

**CHAPTER 30**  
**PARKS ORDINANCE**

**30.01 Authorization.**

- (1) This ordinance is authorized by Wis. Stats. §§ 59.54(6) and 59.56(9).
- (2) Any mandatory amendments or repeals or recreations to the statutes pertaining to the subject matter of this ordinance are incorporated into this ordinance as of the effective date of amendment, repeal or recreation.

**30.02 Applicability.**

- (1) This ordinance applies to all county parks, trails, recreation areas, boat landings, forest lands, facilities and structures leased, owned and/or operated and maintained by the County Parks Division of the Community Development Department including, but not limited to:
  - (a) Glen Hills Park on Glen Lake
  - (b) Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake
  - (c) Troy Beach on the St. Croix
  - (d) Eckert-Richards Blufflands on the St. Croix
  - (e) Orf Family Overlook on Bass Lake
  - (f) St. Croix River Crossing Loop Trail
  - (g) Bass Lake Boat Landing
  - (h) Squaw Lake Boat Landing
  - (i) Pine Lake Boat Landing
  - (j) Wildwood Trail
  - (k) Apple River Recreation Area
  - (l) Kinnickinnic County Forest
  - (m) Stanton County Forest

**30.03 Interpretation.**

- (1) It is not intended by this ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair or interfere with any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions, agreements, rules or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law.
- (2) It is not the intent of this ordinance to abrogate, impair or interfere with the legal rights of individuals as they may be guaranteed by the state and federal constitutions, statutes and administrative rules.

**30.04 Severability.** If any section, clause, provision or portion of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.

**30.05 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to govern the conduct of visitors to county lands and to provide for the protection of the natural resources.

**30.06 Definitions.** In this chapter, the following definitions apply:

- (1) **Adult group:** a group made up of adult members (18 years of age and older) of an established organization. Adult groups may include families.
- (2) **All-terrain vehicle or ATV:** has the meaning specified in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(2g).
- (3) **Backpack campsite:** an area designated for camping that has no modern facilities, such as showers or flush toilets located nearby, nor vehicle or watercraft access to or near the area, and to which all over-night supplies are carried or transported to the site by means other than a motorized vehicle.
- (4) **Bicycle:** has the meaning given in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(5). Note: Under Wis. Stat. § 340.01(5), bicycle means every vehicle propelled by feet or hands acting upon pedals or cranks and having wheels any 2 of which are not less than 14 inches in diameter.
- (5) **Camp or camping:** the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bedroll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.
- (6) **Camper Cabin:** a single structure used for camping and sleeping purposes by a family or non-family group consisting of not more than 5 people.
- (7) **Camper day:** the period beginning at 3:00 p.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. the following day.
- (8) **Camping party:** any individual, family or non-family group occupying a campsite.
- (9) **Camping permit:** any permit for camping overnight that requires registration and payment of a daily fee.
- (10) **Camping unit:** any single shelter except sleeping bags and hammocks used for a camp by a camping party except those used exclusively for dining purposes.
- (11) **Campsite:** a segment of a campground which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.
- (12) **Climbing activity:** includes any of the following:
  - (a) Ascending or descending steep rock walls, ice walls or artificial structures, usually with the assistance of specialized rock climbing equipment including ropes, webbing and carabiners.
  - (b) Practicing the use of specialized rock climbing equipment near the ground.
- (13) **County Park, Forest, or Recreation Area:** the area within the property boundary for any county park, forest, beach, boat launch, trail, or other property operated and maintained by the Parks Division of the St. Croix County Community Development Department.
- (14) **County trail:** a recreational trail designated by the department.
- (15) **Crops:** any vegetation planted as an agricultural commodity or for other use as part of a farming operation, or vegetation planted for personal consumption or aesthetics, such as a vegetable or flower garden.
- (16) **Department:** refers to the Parks Division of the St. Croix County Community Development Department.
- (17) **Dog sled:** any vehicle that glides on runners or wheels and is designed or used for conveying cargo or people and to be pulled by dogs.

- (18) **Domesticated Ungulates:** farm livestock including cattle, oxen, sheep, pigs, goats, llamas, alpacas, and camels.
- (19) **Edible fruits:** fleshy fruits from plants including apples, plums, pears, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, juneberries, and strawberries that are harvested for human consumption. It does not include the seeds, roots or other parts of herbaceous plants such as wildflowers or grasses.
- (20) **Edible nuts:** walnuts, hickory nuts, acorns and other similar nuts from trees and shrubs.
- (21) **Equine:** any horse, pony, donkey, mule or hinny.
- (22) **Family:** a parent or parents with their unemancipated children and not more than 2 guests.
- (23) **Family campground:** any tract of land designated for camping by families or groups of 6 persons or less.
- (24) **Firearm:** a weapon that acts by force of gunpowder.
- (25) **Group campground:** a campground designated for use by juvenile or adult groups.
- (26) **Juvenile group:** a group made up of juvenile members of an established organization and under the leadership of at least one competent, mature adult for each 10 juveniles in the group.
- (27) **Motorboat:** has the meaning given in Wis. Stat. § 30.50(6).
- (28) **Non-family group:** any 6 or less individuals who do not meet the definition of family.
- (29) **Occupy, occupied or occupying:** the camping unit, such as a tent, trailer or RV, is set up on a designated campsite in a useable condition.
- (30) **Organized climbing group:** a group engaged in rock climbing activities that is organized, sponsored, transported or supervised by a school, university, youth group, club, social organization, church, business, guide service or similar organization.
- (31) **Park Administrator:** the official in charge of overseeing the administration and operation of the St. Croix County Parks System.
- (32) **Pedestrian:**
  - (a) Any person afoot without the use of skis, skates or other similar devices.
  - (b) Any physically disabled person in a wheelchair, either manually or mechanically propelled, or other low-powered mechanically propelled vehicle designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person, but does not include any person using an electric personal assistive mobility device.
- (33) **Physically disabled person:** a person who by reason of a physical impairment is a “qualified individual with a disability” as defined in 28 C.F.R. 35.104. Note: The procedures for DOT special identification cards are found in Wis. Stat. § 343.51, and Wisconsin Administrative Code Trans Chapter 130. Note: The Americans with Disabilities Act (Pub. Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213 and 47 U.S.C. 225 and 611) is interpreted by 28 C.F.R. 35.104. Qualified individual with a disability means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices, the removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers, or the provision of

auxiliary aids and services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by a public entity.

- (34) **Picnic area:** any tract of land developed and maintained for picnicking and containing not less than 5 picnic tables. Included in the definition of picnic area are adjacent playground and play field areas.
- (35) **Private schools:** institutions meeting the criteria of Wis. Stat. § 118.165.
- (36) **Proper self-registration:** depositing a completed envelope with accurate information and containing, at a minimum, the appropriate fees into a self-registration box upon entering a park, forest, or recreation area where admission fees are required.
- (37) **Registered camper:** a person camping on a campsite whose name is included on the camping permit for that campsite.
- (38) **Snowmobile:** has the meaning specified in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(58a), and is considered to be a vehicle for the purposes of this chapter.
- (39) **Special event:** a temporary use of department property which permits an activity that is otherwise not specifically allowed under this chapter or which involves one or more of the following circumstances:
  - (a) Requires exclusive use or closure of all or part of public facilities or areas within a property or effectively restricts or limits use of a property by non-participants.
  - (b) Placement of temporary structures or event apparatus.
  - (c) Sale or offering of beverages, food, or merchandise.
  - (d) Requires non-routine services of any department employee.
  - (e) Will take place during hours beyond normal property open hours.
  - (f) Requires use of equipment or facilities not otherwise authorized for the proposed public use.
  - (g) Requires event participation fees.
- (40) **Swimming beach:** any water area or adjacent land area designated as a swim area by standard regulatory markers or posted notice.
- (41) **Utility-terrain vehicle or UTV:** has the meaning specified in Wis. Stat. § 23.33(1)(ng) and for the purposes of this chapter will include any type of golf cart.
- (42) **Vehicle:** any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or mobile home and is further defined in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(74). For purposes of this chapter, a snowmobile is considered to be a vehicle.

### 30.07 General Rules.

#### (1) COUNTY PROPERTY.

- (a) No person may destroy, molest, deface, damage, carve, drive nails into, remove or attempt to remove any natural growth or natural or archaeological feature except as follows:
  - 1. Edible fruits, edible nuts, wild mushrooms, wild asparagus, and watercress may be removed by hand without a permit for the purpose of personal consumption by the collector. Note: The collection of seeds from herbaceous plants such as grasses and wildflowers is not allowed without written authorization from the department.
  - 2. Herbaceous plant species that are listed as prohibited plant invasive species under § NR 40.04 (2) (b) or listed as restricted plant invasive species under § NR 40.05 (2) (b) may be removed without a permit issued under this chapter.
  - 3. Rocks, minerals or fossil materials may be collected for noncommercial purposes, such as educational uses, by hand or using a hand held rock hammer or similar device in accordance with the terms of a written permit issued by the manager of the property on which the collecting is done. A collector may not remove more than 5 pounds of rock, mineral or fossil material per day from any property with a maximum total of 50 pounds per year. The permit may further limit the allowable methods and amounts of material collected.
  - 4. Arthropods collected for purposes of study as part of participation in a department sponsored naturalist or educational program. All collected animals shall be released on the property from which obtained and may not be removed from the property.
- (b) No person may destroy, molest, deface, damage, remove or attempt to remove, carve or mark on, drive nails in, or injure in any manner any park or forest structure including, but not limited to, buildings, signs, tables, benches, fences, roads, parking lots, or other County property.
- (c) The department may close, by posted notice, any land, structure, or property owned or administered by St. Croix County and under the management, supervision, and control of the department. Closure may include prohibiting access for one or more types of activities and shall be implemented for the purpose of protecting public health, safety and welfare, or for protection of natural resources or property as determined by the Park Administrator. No person may enter or be in any building, installation or area that may be locked or closed to public use or contrary to posted notice without a written permit from the property manager.
- (d) Flying related activities, including but not limited to, hang gliding, parasailing, hot air ballooning, land sailing, flying model airplanes, operating a drone, or sky diving on county parks, forests, and recreation areas shall be prohibited unless authorized in writing by the Park Administrator or designee.
- (e) In-line skates, roller blades, roller skates, and skateboards are allowed on all park roadways and paved trails under department management and supervision except where posted prohibiting such use.
- (f) The department may, by posted notice, restrict climbing activities on any lands subject to this chapter. Notice of climbing restrictions shall be posted at the administrative office of the property and at the site where the climbing restrictions apply.

- (g) No person may transplant, relocate, stock or release any plant or animal, domesticated or wild, without written permission from the department.
- (h) Remote control cars, trucks, boats, helicopters, drones, and planes are prohibited in all county parks, forests, or recreation areas.

(2) CLOSING HOURS.

- (a) No person may enter or be within the boundaries of any county park, recreation area, forest, campground, picnic area, beach, headquarters site, amphitheater, or posted parking areas between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m. except:
  - 1. Registered campers in or enroute to their designated campsites.
  - 2. Hunters or trappers entering department lands during an open hunting or trapping season on the land, provided the entry is no earlier than 90 minutes prior to sunrise.
- (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any person who enters for the sole purpose of fishing.
- (c) The closing hours of this subsection do not apply to individuals with written authorization from the department or to those projects or parts of projects where the department has posted other opening and closing hours or where the department has waived these hours and established different hours for special events and programs. No person may enter or be within a department property contrary to closing hours established pursuant to this subsection.

(3) PERSONAL CONDUCT.

- (a) Disorderly conduct. No person may engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct, or conduct which tends to cause or provoke a disturbance or create a breach of the peace.
- (b) Evictions. The department may expel any person or persons from the lands under the management, supervision and control of the department for violations of any state law, county ordinance, or posted rules or regulations. The period of time for which a person may be expelled is 48 hours, or for the period of their camping permit, whichever is longer. The expelled person may not return to the property before the eviction period has elapsed or enter any other county park, forest, or recreation area for a period of 48 hours after eviction. Persons expelled are not eligible for refunds for unused camping fees or vehicle admission fees. People charged with violent, assaultive or disorderly behavior may be expelled until after the case is adjudicated in court.
- (c) Refuse and recyclable materials.
  - 1. No person may dispose of any debris, waste or recyclable material except by placing the material in receptacles provided for those purposes.
  - 2. No person may dispose of any waste or recyclable materials in any waste or recyclable receptacles or at any location if the waste or recyclable material is generated from a permanent or seasonal residence or a business or other commercial or industrial operation.
- (d) Noise. No person may operate any sound truck, loudspeaker, generator, chainsaw, air-conditioner or other device that produces excessive, loud or unusual noises without first obtaining a written permit from the department except an inverter type generator with an operating noise level of 65 decibels (dB) or less may be operated in

the Prairieview campground of Glen Hills County Park between the hours of 10:00AM and 8:00PM.

- (e) Soliciting.
  - 1. No person may solicit or collect funds or peddle or solicit business of any nature, post signs or distribute handbills or advertising matter unless first authorized by contractual agreement.
  - 2. In addition to the requirements of par.1., in county parks, trails, boat landings, recreation areas and forests, no person may engage in commercial filming or photography or provide services for a fee that involves the provider's physical presence in the county park, trail, recreation area or forest unless first authorized by contractual agreement or a department commercial use permit.
  - 3. No person may use in any manner the dock, pier, wharf, boat landing or mooring facilities in, or on, the waters in or immediately adjacent to any lands under the management, supervision or control of the department for the purpose of soliciting rides of any kind, unless authorized by the department.
- (f) Destruction of property. No person may destroy, molest, possess without permission, attempt to remove or remove the property of others.
- (g) Metal detectors. The use of metal detectors is prohibited except by written permit issued by the property manager.
- (h) Fireworks. No person may possess or discharge any fireworks regulated by Chapter 36 of the St. Croix County Code of Ordinances or Wis. Stat. § 167.10(1).
- (i) Structures. Except as authorized by the department, no person may construct, place, occupy or use structures or store personal property on lands subject to this chapter. This paragraph does not apply to tents or canopies which are less than 100 square feet in area or other temporary structures which are used for recreational purposes and removed by 10:00 p.m. of the day they are placed on the property.
- (j) Crops. Except when authorized by the department, no person may plant, cultivate or harvest any crop on lands subject to this chapter.
- (k) Climbing. No person may engage in climbing activities, including the attachment of climbing anchors, on buildings, towers and boardwalks and other similar structures.
- (l) Climbing permits. The department may require organized climbing groups to obtain a permit prior to engaging in rock climbing activities. Permit requirements shall be posted at the administrative office for the property subject to the permit requirement. The department may use the permit to limit the number of climbers and the time, manner and location of the climbing. No climbing group or member of a climbing group may engage in climbing activities without a permit or contrary to permit conditions when at a location subject to a permit requirement.
- (m) Paintball and Air-soft. Except when authorized by the department, no person may engage in an activity involving the use of paintball guns, paint markers, air-soft guns, or discharge of similar devices on any lands subject to this chapter.
- (n) Campfires.
  - 1. Campfires are allowed in designated fire-rings only unless authorized by the department.

2. Campfires in elevated cooking grills are prohibited.
  3. Dead and down wood may be gathered from upland areas of the property for campfire use on the property without the need for a forest product permit.
- (o) Ski trails. No person may hike or snowshoe on designated cross-country ski trails when the trails are snow covered.
- (4) SPECIAL EVENTS.
- (a) Except as provided in par. (c), no person or organization may advertise, promote or hold a special event without written approval from the department.
  - (b) To apply for written approval, a person or organization seeking to hold a special event shall submit to the department all of the following at least 30 days prior to the event:
    1. An application describing the special event on forms provided by the department.
    2. Proof of adequate insurance as determined by the department, with the policy naming the department and its employees as additional insureds.
    3. A fee as determined by the department.
  - (c) The department may waive the requirement to obtain written approval under par. (a) if the special event is authorized in an existing agreement with the department or if the special event will not result in any of the following:
    1. Public safety risks.
    2. Negative impacts to a unique plant or animal community or geological or cultural features.
    3. Costs to the department or additional department staff resources costs incurred as a result of the event.
    4. Negative impact to the use and enjoyment of the property by others.
  - (d) The department's written authorization for a special event may include conditions that it deems necessary to ensure the protection and orderly management of the property.
  - (e) The department may modify or terminate written authorization for any special event at any time if necessary to ensure public safety, protection of county facilities, or protection of the natural resources.
  - (f) In addition to the fee, the department may require the person or organization holding a special event to compensate the department for, or to restore to the satisfaction of the department, a natural resource or department property that is damaged as a result of a special event.
  - (g) No person may participate in a special event that is not authorized under this section.

### **30.08 Firewood.**

- (1) In this section, "firewood" includes limbs, branches, roots, unprocessed logs, slabs with bark, cut firewood and chips.
- (2) No person may possess or transport firewood into any county park, forest, or recreation area that originated from outside of that property.
- (3) This section does not apply to firewood from sources approved by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, or dimensional lumber that is debarked, kiln dried and smoothed, or artificial fireplace logs.
- (4) Treated wood, laminated wood containing glue, pallets, or other combustible items containing metal, plastics, or chemicals are not allowed to be burned in any county park, forest, or recreation area.
- (5) The department may seize and dispose of firewood possessed in violation of this section.

### **30.09 Firewood Collection For Personal Use At Home.**

- (1) In this section, "firewood" includes limbs, branches, roots, unprocessed logs, slabs with bark, cut firewood, and chips.
- (2) No person may cut, gather, buy, sell, use, transfer, or possess firewood, from any property for use off that property unless the person possesses a valid forest products permit issued by the department authorizing the cutting or gathering. A person required to hold a forest products permit shall display the permit upon demand for inspection by the department or its agents.
- (3) The department may impose reasonable conditions including a fee on any forest products permit it issues, and may limit or deny a forest products permit if necessary to protect resources or avoid conflict with property management objectives.
- (4) The department may revoke a forest products permit issued under this section for a violation of any condition of the permit, or for otherwise cutting or gathering without authorization. Revocations under this subsection shall apply countywide and be limited to a period not to exceed one year from the date on which the department notifies the authorized person of the revocation. No person may possess or apply for a forest products permit for any property during a period of revocation.
- (5) Firewood collected or gathered under a forest products permit shall be for personal use only, and may not be sold or otherwise exchanged for anything of value. Exceeding the scope of this permit shall be considered a violation of Wis. Stat. § 26.05. Note: Under Wis. Stat. § 26.05, no person may cut, remove, or transport raw forest products or direct the cutting, removal, or transportation of raw forest products without the consent of the owner.

### **30.10 Vehicles.**

- (1) **TRAFFIC AND PARKING.**
  - (a) No person may operate any vehicle at a speed in excess of 25 miles per hour or contrary to state highway or department traffic signs.
  - (b) All vehicles shall stop at department property entrance stations when such stop is ordered by department signs.

- (c) No person may operate or park any vehicle as defined in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(74), which is required to be registered by law on lands under the management, supervision and control of the department except:
    - 1. On roads and highways as defined in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(22).
    - 2. In posted parking areas and boat ramps.
    - 3. As otherwise specifically authorized by law.
  - (d) No person may park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle or watercraft:
    - 1. In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway or facility, or
    - 2. Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas, or
    - 3. Contrary to posted notice.
  - (e) Any vehicle or watercraft in violation of par. (d) may be towed off the property and stored at the owner's expense.
- (2) **ABANDONED VEHICLES.** No person may leave any vehicle unattended without prior departmental approval for more than 24 hours under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. An abandoned vehicle shall constitute a public nuisance and may be towed off the property and stored at the owner's expense.
- (3) **VEHICLE OPERATION.**
- (a) Posted notices. Except as provided, no vehicle may be operated on lands and waters under the supervision, management or control of the department unless its use is specifically authorized by posted notice.
  - (b) Snowmobile races. No person may conduct or engage in snowmobile races on any lands under the supervision, management or control of the department.
  - (c) Speed limits. No person operating a vehicle may violate the posted speed limit.
  - (d) Persons with physical disabilities.
    - 1. The department may authorize by permit persons with physical disabilities that affect the person's mobility to use a motorized vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance. The department shall accept proof of disability as required by 28 C.F.R. 35.137 (c) (2). Up to two additional people may occupy the device if their primary purpose is to assist the permittee. Permits must be obtained from the property manager or designee. Note: Wheelchairs used by the physically disabled are not motorized vehicles and do not require a permit.
    - 2. The department may include reasonable permit conditions to protect safety and resources. No person may violate a condition of a permit issued under this paragraph.
  - (e) Bicycles. Except where provided in this chapter, bicycles are prohibited on all department lands except on public roads, parking lots and areas or trails posted for their use.
  - (f) Bicycle trails. Bicyclists shall stop at any stop signs which are located on designated bicycle trails.

- (g) Lighting requirements. No person may operate a bicycle during hours of darkness as defined in Wis. Stat. § 340.01(23), on a designated bike trail unless the person or the bicycle is equipped with a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front of the person or the bicycle and a lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear of the person or the bicycle.
  - (h) Prohibition. No person may ride a bicycle in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or persons of others on any lands under the management, supervision and control of the department.
- (4) ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES.
- (a) No person may operate or park any ATV or UTV in any County park, forest, trail, campground, picnic area, beach, recreation area, or on other lands under the management, supervision and control of the department except:
    1. Properly registered ATVs and UTVs may be operated on roadways within county property if the adjoining roadway is designated by the County or Township as an ATV/UTV route and their use is allowed. ATVs and UTVs are then considered a vehicle and must follow all applicable rules and laws pertaining to vehicles including vehicle admission.
    2. Persons with physical disabilities.
      - a. The department may authorize by permit persons with physical disabilities that affect the person's mobility to use an ATV/UTV as a mode of personal conveyance. The department shall accept proof of disability as required by 28 C.F.R. 35.137 (c) (2). Up to two additional people may occupy the device if their primary purpose is to assist the permittee. Permits must be obtained from the property manager or designee.
      - b. The department may include reasonable permit conditions and designate specific areas for their use to protect safety and resources. No person may violate a condition of a permit issued under this paragraph.
    3. Wintertime use of ATVs and UTVs at the Bass Lake, Squaw Lake, and Pine Lake Boat Launches and on the ice of Glen Lake and Perch Lake is allowed.
- (5) GOLF CARTS. Golf carts may be operated on park roads within the peninsula campground for access to the Glen Hills Golf Course.
- (6) AIRCRAFT. No person may land or launch any aircraft on the water or ice of Glen Lake or Perch Lake.

### **30.11 Animals.**

- (1) No person may allow a dog, cat or other pet in any building, on any swimming beach, playground, or any area posted prohibiting their presence. Dogs, cats and other pets shall be kept on a leash not more than 8 feet long and under control at all times in all other park, trail, forest, and recreation areas. No person may allow his or her dog, cat or other pet to interfere in any manner with the enjoyment of the area by others.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit or restrict the use of dogs for hunting purposes in any area which is open to hunting. The use of dogs for dog trials and dog training shall be restricted to areas designated by the property manager by special use permit.

- (3) No person may allow their dog, cat or other animal on any cross-country ski trails during that period of the year when such trails are used for cross-country skiing, or at any time on designated nature trails.
- (4) Persons bringing or allowing pets in designated use areas shall be responsible for proper removal and disposal in sanitary facilities of any waste produced by these animals.
- (5) No person may ride, lead or fail to prevent any equine animal or domesticated ungulate from being on any beach, posted or marked hiking trail, nature trail, picnic area, campsites, or playgrounds. Horses and domesticated ungulates are prohibited on all other department lands except on public roads and areas or trails posted for their use unless authorized by permit from the Park Administrator.
  - (a) All equine-drawn carriages shall be equipped with manure-catching devices.
  - (b) Any and all manure deposited on roadways or property is the responsibility of the operator to clean up and remove.
- (6) No person may ride a horse or other animal in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or persons of others on any lands under the management, supervision and control of the department.
- (7) EXCEPTION. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, service animals as defined in Wis. Stat. § 106.52(1)(fm) and WAGS (Wisconsin Academy for Graduate Service) dogs in training, may accompany persons with disabilities or their trainer.

### **30.12 Fires.**

- (1) No person may start, tend or maintain any fire on the ground or burn any refuse except in designated fireplaces or fire rings.
- (2) No person may leave any fire unattended, or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars or pipe ashes or any embers without first extinguishing them, or start, tend or use in any manner any fire contrary to posted notice on any lands or property under the management, supervision and control of the department.
- (3) The department, in the event of threat to natural resources by the presence of forest fire hazards, may establish emergency use and burning regulations by posted notice.

### **30.13 Beaches.**

- (1) No person may possess or use any soap, detergent or shampoo on any swimming beach or in the water adjacent to any swimming beach in any county park, forest or recreation area.
- (2) No person may swim beyond or disturb or molest a swimming beach boundary buoy or marker in any beach in any county park, recreation area or forest.
- (3) There are no lifeguards at any swimming beach/areas in in any county park, recreation area or forest. Swim, wade, boat, or launch water craft in the designated areas AT YOUR OWN RISK.
- (4) The department may prohibit swimming in areas adjacent to water access sites by posted notice. No person may swim within the area delineated by the posted notice.
- (5) No person may fish in any marked swimming beach in any county park, forest, or recreation area.

- (6) Glass is prohibited in any swimming beaches in all county parks, forests, or recreation areas.

### **30.14 Firearms & Hunting.**

- (1) No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue any wild animal or bird in any county park, forest, or recreation area or other area not open to hunting or trapping.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit:
  - (a) Hunting and trapping as authorized by the department pursuant to the rules and season structure in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 29 and Administrative Code Natural Resources (NR) 10 to include the following:
    - 1. Glen Hills Park on Glen Lake: Designated areas are open for all hunting and trapping from November 1st through the first Sunday in January and April 1st through the last Tuesday in April.
    - 2. Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake: Designated areas are open for archery hunting only from November 1st through January 31st and April 1st through the last Tuesday in April.
    - 3. Eckert-Richards Blufflands on the St. Croix: Designated areas are open for all hunting and trapping from November 1st through January 31st and April 1st through the last Tuesday in April.
    - 4. Orf Family Overlook on Bass Lake: Designated areas are open for all hunting and trapping from November 1st through January 31st and April 1st through the last Tuesday in April.
    - 5. Apple River Recreation Area, Stanton and Kinnickinnic County Forests: Open year round to all hunting and trapping.
  - (b) Additional hunting and trapping as authorized by the Park Administrator.
  - (c) Possession of uncased or loaded firearms, bows, crossbows or air guns while on foot and in route to a park area where hunting is allowed. This paragraph does not allow the discharge of a firearm, bow, crossbow, air gun, sling-shot, or spring loaded device from or across park areas where hunting is not allowed.
  - (d) The use of a firearm for the purposes of killing an animal lawfully trapped in a county park, recreation area or forest.
  - (e) Additional closures of designated use areas may also be established by posted notice. Hunting and trapping closures may be limited to certain species and seasons.
- (3) Except for blinds used exclusively for waterfowl hunting as provided in Wis. Stat. § 29.327(2) and § NR 10.12 (12), and except for blinds constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the property, no person may do any of the following:
  - (a) Construct, occupy, place, or use any elevated or ground blind or other elevated device except on any land open to hunting, portable tree stands and blinds may remain placed only during the daily timeframe beginning one hour prior to, and ending one hour after, the shooting hours established in § NR 10.06.
  - (b) Cause damage to trees by the placement or erection of portable tree stands or by any other manner while climbing or hunting from a tree. Careful pruning, flush with the trunk of the tree, of limbs less than 1 inch in diameter on a tree in which a tree stand is used shall not be considered causing damage to the tree.

- (c) Hunt from any ground blind during any open season or special hunt for hunting deer with firearms unless the outside of the blind displays a minimum of 144 square inches of material that is a solid highly visible color commonly referred to as blaze orange, florescent orange, or florescent blaze orange, or commonly referred to as bright pink or fluorescent pink and is visible 360 degrees around the blind. Blinds that are left unoccupied shall have the owner's DNR customer identification number or name and address written in the English language attached to the outside of the blind in a conspicuous location near the entrance to the blind and be kept legible at all times.
- (d) Place, use, or own an unoccupied tree stand unless the owner's DNR customer identification number, or the owner's name and address, is written in the English language, attached to the tree stand in a manner so it is clearly visible to a person standing on the ground, and kept legible at all times.
- (e) Place more than two portable tree stands or blinds on department lands.
- (4) Unless authorized by the department, no person may pursue, drive or chase animals on lands subject to this chapter that are designated as closed to hunting.
- (5) Baiting and feeding wildlife, including deer, waterfowl, turkeys and small game is prohibited.
- (6) Placing any foothold or body-gripping trap within 100 feet of any designated trail is prohibited.
- (7) The placement or use of trail or game cameras are allowed only in areas open for hunting unless authorized in writing by the property manager. Cameras shall have the owner's DNR customer identification number or name and address written in the English language attached to the outside of the camera in a conspicuous location and be kept legible at all times.
- (8) No person may discharge any firearm, bow, crossbow, air gun, sling-shot, or spring-loaded device while within the exterior boundary of county-owned or operated lands including all county parks, forests, campgrounds, beaches, picnic areas, trails, or other special-use areas designated by the department, except as follows:
  - (a) While engaged in hunting or dispatching a lawfully trapped animal in compliance with § 30.14(2) (above) and § NR 10.01.
  - (b) When authorized by the Park Administrator upon issuance of a special use permit for activities such as youth or handicapped hunts or commercial filming.
- (9) Target shooting is prohibited in all county parks, forests, and recreation areas.
- (10) Entering or remaining in any building that is owned, occupied or controlled by St. Croix County while in possession of a firearm is prohibited.

### **30.15 Camping.**

- (1) GENERAL.
  - (a) Camping is prohibited except within designated camping areas.
  - (b) No person may camp in designated camping areas without a permit and the payment of prescribed daily fees where required.
  - (c) A camping permit shall be obtained prior to setting up camp, unless otherwise posted.

- (d) No camping party may move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval from the park office.
- (e) All camping permits expire at 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.
- (f) No camping party may start setting up or taking down its camping unit between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m.
- (g) Violation of any state law, county ordinance or any rules of the department by a member or guest of a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and eviction from the property.
- (h) No person may use family campground shower facilities in any county park unless that person is a registered camper.
- (i) Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. During quiet hours, no camping party shall set up or take down its camping unit. Further, during quiet hours all campers should be respectful of other campers and are prohibited from making excessive noise. Only registered campers are allowed on the campsite during quiet hours.

(2) FAMILY CAMPING.

- (a) No more than one camping party may occupy a single campsite. No camping party consisting of a non-family group may exceed 6 persons.
- (b) No person may camp and no camping unit shall remain for a period greater than 21 days in any 28 day period in the property of registration. After 21 days, the camping unit and camping party shall be removed from the property for at least 7 days before being eligible to return.
- (c) No person may park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite. No person may park more than 2 motor vehicles in the parking area of any campsite, except that as many as 6 motorcycles are permitted for members of a camping party registered as a non-family group.
- (d) No more than one recreation trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home may occupy a campsite. Pickup campers or motor homes pulling a trailer shall be treated as a single unit.

(3) CAMPER CABINS.

- (a) No more than one camping party may occupy a single cabin. No camping party consisting of a non-family group may exceed 5 persons.
- (b) No person may camp for a period greater than 21 days in any 28 day period in the property of registration. After 21 days, the camping party shall be removed from the property for at least 7 days before being eligible to return.
- (c) No person may park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite. No person may park more than 2 motor vehicles or 5 motorcycles in the parking area of any cabin campsite.
- (d) Additional campers, trailers, RVs, and tents set up for sleeping purposes are prohibited on cabin sites. Screen tents and canopies are allowed.

(4) OUTDOOR GROUP CAMPING AND BACKPACK CAMPING.

- (a) No person may camp and no camping unit may remain in a group or backpack campsite or in backpack camping areas for a period exceeding that authorized by the camping permit and in no case for a period exceeding 21 days. After a site is occupied, in person or by a camping unit, for the maximum period authorized, the camping unit and camping party shall be removed from the property for at least 7 days before being eligible to return.
  - (b) Juvenile groups shall be accompanied by at least one responsible adult for each 10 members of the group.
  - (c) No more than 10 persons may be permitted at each designated group or backpack campsite.
  - (d) No more than one camping party is permitted in any single designated site.
  - (e) All backpack campers shall pack out refuse generated while camping.
- (5) **RESERVATIONS.** The department may grant reservations for family, outdoor group, and backpack campsites, camper cabins, and day use facilities under the following conditions:
- (a) Reservation applications may be accepted up to 365 days before the date of occupancy.
  - (b) The following minimum stays shall apply:
    1. Family, group, and backpack campsites: 2 nights on any weekend, except a minimum of 3 nights for any of the following:
      - a. On Labor Day and Memorial Day weekends, the stay shall include Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.
      - b. When the Fourth of July is on a Friday. The stay shall include Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of that weekend.
      - c. When the Fourth of July is on a Monday. The stay shall include Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of that weekend.
    2. Camper Cabins: 2 night minimum reservation at all times, except a minimum of 3 nights for any of the following:
      - a. On Labor Day and Memorial Day weekends, the stay shall include Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.
      - b. When the Fourth of July is on a Friday. The stay shall include Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of that weekend.
      - c. When the Fourth of July is on a Monday. The stay shall include Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of that weekend.
    3. Day Use Facilities: single day reservations at all times.

**30.16 Boats.**

- (1) No person may operate a boat within a water area marked by buoys or other approved regulatory devices as a swimming beach; or operate a boat in a restricted use area contrary to regulatory notice marked on buoys or other approved regulatory devices. This subsection does not apply in the case of emergency, or to patrol or rescue craft.
- (2) No person may moor, anchor or leave unattended any boat or aircraft in a county park, forest, or recreation area except in areas designated for that purpose.

- (3) No boat or aircraft may be left on shore, moored or anchored overnight in the waters of any county park, forest, or recreation area except in areas designated for that purpose.
- (4) No person may operate a motorboat of any kind in any manner except battery-powered electric motors at a slow-no-wake speed and in no case at a speed to exceed 5 miles per hour on Glen Lake or Perch Lake.

### **30.17 Fees & Charges.**

#### **(1) ADMISSION FEES.**

- (a) No person may operate or park any motor vehicle, ATV/UTV, or trailer or semitrailer in any county park, forest, trail, recreation area, or roadside park, unless the vehicle displays a valid vehicle admission pass in the manner specified by the department on the pass or at the place of purchase.
- (b) The following county parks, forests, and recreation areas are designated by the department as areas in which a vehicle admission pass is required, except as otherwise provided, from January 1 - December 31:
  - 1. Glen Hills Park on Glen Lake
  - 2. Homestead Parklands on Perch Lake
  - 3. Troy Beach on the St. Croix
  - 4. Eckert-Richards Blufflands on the St. Croix
  - 5. Orf Family Overlook on Bass Lake
  - 6. St. Croix River Crossing Loop Trail
- (c) Admission fees shall be waived at all county parks, recreation areas, and forests for the following activities:
  - 1. Authorized public or private school activity.
  - 2. Persons with disabilities and their personal care attendants brought by a nonprofit organization recognized by the internal revenue service under 26 USC 501 (c) (1) or (3) whose primary purpose is the improvement of the mental or physical health of the individual.
  - 3. Students visiting the property in conjunction with an accredited Wisconsin college or university class.
  - 4. Persons on official government business in government-owned or private vehicles.
  - 5. Volunteers entering the property to participate in an authorized volunteer activity.
  - 6. For vehicles in which persons are picking up or dropping off juvenile group campers.
  - 7. For official open house days and other county-sponsored events where free admission is approved by the Park Administrator.

#### **(2) CAMPING FEES.**

- (a) No person may use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the department without payment of the fee or charge as posted.
- (b) Camping fees may be waived for persons with disabilities and their personal care attendants brought by a nonprofit organization recognized by the internal revenue service under 26 USC 501 (c) (1), (3) or (4) whose primary purpose is the improvement of the mental or physical health of the individual.

- (c) Camping fees may be waived for a nonprofit organization participating in an authorized volunteer activity.
  - (d) Prior authorization is required by submitting a waiver request to the department.
- (3) OTHER FEES.
- (a) No person may use any facility, shelter, or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the department without payment of such fee or charge.
  - (b) The department may grant building, shelter and picnic area reservations. Reservations must be made online or with department staff.
  - (c) The department may determine and charge a fee for rental of watercraft or other recreational equipment or services.
  - (d) Use of the Sanitary Dump Station for non-registered campers requires a fee.
  - (e) Visitors using areas posted subject to self-registration requirements for either vehicle admission stickers, camping, or other fees shall pay an additional \$5.00 registration fee if they fail to properly self-register or pay at the park office.
  - (f) The department may charge participants of department sponsored special events or programs a fee sufficient to cover the cost of providing the program.
  - (g) The fee for a commercial use permit shall be \$50.00 per year, in addition to any applicable admission fee.
  - (h) The department may determine and charge a fee for special events that includes a base fee plus the actual costs to the department that are anticipated as a result of the event. In determining the base fee and costs, the department may consider impacts including but not limited to all of the following:
    - 1. The number of participants or spectators anticipated for the special event.
    - 2. Additional department staff time required as a result of the special event.
    - 3. Additional maintenance of the property required as a result of the special event.
    - 4. Additional services provided by the department.
    - 5. Impacts affecting the use of the property by other park users.
- (4) This section does not apply to department lands under lease or agreement which provides otherwise. No person may use any facilities without proper payment of appropriate fees established by a lessee or contractor.

### **30.18 Exceptions.**

- (1) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the department, its administrators, property managers, park staff, or other duly authorized agents, or any peace officer from performing their official duties.
- (2) The department may waive in writing any provision of this chapter for commercial filming on county lands.

**30.19 Penalty.**

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof, forfeit not more than \$200 and costs of prosecution for each violation and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County jail until payment thereof, but not exceeding thirty (30) days.

**30.20 Effective Date.**

This ordinance shall be effective the day after its publication.

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