

Mills County Conservation Board

Rules and Regulations Mills County, Iowa

By the authority granted to the Mills County Conservation Board by the laws of the State of Iowa, the following rules and regulations are deemed necessary for the protection, regulation and control of all "areas" (shall mean all parks, public museums, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, county forests, wildlife and other conservation areas, and facilities leased, owned, or otherwise governed by the Mills County Conservation Board) under the jurisdiction of the said Board and are hereby adopted:

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. "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.

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PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS

Prohibitive 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 park, preserve, 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.

Speed Limit

The maximum speed limit of all vehicles on park and preserve drives and roads, shall be thirty five miles per hour. All driving shall be confined to designated roadways. Whenever the commission shall determine that the speed limit hereinbefore set forth is greater than reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at any place of congestion or upon any part of the park roads or drives, 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 or drives.

Parking

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

Animals on Leash

No privately owned animal shall be allowed to run at large in any park or preserve or upon lands or in waters owned by or under the jurisdiction of the commission. Every such animal shall be deemed as running at large unless the owner carries such an 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.

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 property.

Fires

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

Removing Plants, Flowers or Fruit

No person shall, in any manner, remove, destroy, injure or deface any tree, shrub, plant or flower, or fruit thereof, or disturb or injure any structure or natural attraction, except that upon written permission of 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 land and waters under the jurisdiction of the commission.

Use of Firearms, Explosives, Weapons and Fireworks Prohibited - - Exceptions

The use by the public of firearms, explosives and weapons of all kinds is prohibited in all parks and preserves, except preserves or portions of preserves designated as hunting areas by 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 the rules and regulations prescribed by the commission.

Littering Grounds

No person shall place any waste, refuse, litter or foreign substance in any area or receptacle except those provided for that purpose.

Prohibited Areas

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

Closing Time

Except by arrangement or permission granted by the director, the director's representative, all persons shall vacate parks and preserves before ten-thirty pm. 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.

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.

Mills County Conservation Board areas open to public camping:

Pony Creek Park

Time Limit

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

Camping Refused

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

General – Permits, Fees, Reservations 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 Department 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-sportsman like conduct, violation of Iowa law or these rules and regulations or other just cause.

Mills County Conservation Board areas open to public hunting and trapping:

Mile Hill Lake Fisher Wildlife Area

2. Trapping

Trapping on hunting areas is allowed. Permit from director is required.

3. Keg Beer

Kegs are prohibited in all areas, unless permit is obtained with a \$100.00 deposit required.

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.