

CHAPTER 5 COUNTY PARKS

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- (1) **Applicability.** This ordinance shall apply to all parks established or operated by Trempealeau County.
- (2) **Supervision.** The operation and management of County parks shall be under the supervision of the County Parks, Tourism, & Economic Development Committee (“Committee”), subject to the oversight authority of the County Board as allowed by State Statutes. The Committee or County Board may establish rules, permit fees, park closing times, restrictions on the use of the parks, and operating procedures not in conflict with specific provisions of this ordinance.
- (3) **Management.** The Committee, with the approval of the County Board, shall designate a person, County department, and/or agency as the parks manager. Such manager shall have responsibility for the processing of park reservations, arranging for park maintenance and repair, and responding to routine issues or concerns which may develop, subject to the direction of the Committee.
- (4) **Reservations and User Fees.** The parks manager shall maintain a system for processing reservations and the collection of fees for shelter structures, camping, and the use of other park facilities as established by the Committee. No person shall use the park without paying required fees.
- (5) **Camping.**
 - (a) Camping shall take place in only designated campsites unless otherwise authorized in writing by the manager.
 - (b) Visitors must leave the camping area no later than the hours established by the Committee and set out in regulations provided to campers or posted at the park.
 - (c) Campsites shall be managed in such a way as to avoid wind-blown debris, decaying food, or any other condition which is likely to be offensive to others using the park or presents a risk of harm to persons, wildlife, or the environment.

(6) **Disturbing or Damaging Property.**

- (a) No person shall disturb, molest, deface, remove or destroy any trees, shrubs or plants; or carve on or otherwise damage or deface any rocks, land formations, signs, walls, structures, tables or other park improvements or other County property at the parks.
- (b) No person shall disturb, molest, damage or remove the property of others located at County parks.

(7) **Vehicle Use.**

- (a) Vehicles shall not be operated in such a way as to cause holes or ruts or damage to any ground cover or roadway; or to propel rocks or other material in the direction of persons, animals, park improvements or personal property.
- (b) No vehicle shall be operated in a reckless manner or at a speed greater than the posted limit.
- (c) No vehicle shall be parked or operated within any area marked off, fenced or posted in some way to indicate that parking or operation is prohibited or discouraged.
- (d) No vehicle shall be parked with the engine running within 200 feet of any campsite or picnic area.

(8) **Nuisances.**

- (a) Owners and persons in possession of domestic animals shall keep them securely enclosed or on an adequate leash under the direct supervision of a person capable of controlling the animal.
- (b) No person shall operate any sound producing device or create any other sound to the extent that it would unnecessarily interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the park by other persons who are present in the park. Special permits issued by park management for events or activities may allow for limited hours of amplified music or other types of sound that might otherwise be unacceptable.
- (c) No person may engage in efforts to sell products or distribute sales or promotional literature or objects without written permission of the parks manager, except for among persons who have reserved the park for a group event.
- (d) No person shall enter the campsite or picnic site of another without consent or fail to leave when requested.
- (e) No person shall discharge any projectile from any device or weapon except in designated areas or with written approval of the park manager.

(9) **Miscellaneous Requirements.**

- (a) No person shall start or maintain any fire other than a camp stove except in designated fireplaces or in fire rings. No garbage such as food waste, plastic or other types of containers or wrapping shall be burned.
- (b) All refuse material shall be carried out of the park or disposed of in containers provided by the County for that purpose. Waste material generated outside the park may not be brought into the park for disposal.
- (c) No person shall be in any County park at times when it is noticed as being closed to the public.
- (d) No person shall camp in any park or use any enclosed shelter structure without required registration or payment of required fees.
- (e) Sewage and waste water storage containers which are a part of recreational vehicles may not be emptied at a park unless a receiving facility is designated for that purpose and authorized by the park manager.

(10) **Penalty.**

- (a) Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance or any rule, regulation or order made hereunder shall be subject to a forfeiture of \$20.00 to \$500.00 plus Court and other costs required upon conviction of a cited violation.
- (b) With the approval of the Committee Chair, the Parks Manager may deny a person the use of County parks for up to one year for an ordinance violation if the person has been warned or cited for a previous violation of this ordinance within the previous 18 months.

(History: Res. 2007-06-07; Res. 2015-03-06; Res. 2015-04-07; Res. 2016-02-06; Res. 2016-06-04)