

Administrative Rules and Regulations of the Clinton County Conservation Board

Pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 350.5

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DEFINITIONS:

The term “**Board**” shall mean the Clinton County, Iowa, Conservation Board.

- 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.
- The term “**authorized representative**” shall include Park Officer, Park Rangers and other persons designated by the Executive Director.
- The term “**special use permit**” shall mean any use permit, issued by the Board, pursuant to authority delegated by the Board and signed by the Executive Director or his authorized representative.
- The term “**camp**” or “**camping**” shall mean a tent, trailer or motor vehicle specifically designed for such use.
- The term “**camping party**” shall mean any individual group of not more than six persons or any immediate family occupying one camp site and must include at least one adult eighteen years of age or older.
- The term “**camp area**” shall mean any area designated by the Board for camping.

SECTION 1: Park Hours

All persons except registered campers, or those with permission of the Executive Director or authorized representative, shall vacate all county areas between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Hunting and fishing areas are excepted for these purposes only, and these areas will be available as is consistent with fishing and hunting season codes. Specific facilities within the parks may maintain separate hours; these hours will be posted at the facility.

SECTION 2: Use of Board Areas

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy any portion of any area for any purpose other than primarily recreational or educational purposes except by special use permit.
2. Peddling, hawking, soliciting or advertising of a commercial nature is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 3: Collecting Fruit, Nuts and Ginseng

It shall be lawful to collect the fruits of nut and berry producing plants for home use provided the collector is not otherwise damaging the parent plant. Collecting of nuts and fruits for any commercial use is expressly prohibited. The collection of ginseng is prohibited in all areas under the control of the Board.

SECTION 4: Weapons and Public Hunting

1. Hunting is allowed on any area designated as public hunting by the Board.
2. Trapping, as regulated by state law, is allowed on areas designated as public hunting.
3. The use by the public of firearms, fireworks, explosives and weapons of all kinds is prohibited in all county parks and areas, except hunting related weapons on areas designated as public hunting by the Board.
4. On any area thus designated as open to hunting, the training and exercising of dogs shall be permitted, except between March 15 and July 15, or on areas that the Board may designate as “dog training areas”.
5. Target shooting or target practicing with the use of firearms or any other weapon shall be prohibited on all Clinton County Conservation Board property.
6. It shall be unlawful to have in one's possession or to use paint ball guns or similar devices on any land under the control of the Board.
7. Only non-toxic shot, approved by the USFWS will be allowed at the Ringneck

Marsh Wildlife Area. You cannot have in your possession any shotshell loaded with anything other than non-toxic shot approved by the USFWS. Nontoxic shot currently approved by the USFWS includes: steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron (two types), tungsten-matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten tin-iron, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, and tungsten-tin-iron-nickel. For more information, go to <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/nontoxic.htm>

SECTION 5: Gas Boat Motors

It shall be unlawful to operate gasoline-powered motorboats on any body of water under the control of the Board. Electric trolling motors are permissible.

SECTION 6: Boat Docks and Ramps

1. No one under 12 years of age is allowed on the boat docks at Rock Creek Marina and Campground without adult supervision.
2. No swimming from, or adjacent to, any boat docks.
3. No swimming in the boat ramp area of Rock Creek Marina and Campground.
4. No trespassing on boats.

SECTION 7: Campfires

1. Fires shall be built only in places designated, such as fire pits, rings, or grills.
2. All fires will be extinguished when site is vacated.
3. No standing trees, dead or alive, may be cut or used for firewood.
4. Fire rings, pits, and grills must not be moved.
5. Only firewood that is clean of nails, screws, plastic, etc., may be burned.

SECTION 8: Campground Regulations.

It shall be unlawful to camp or occupy a campsite in any campground under the control of the Board without observing the following rules:

1. Campers must restore the campsite to the same approximate condition as existed when they found it.
2. Campers must erect their camping equipment and camp at designated campsites only. In campgrounds where sites are not designated, the camper may camp any place within the campground except where camping is expressly prohibited.
3. Campers must register their campsite within 1/2 hour of arrival at the campground. Failure register within 1/2 hour of arrival may result in an additional \$5.00 fee being assessed.
4. No camping will be permitted within fifty feet of any picnic shelter except by permission of the Executive Director or authorized representative.
5. No camping party may occupy any campground for more than 14 consecutive days. The camping party must then vacate the campground for 7 days before returning to that campground.
6. Camping fees will be charged as posted in each park.
7. No permanent construction permitted.
8. All campers must maintain quiet in campgrounds during the hours of 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM.
9. Campers must remain in their respective campsites between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM and not loiter near restrooms, park facilities or other party's campsites.
10. Camp Miss-Elk-Ton and the “back valley” campground of Eden Valley are designated for youth group camping only.
11. Only one vehicle per campsite.

SECTION 9: Age Restrictions

1. It shall be unlawful for a minor to reserve any park facility or rent camping sites.

2. You must be 21 years of age or older to rent a cabin or motorboat.

provided under the Code of Iowa for access to boat ramps allowing access to the Wapsipinicon or Mississippi Rivers. It shall be unlawful to operate any motor vehicles on walking trails unless specifically designated for such use by the Board.

SECTION 10: Noise

1. All power equipment (including, but not limited to, power saws, chain saws or weed eaters) except electrical generators are prohibited. Electrical generation devices may be used only at those times that they do not disturb other persons. Under no circumstances may electrical generation devices be used prior to 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM.
2. "Excessive noise", meaning any loud, confused or senseless shouting or outcry, loud music or other sounds which may disturb other park users is not allowed.

SECTION 11: Horses, Mules, etc.

It shall be unlawful to ride, lead or otherwise allow the entry of horses, donkeys, mules, burrows, or any other related species, or draw wagons on any road or trail in or on any land under the control of the Board, except for those trails, roads, or areas which the Board may designate for this use.

SECTION 12: Motor Vehicles.

1. Park roads, drives, highways, etc., are public right-of-ways. Operation of any vehicle upon such right-of-ways under the control of the Board requires compliance with local, county conservation board, state and federal codes pertaining to the operation of any motor vehicles.
2. The maximum speed limit for all vehicles on Board controlled roads, drives, and highways shall be 15 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
3. All vehicle use and parking shall be confined to designated roadways, parking lots and camping areas.
4. It shall be unlawful to operate any unlicensed motor vehicle on any roads under the control of the Board. Snowmobiles may use the park roads as

SECTION 13: Swimming or Wading

It shall be unlawful to swim or wade or engage in related sports on any lakes or water under the control of the Board except for those lakes or bodies of water specifically designated for this purpose. The following bodies of water are designated with the understanding that any such use is at the user's own risk.

- Lake Malone at Malone Park in the marked beach and swimming areas only.
- Bear Creek in Eden Valley Wildlife Refuge.

SECTION 14: Rock Climbing

It shall be unlawful to do any rock climbing of the type known as "technical rock climbing" involving the use of equipment such as ropes, pitons, carabineers, etc., on any land under the control of the Board. Any other recreational rock climbing shall be at the climber's own risk.

SECTION 15: Garbage and Wastewater

1. It shall be unlawful to deposit garbage, refuse or litter from any household, business or any other place in any area controlled by the Board.
2. Septic waters and gray waters from camping units shall be disposed of in facilities provided by the Board. In the event that such facilities do not exist, these waste waters shall be disposed of off site.
3. Septic dump station users who are not registered campers will be assessed a use fee as posted..

SECTION 16: Abandoned Vehicles, Boats, etc.

It shall be unlawful to leave any motor vehicle, boat, camping unit, or personal property, etc., abandoned on any land under the jurisdiction of the Board without permission of the Board or its representatives. Any motor vehicle, boat,

camping unit, or personal property left unattended or abandoned for more than 48 hours shall be removed and stored at the expense of its owner.

SECTION 17: Pets on Leash

All pets must be kept on a leash of no more than 6 feet in length on all Board areas, except as provided for in Section 4.

SECTION 18: Alcoholic Beverages

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or consume alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM in or on any area except that alcoholic beverages may be possessed within a camping unit on their immediate camp site. Any alcoholic beverages possessed in violation of this rule shall be confiscated by the Director or his authorized representative and destroyed.
2. Alcoholic beverages containing more than 5% alcohol by volume are prohibited.
3. No person or group shall bring, use, have in their possession on any area, beer in a keg, or any other container larger than 40 ounces 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 two weeks prior to the date of the activity.
4. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the beach or swimming area at Malone Park.

SECTION 19: Violations and Penalties.

1. Violation of any state law or any county park rule or regulation by any park user is cause for revocation of park use privileges. Violators will be required to vacate the facility and may be banned from future use of any or all Clinton County Conservation facilities.

SECTION 20: Enforcement

The Clinton County Conservation Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director, and/or authorized representatives designated by the Director, to enforce all park rules and regulations.

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