

CHAPTER 7.28

COUNTY PARKS

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7.28.010 RULES AND REGULATIONS. In order to maintain the county parks for recreation of the public and in order to encourage the greatest possible use for the benefit of all of the citizens of Benton County, the following rules and regulations are promulgated to provide the best possible use of said parks and to assure the safety and well being of all persons using same:

(a) Definitions: the word "person" as used in this chapter shall include the plural as well as the singular and shall also include any group, firm or corporation. The word "park" as used in this chapter shall mean any public grounds under the control and supervision of the County Parks and Recreation Department.

(b) Vehicles: (1) No person, other than park or law enforcement personnel or others designated by the Benton County Parks and Recreation Department, shall ride, drive, push or operate any automobile, bicycle, motorcycle or other vehicle within the park on other than established roadway, paths, trails, bikeways, bike/ hike trails or parking areas. The speed limit for all roadways within parks shall be 25 MPH unless otherwise posted. Parking shall be in designated areas only. (2) No motorized vehicle shall be operated or parked upon any paths, trails, bikeways, bike/hike trails or other areas designated by the Benton County Park Board for use by pedestrians and/or non-motorized vehicles only.

(c) Animals: It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any animal to run at large in any park. All animals must be on a leash and under control of their owner or other responsible person at all times. Animals shall not be permitted on the

bathing beaches or in the water. Horses, when ridden, may be taken into any park only along the public road or on designated bridle trails.

(d) Fires: Fires shall be confined to the fireplaces or fire circles established by the Parks and Recreation Department, and must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving the area. Grass fires and other fires out of control shall be reported to the Director's office promptly.

(e) Trash: Trash and refuse must be placed in the receptacle provided for the purpose, and all areas are to be left free of debris after use. No person shall break, throw or leave or place glass or tin cans of any kind within the park area except in waste receptacles.

(f) Vandalism: It shall be unlawful to remove, destroy, mutilate, deface or improperly use any plantings, vegetation, properties, equipment or facilities, or to enter or break into any park building or structure not designated for public use.

(g) Personal Conduct: No person shall indulge in riotous, boisterous, threatening, profane or indecent conduct or language, that is offensive to others, or is a breach of the public's peace.

(h) Polluting Waters: No person shall throw, discharge, place or cause to be placed in the waters of the river, the swimming lagoon, any fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water within the park any substance, matter or thing which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

(i) Cruelty: It is unlawful in any manner to tease, annoy, disturb, molest, catch, injure or kill or to throw any stone or missile of any kind at or strike with any stock or weapon any animal, bird, or fowl within the confines of park lands; Provided, this section shall not apply to hunting in a manner and place authorized by the Park Board.

(j) Soliciting: No person shall sell, expose for sale, vend or give away, take or solicit orders, in or upon any of the parks, playgrounds, roads or buildings, any article or merchandise whatsoever without the written permission of the Park Board.

(k) Assembly: No persons shall be allowed to give entertain-

ments of any kind or transact business of any kind, or hold meetings or assemblies of any kind, except by written consent of the Park Board.

(l) Advertising: Commercial advertising shall not be permitted. Distribution, circulation, or erection of hand bills, circulars, notices, papers, or advertising devices is prohibited. Small signs or plaques, approved in advance by the Park Board, may be attached to donated articles or places.

(m) Swimming: Swimming is prohibited except in areas designated by the Park Board. Dressing or undressing shall not be permitted on the beaches or in private cars within the confines of the park lands.

(n) Overnight Parking and Camping: No overnight parking or camping is permitted in the park except in areas designated as overnight campgrounds. A fee for overnight parking or camping must be paid in areas so designated.

(o) Two Rivers Park and Horn Rapids Park shall be closed from the posted hour at each park until 6:00 a.m. each and every day to all persons except those in a designated overnight parking and camping area.

Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of an infraction and shall be punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

[Ord. 84 (1967) § 1; Ord. 87 (1967) § 1; Ord. 91 (1969) § 1; Ord. 93 (1970) § 1; Ord. 217 (1988) § 1; Ord. 364 (2000) § 1]

7.28.020 FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, OTHER WEAPONS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED. (a) Firearms, Explosives and Other Weapons: No person except law enforcement officers shall discharge or shoot any firearms, as defined in RCW 9.41.010(1), from or into any park, except when used in authorized recreational activity under Park Board supervision or authorization. No person except law enforcement officers shall carry, have in his or her possession, or discharge any other type of explosive device from or into any park,

except when used in authorized recreational activity under Park Board supervision.

No person shall discharge or shoot a slingshot, B-B gun, pellet gun, air gun, or bow and arrows within any park except in designated recreational areas provided for such activities.

Fireworks or discharge of same are prohibited within any park except for public fireworks displays approved in writing by the Director of the County Parks and Recreation Department, and authorized by permit issued by the Benton County Fire Marshal in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 7.30 BCC.

(b) Alcoholic Beverages: No person shall consume or possess any alcoholic beverages in any County park.

Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

[Ord. 84 (1967) § 2; Ord. 180 (1984) § 1; Ord. 217 (1988) § 2; Ord. 228 (1989) § 1; Ord. 357 (2000) § 1; Ord. 358 (2000) § 1; Ord. 364 (2000) § 2]