

This information is intended to help you use and enjoy your Carroll County Parks. The rules and regulations governing the use of the park area are intended to protect the park visitor and park itself from abuses and misuse. In addition to the rules and regulations adopted by the Conservation Board, state laws apply to conduct in County Parks. Section 461A.35 through 461A.57 of the State Park Laws applies to County Parks unless they have been modified by the Conservation Board. Traffic laws of the State of Iowa apply to County Park roads in the same manner as they do on state highways. Other sections of the law concerning alcoholic beverages and destruction of public property apply in all County Parks.

Carroll County Conservation Board

I. General

By authority granted to the Carroll County Conservation Board by the laws of the State of Iowa Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, the following rules and regulations are deemed by said board to be necessary for the protection, regulation, and control of all areas under the jurisdiction and management of said board. The rules and regulations governing the use of park and recreation areas are intended to protect the visitor and the area itself from abuse and misuse. In addition to the rules and regulations adopted by the Carroll County Conservation Board, all state laws apply to conduct in County areas. Chapters 461A.35 through 461A.57 of the Code of Iowa Public Lands and Waters apply to County parks, recreation areas and roads in the same manner as they apply to state parks, recreation areas, and roadways. Other chapters of the Code of Iowa concerning alcoholic beverages and destruction of public property apply in all Carroll County parks and recreation areas.

II. State Statues

The following portions of the State Code of Public Lands and Waters apply to county parks and recreation areas.

461A.35 Prohibited 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 purpose any structure, or to remove any plant life, trees, building, sand, gravel, ice, earth, stone, wood, or other natural material, or to operate motor vehicles, within the boundaries of any state park, preserve, or 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 set forth by the Commission.

461A.36 Speed Limit

The maximum speed limit of all vehicles on state park and preserve drives, roads and highways 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, drives or highways, 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, drives or highways.

461A.37 Excessive Loads

Excessively heavy loaded vehicles shall not operate over state park or preserve drives, roads, or highways. The determination as to whether the load is excessive will be made by the Director or his authorized representative and will depend on the load and the road conditions.

461A.38 Parking

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

461A.39 Hitching to Trees

No horse or other animal shall be hitched or tied to any tree or shrub, in such a manner as to result in injury to state property.

461A.40 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.

461A.41 Removing Plants, Flowers, and Fruit

No person shall, in any manner, remove, destroy, injure, or deface any tree, shrub, plant or flower, or the fruit thereof, or disturb or injure any structure or natural attraction, except that upon written permission from 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 state owned land and waters under the jurisdiction of the Commission. This section shall not apply to gathering or removal of any tree, shrub, plant, flower, structures or natural attractions under terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions adopted by the Commission as rule under Chapter 17A. For exceptions see section 4 of the Carroll County Conservation Board Rules and Regulations.

461A.42 Use of Firearms, Explosives, Weapons and Fireworks Prohibited

The use by the public of firearms, fireworks, explosives, and weapons of all kinds is prohibited in all state parks and preserves, except preserves or portions of preserves designated as hunting areas by the State Advisory Board on preserves upon the request of 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 rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission. For exceptions see section 5 of the Carroll County Conservation Board Rules and Regulations.

461A.43 Littering Grounds

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

461A.44 Prohibited Areas

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

461A.45 Animals on Leash

No privately owned animal shall be allowed to run at large in any state park or preserve or upon lands or in waters owned by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission except by permission of the Commission. Every such animal shall be deemed as running at large unless the owner carries such 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. For exceptions, see section 6 of the Carroll County Conservation Board Rules and Regulations.

461A.46 Closing Time

Except by arrangement or permission granted by the Director or the Director's authorized representative, all persons shall vacate state parks and preserves before 10:30pm. Areas may be closed earlier or later of which notice shall be given by proper signs or instructions.

461A.47 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 cost of providing and reasonable value of such privilege. For exceptions see section 9 of the Carroll County Conservation Board Rules and Regulations.

461A.48 Camping Areas

No person shall camp in any portion of a state park or preserve except in portions prescribed or designated by the Commission.

461A.49 Time Limit

No camping unit shall be permitted to camp for a period longer than that designated by the Commission for the specific state park or preserve and in no event longer than for a period of two weeks. For exceptions, see section 9(c) of the Carroll County Conservation Board Rules and Regulations.

461A.50 Registering – Vacating

Any person who camps in any state park or preserve shall register the person's name and address with the park custodian and advise the custodian when the camp is vacated.

461A.51 Camping Refused

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

461A.57 Penalties

Any person violating any of the provisions of Chapter 461A.35 to 461A.56 is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

123.46 Consumption in Public Places

A person shall not use or consume alcoholic liquor, wine, or beer upon public streets or highways. A person shall not consume alcoholic liquor in any public place except premises covered by a liquor control license. For exceptions see Section 20 of the Carroll County Conservation Board Rules and Regulations.

350.5 Regulations – Penalty - Officers

The county conservation board may make, alter, amend, or repeal regulations for the protection, regulation and control of all museums, parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, and other property under its control. The regulations shall not take effect until 10 days after their adoption by the board and after their publication as provided in Chapter 331.305 and after a copy of the regulations has been posted near each gate or principal entrance to the public ground which they apply. After publication and posting, a person violating a provision of the regulations which are then in effect is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. The board may designate the Director and those employees as the Director may designate as police officers who shall have all the powers conferred by law on police officers, peace officers, or sheriffs in the enforcement of the laws of this state and apprehension of violators upon all property under its control within or without the county. The board may designate the Director and those employees designated as police officers the authority to enforce the provisions of Chapters 321G, 461A, 462A, 481A, and 483A on land not under the control of the board within the county.

350.10 Statutes Applicable

Chapters 461A.35 through 461A.57 of the Code of Iowa apply 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. As used in Chapters 461A.35 through 461A.57 of the Code of Iowa "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. However, Chapters 461A.35 through 461A.57 of the Code of Iowa may be modified or superseded by rules adopted as provided in Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa.

III. Carroll County Conservation Board

By the authority granted to the Carroll County Conservation Board through Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, the following rules and regulations are hereby adopted by said board.

Section 1. Definitions

The following terms as used in these regulations, shall, for the purposes of these regulations, have the meanings hereto, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated.

- A. Board shall mean the Carroll County Conservation Board
- B. Director shall mean the Executive Director of the Carroll County Conservation Board.
- C. Area means all or any part of the land and/or water owned, leased, managed or by other means under the control of the board.
- D. Authorized Representative shall include Park Rangers and other persons designated by the Director
- E. Special Use Permit shall mean any use permit issued by the director pursuant to authority delegated by the board.
- F. Camp or Camping shall mean any use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer or recreational vehicle specifically designated for such use as temporary residence at a campground.
- G. Camping Area or Campground shall mean any area designated by the board for camping.
- H. Group Campground shall mean any campground designated by the board for camping groups consisting of six persons or more
- I. Family Campground shall mean any campground designated by the board for camping by families or groups consisting of six persons or less
- J. Campsite shall mean a segment of a campground designated by the board for camping by a camping unit.
- K. Camping Unit shall mean either a single tent not larger than 140 square feet in size at its base, pickup camper, motor home, recreation trailer or a motor vehicle used for a camp by a camping party, except those shelters used exclusively for dining purposes, plus, at the option of said camping party, a second tent or additional tent no large than 140 square feet at its base, if same is used and occupied by a member of the family.
- L. Family shall mean a parent or parents and their minor dependent children
- M. Official Signs shall mean signs provided for in the Iowa D.O.T Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Iowa Streets and Highways and other signs designated and erected by the board or its authorized representative.
- N. Noise shall mean any loud, confused, or senseless shouting or outcry, a sound lacking in agreeable musical quality or which is noticeably unpleasant or disturbs the peace.

Section 2. Scope

The provisions of these regulations apply to all areas managed by the Carroll County Conservation Board.

Section 3. Fees and Charges

Fees or charges made for services or for the use of land, facilities, equipment, materials, or supplies on any area to be collected by the department or authorized concessionaires shall be prescribed and approved by the board. It shall be unlawful for any person or

persons to enter or use any facilities for which entrance fees or user fees are prescribed without payment of same, except for those persons on official business or authorized by special use permits.

Section 4. Collection of Fruits and Nuts

Chapter 461A.41 of the Code of Iowa is hereby modified under the authority of Chapter 350.10 as follows: It shall be lawful to collect the fruit of all nut and berry producing plants for non-commercial home use provided the collector does not damage the parent plant.

Section 5. Use of Firearms

Section 461.42 of the Code of Iowa entitled "Use of Firearms, Explosives, Weapons and Fireworks Prohibited – Exceptions" is hereby modified under the authority of Chapter 350.10 as follows: it shall be lawful to hunt or pursue game birds or wild animals in or on all areas designated as hunting areas by the board.

Section 6. Training and Exercising Dogs

Chapter 461A.45 of the Code of Iowa entitled "Animals on Leash" is hereby modified under the authority of Chapter 350.10 as follows: It is lawful to allow dogs to run at large for the purposes of training or exercising them in or on any area designated as a hunting area by the board. Animals must be accompanied by the trainer or owner. Training or exercising is not permitted between March 15th and July 15th unless a special use permit is issued by the Director.

Section 7. Hunting Restricted

It shall be unlawful to hunt, pursue, or in any manner molest any birds or wild animals or to use or carry firearms, fireworks, explosives, and weapons of any kind, except as otherwise provided by law, in or on any area not designated as a hunting area by the board.

Section 8. Closing Time

All areas under management of the board shall be closed to the public use between the hours of 10:30pm and 5:00am except the North Raccoon River Accesses for the purpose of fishing.

Section 9. Camping

Section 461A.47 and .49 of the Code of Iowa is hereby modified under the authority of Section 350.10 of the Code of Iowa as follows:

- A. Violation of any state law or any Carroll County conservation board rule or regulation by any member of the camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and the entire camping party shall be required to leave the area.
- B. When any campground is open and in usable condition, all charges and fees shall be in effect and shall be enforced as set forth in the official fee schedule approved by the board.
- C. No camping unit shall be permitted to camp for a period longer than two weeks unless in those sites designated as long-term camping by the conservation board. After the two-week period, the camping unit must leave for one night.
- D. A campsite may not be reserved in advance. A camping trailer, recreational vehicle, or a vehicle must be on the site before registering. Tents may not be used to hold a site prior to the arrival of a camping trailer or recreational vehicle.
- E. Campers must register as soon as possible after setting up camp and the registration tag must be posted at the site immediately after registering. Non registered camping units are subject to impoundment and/or disposal.
- F. It shall be unlawful for more than one camping unit to occupy a site. One additional tent may accompany a camping trailer or recreational vehicle if used for children or dependents of the same family (under 18 years old). The current tent fee must be paid for this extra tent. A maximum of two tents per site are allowed in designated tent camping areas. The current tent fee will include both tents in the designated tent camping area. Tents are not allowed in numbered electric sites if the tent is the primary camping unit. A tent being used as the primary camping unit must use designated tent camping areas.
- G. It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle outside the designated parking area for each campsite and no more than two licensed vehicles are permitted at any campsite.
- H. All campers shall maintain quiet and avoid excess noise in the campground between the hours of 10:30pm and 6:00am.
- I. No camping party shall set up or take down their camping equipment between the hours of 11:00pm and 5:00am.
- J. Campers shall restore their campsite to the same approximate condition or better than when they arrived.
- K. No ropes, chains, cables, or lines can be affixed to trees
- L. No pet shall be left unattended at a campsite. All pets must be kept on a leash of no more than six feet, at all times. Pets causing a disturbance or displaying aggressive or threatening behavior will not be allowed in the campground or parks.
- M. Campfires are only permitted in grills or fire rings. One fire ring allowed per campsite.
- N. Anyone under 18 years of age wanting to camp is required to be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 years of age or older for the duration of the stay. Minors under 18 years of age may not register for campsites.

- O. Camp visitors will vacate the campgrounds by 10:30pm. Registered campers must be in the camping area by 10:30pm. It is unlawful for a vehicle owned by a registered camper to be driven in the campground or other park areas during a period from 10:30pm to 5:00am unless it is an emergency.
- P. It is unlawful for registered campers to fish outside of the designated camping area at Swan Lake from 10:30pm to 5:00am.
- Q. Check out time for all campgrounds is 6:00pm

Section 10. Noise Producing Devices

It shall be unlawful to operate any television, radio, stereo, musical instrument, electrical generating device, power, or chain saw, or any similar equipment in or on any area in such a manner as to create excessive noise and/or disturb other persons.

Section 11. Public Address Systems Restricted

It shall be unlawful to operate or use any public address system whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted in or on any area except when such use or operation has been approved in writing by the Director or his authorized representative.

Section 12. Recreation Uses Only

It shall be unlawful for any persons to occupy any portion of any area for washing or repairing vehicles; advertising or political campaigning; hawking, peddling, soliciting, or any other commercial activity or any other purpose not primarily recreational, except under a special use permit or concessionaire contract from the board.

Section 13. Use of Horses Restricted

It shall be unlawful to ride, lead, or otherwise allow entry of horses on trails, roadways, campgrounds, beaches, and picnic areas except for those trails which the board shall from time to time designate.

Section 14. ATV's, Cycles, and Snowmobiles Restricted

It shall be unlawful to operate any cycle, snowmobile, air sled, swamp buggy, all-terrain vehicle, or any other land conveyance propelled by a gasoline or electrical engine and run on wheels, tracks, or runners in or on any area, except for those trails the board shall from time to time designate.

Section 15. Trapping Restricted

It shall be unlawful to trap or attempt to trap any bird or wild animal without a special use permit.

Section 16. Swimming Restricted

It shall be unlawful to swim, wade, or engage in related water activities in or on any ponds or waters in any area, except for those waters specifically designated from time to time by the board.

Section 17. Reserving Park Facilities

It shall be unlawful for a person under 21 years of age to reserve a park facility. Facility reservations may only be made up to one year in advance of reservation date or check in date.

Section 18. Domestic Refuse Not Permitted

It shall be unlawful to deposit garbage, refuse, or litter from any household, business, or any other place for the purpose of disposing of the same in any refuse or litter container provided.

Section 19. Official Signs, Gates, or Barricades

The board from time to time may close or regulate areas or parts of areas for the protections of humans, plants, animals, or natural or man-made features. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter, use, or occupy any area or facility within said area in disregard of any official signs, gate, or barricade.

Section 20. Possession and Consumption of Alcohol

It is unlawful to possess or consume any alcohol other than wine or beer in or on any conservation board area except on those premises which have a liquor control license. No person shall bring, use, or have in their possession on any area, beer or wine in a keg or any other container larger than one gallon without first obtaining a special use permit from the board.

Section 21. Cutting of Trees Restricted

It shall be unlawful to cut any part of a dead, live, standing or fallen tree for any purpose with a chain saw in all county parks and preserves, without a special use permit from the board

Section 22. Exceptions

Nothing in these rules and regulations prohibit or hinder the department, its supervisors, park rangers or duly authorized agents or any other peace officers from performing their official duties.

Section 23. Target Practice

It shall be unlawful to target practice, trap shoot or practice shooting by any other method in all county recreation areas except in those areas designated by the board for target practice.

Section 24. Park User Rights Refused

Park Rangers are given the authority to refuse park user privileges for just cause. The park ranger and director also have authority to rescind an individual's park privileges for a period of one year for just cause. Before privileges are reinstated, the individual must appear before the conservation board at a regularly scheduled meeting.

The Carroll County Conservation Board in the provisions of services and facilities to the public does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, age, or handicap. If any believe they have been subjected to such discrimination, they may file a complaint alleging discrimination with either the Carroll County Conservation Board or at office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.