tape deck, public address system, or musical instrument or other device causing unreasonable noise. Between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6 a.m., noise which can be heard at a distance of 120 feet or three campsites shall be considered unreasonable.

**571-61.21(461A) After-hours fishing, exception to closing time.**

**61.21(1) Conditions.** Persons shall be allowed access to the areas designated in 571-61.22(461A) between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 4 a.m. under the following conditions:

a. The person is to be actively engaged in fishing.

b. The person shall behave in a quiet, courteous manner so as to not disturb other users of the park such as campers.

c. Access to the fishing site shall be by the shortest and most direct trail or access facility from the parking area.

d. Vehicle parking shall be in the lots designated by signs posted in the area.

e. activities other than fishing are allowed with permission of the director or an employee designated by the director.

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