

CONDENSED RULES FOR KCCB PROPERTIES

04/01/24

1. It is unlawful to damage or remove any natural resources or man-made structures within county properties without the consent of the conservation board or its agent.
2. The speed limit within county areas is 5 miles per hour. ATV's and UTV's are not allowed on any of the county parks or wildlife areas. Vehicles must park in designated lots only and operate only on designated roadways.
3. Animals must be controlled at all times and may not be tethered to trees or other property in a manner which will cause damage.
4. The use of fireworks, or explosives is prohibited. The use of firearms is prohibited except in designated areas.
5. Littering and dumping of trash is unlawful in all county areas.
6. All persons shall vacate county parks between the hours of 10:30 P.M. - 4:00 A.M. This does not apply to authorized camping or legal fishing in areas provided for that purpose.
7. Camping is permitted only in designated areas from mid-April to October 31, weather permitting.
8. Camping fees are: Smith Lake north- \$20/night, \$500/month or \$2,000 for the season. The camping rate for Smith Lake south, Siems Park and Burt Lake is \$15/night for electrical sites and \$10/night for tent only.
9. Camping at Smith Lake south campgrounds, Siems Park and Burt Lake all have a 2-week max stay limit with a 3-day vacancy during the time period of May 13- September 9, 2024. Camping Unit(s) and Occupant(s) MUST physically leave for the 3-day vacancy period.
10. Reservable sites are available at Siems Park and Smith Lake south from May 13-September 9. At each park, 50% of the sites are reservable. The reservations must be made online at <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Kossuth.aspx>. Reservable sites may be used as walk-in sites pending there is no reservation.
11. The conservation board and its agents reserve the right to refuse and rescind any or all area privileges to anyone found in violation of these rules or laws set by the state and federal government.
12. Hunting and trapping are permitted in all county areas except Smith Lake Park, Siems Park, Smith Prairie, Daubendiek Prairie and Greenwood Marsh. All state and federal laws apply to these activities.
13. All boats shall be operated and equipped in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa and all operators shall be governed by the right-of-way rules set forth in the statutes of the state of Iowa.
14. All state and federal laws must be followed when fishing on public lakes. A minimum length limit of 15 inches is imposed on all largemouth bass taken in public lakes. At Smith Lake the minimum length limit is 18 inches for largemouth bass.
15. Keg beer will be allowed only at the Water's Edge Nature Center Meeting Room as part of the conditions of the rental. An alcohol deposit of \$200 is required.
16. Shelter houses are available to reserve online at Smith Lake and Siems Park. Reservations must be made in advance online at <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Kossuth.aspx> with the rental fee paid if applicable. Shelter houses at Burt Lake and Michealsen Marsh may be reserved by calling the KCCB office at 515-295-2138. If no reservations are made, the shelters are available for free on a first come first served basis.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
KOSSUTH COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD