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Chapter 2—State Parks Administration**

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10 CSR 90-2.010 Definitions

PURPOSE: For the purpose of these rules, the following definitions shall apply.

- (1) Camping is a recreational activity in which temporary outdoor living can be experienced.
- (2) Trails are recognizable routes designated for certain modes of travel and are signed indicating their appropriate use.
- (3) Designated sites are those which are designated by numbered posts.
- (4) A basic campsite is one which includes a parking area, fire grill and picnic table.
- (5) An improved campsite is one which includes a parking area, fire grill, picnic table and electric hookup.
- (6) A full hookup campsite is one which includes a parking area, fire grill, picnic table, electric hookup, water and/or sewer hookup.
- (7) A camping unit, as it arrives at the campground is one (1) of the following: automobile or station wagon, truck with or without attached shelter, bus or minibus, motor home, two (2) motorcycles or ten (10) bicycles. The camping unit may also include a towed vehicle.
- (8) Travel camp is a campground designed and developed for organized travel camping groups.
- (9) Special use area is a primitive area designed with minimal facilities specifically for outdoor camping by scouts and other nonprofit youth groups.
- (10) Disabled person is a person who is mentally, physically or emotionally disadvantaged to the extent that the disability may prevent that person from using regular outdoor recreational facilities.

(11) Camp director is the person from the using group who is designated as the authority responsible for the entire camping program. S/he shall have previous group camping experience.

(12) Camp nurse is any licensed medical authority, including the following: registered nurse (RN), licensed practical nurse (LPN),

medical doctor (MD) or osteopathic doctor (DO).

(13) Nonprofit group is any group that has been incorporated (not-for-profit) in the state of Missouri.

(14) Center in the following text always refers to the Jacob L. Babler Outdoor Education Center for the Disabled located in Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park in Chesterfield, Missouri.

(15) Camp administrator is the special group camp administrator, position code 6-3-205, as set forth by the Missouri state merit system. The camp administrator is the employee responsible for operation of the center.

(16) Division, as used in these rules, shall imply the Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

(17) Director, as used in these rules, shall imply the director of the Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

(18) All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) is a motorized vehicle having a maximum width of fifty inches (50") and a maximum weight of six hundred pounds (600 lbs.) designed to be operated off road, with handlebar steering and a seat that is straddled by the operator. An ATV may be equipped with two (2), three (3) or more tires. This definition includes motor-cycles designed for off-road operation.

(19) Off-road Vehicle (ORV) area is a designated area where ATV's and motorcycles may be operated off of park roads and thoroughfares.

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10 CSR 90-2.020 Park Management

PURPOSE: This rule is established for controlled management of the natural resources within state parks and for the safety and welfare of the visiting public, thus permitting every individual a pleasant experience.

(1) Wild Animals, Birds, etc. No person shall molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, hunt, chase, capture, shoot or throw missiles at any

mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian; nor shall s/he remove or have in his/her possession the young of any reptile or bird; nor shall s/he collect, remove, have in his/her possession, give away, sell or offer to sell, or buy or offer to buy, or accept as a gift, any specimen, alive or dead, any mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian within any state park or historic site without written permission from the director. Exceptions include animals used for scientific or interpretive purposes under the guidance of division employees.

(2) Public Sales. Public sales shall not be permitted in, or on, property owned or operated by the division, without written permission from the director. This applies to all public sales and includes the property of an employee whose employment has terminated either by discharge, resignation or retirement and also includes concessionaires whose contracts have been broken or terminated.

(3) Fireworks. Possessing, exploding, discharging or burning within, or bringing into any state park or historic site firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets or other fireworks or explosives of flammable material or any other substance, compound, mixture or article that in conjunction with other substances or compounds would be explosive or flammable or discharging or throwing fireworks or other explosive or flammable materials into the park area from lands adjacent thereto is prohibited without written permission from the director.

(4) Public Speeches, Gatherings, Performances, etc. No person(s) or representatives of any political party, social club or society, office aspirant, religious sect, circus or theatrical group, or other public exhibition, shall hold or attempt to hold any meeting, take part in any public debate, make any speeches, perform any act or ceremony, or hold any drill or parade, without written permission from the director. If permission is given, s/he shall define clearly the nature of the activity and limit its scope and time and define any other restrictions deemed desirable.

(5) Contributions. No person shall solicit contributions for any purpose, whether public or private, in any state park or historic site.

(6) Vending, Peddling, etc. No person shall sell or offer for sale, hire, lease or let out any object or merchandise, property privilege, service or any other thing or engage in any business or erect any building, booth, tent, stall or any other structure whatsoever whether temporary or permanent within any state park or historic site, without written permission from the director. Exception is made to any regularly licensed concessionaire acting by and under



authority and regulation of the Department of Natural Resources and providing food, goods and services for the benefit of the public.

(7) Signs. No sign, notice or advertisement of any nature shall be erected without permission from the facility head.

(8) Broadcasts. No musical instrument, radio, tape recording, television or sound track shall be operated or any noise made for the purpose of attracting attention to any person, political party, religious institution or meetings or assemblies thereof, or for the purpose of demonstrating, advertising or calling attention to any article or service for sale or hire within any state park or historic site, without written permission from the director.

(9) Disorderly Conduct. No person shall disobey a reasonable order of a park superintendent, caretaker or other authorized personnel; commit a nuisance, use abusive language or unreasonably disturb or annoy others within any state park or historic site. An example of an unreasonable disturbance or annoyance is the operation of any music-making or noisemaking device at a volume determined by authorized personnel to be excessive.

(10) Refuse and Trash. No person shall deposit in any part of any state park or historic site any garbage, sewage, refuse, waste, fruit, vegetables, foodstuffs, boxes, cans, bottles, jars, paper or other litter, waste materials, obnoxious materials, except in containers or places designated for these purposes. Any material so disposed of shall have been generated at that state park or historic site and shall not have been brought onto the area only for disposal.

(11) Pollution of Waters. No person shall throw, discharge or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any pool, fountain, pond, lake, stream or other body of water in or adjacent to any state park or historic site, or any tributary, stream, storm sewer or drain flowing into the waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of the waters. No person shall dump or deposit any bottles, broken glass, ashes, papers, boxes, cans, waste, garbage or other trash in any waters in or contiguous to any state park.

(12) Pets. No persons shall allow any domestic or other animal under their control or ownership to range within any state park or historic site unless restrained by a leash not longer than ten feet (10') held by some person or firmly affixed to some stationary object so as to prevent the animal from ranging at large. This

provision shall not apply to domestic animals that are or have been in the pursuit of wildlife. No domestic household or other animal shall be allowed inside any state park or historic site building under control of either the division or a concessionaire licensed by the Department of Natural Resources unless permission is granted by the director.

(13) Traffic. All applicable provisions of state laws and rules regulating the equipment and operation of motor vehicles on Missouri highways will be strictly enforced in the parks and historic sites. Motorized self-propelled vehicles or equipment may be operated only on park roads and thoroughfares unless otherwise permitted by the director. No person shall drive a vehicle in a Missouri state park or historic site in excess of twenty (20) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.

(14) Park Rangers, Appointment, Powers as Peace Officer. Each park ranger employed by the division shall be certified by the director of the Department of Public Safety as provided in chapter 590, RSMo and shall take and subscribe an oath of office to perform his/her duties faithfully and impartially. Each park ranger shall be given a certificate of commission as a peace officer for state parks, granting him/her the same powers now held by other peace officers to maintain order, preserve the peace and make arrests for violation of law on all land under the jurisdiction and control of the division, and on all state and county highways within the boundaries of state parks.

(15) Parking. Parking areas are designed and developed within state parks and historic sites and are designated specifically for the use of state park and historic site visitors only; and shall accommodate only those vehicles driven or chartered by park or historic site visitors. Open containers of intoxicating liquor and/or nonintoxicating beer are prohibited in parking areas.

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State ex rel. Taylor v. Anderson, 242 SW2d 66 (1951). The State Park Board is a state agency, expressly given the power to make and promulgate all rules and regulations as it may deem necessary for the proper maintenance, improvement, acquisition and preservation of all state parks. Therefore, letter granting defendant permission to operate sight-seeing boat tours within state park, written 10 years prior, could constitute no more than a bare license, or permit, subject to withdrawal or cancellation at the pleasure of the State Park Board.

10 CSR 90-2.030 Recreational Activities

PURPOSE: This rule is established as a means of informing the public of the availability, restrictions and proper usage of the various recreational activities and facilities provided in the state parks.

(1) Camping shall be permitted only in designated sites, special use areas and along prescribed trails unless otherwise authorized by the director.

(A) Camping in Designated Sites.

1. Only one (1) camping unit is permitted per site and the number of persons in one (1) campsite shall not exceed ten (10).

2. A camping day is a twenty-four (24)-hour period beginning at 3:00 p.m. Camping units shall vacate the park for at least twenty-four (24) hours after fifteenth day.

3. Camping is limited to fifteen (15) days within a thirty (30)-day period.

4. Wheeled vehicles shall be placed on the gravel or blacktop area provided at the site.

5. All camping in designated sites shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, except as follows:

A. Campers will be allowed to hold campsites for friends because of anticipated late arrival by paying for the campsite in the normal manner; however, the receipts for the additional sites shall show the name and license number of the individual for whom the fee was paid and shall be posted; and

B. Individuals may reserve campsites in advance only in those parks where the campground reservation system is in effect.

6. Fees.

A. Fees shall be charged on the basis of facilities available at the site regardless if they are used.



B. The regular camping season for all state parks except Bennett Spring, Roaring River and Montauk State Parks shall be from April 1 through October 31 of each year. The regular camping season for Bennett Spring, Roaring River and Montauk State Parks shall be from February 25 through October 31 of each year. The fees charged for camping shall be established by the director, Department of Natural Resources and shall be posted accordingly.

C. The full amount of the camping fee including the charge for electricity or sewage and water hookups shall be collected at the time the permit is issued and no personal checks will be accepted.

D. Refunds are not permitted without the approval of the director.

E. Anyone entering the campground after 10:00 p.m. shall register by 9:00 a.m. the following morning.

7. Permits, extensions and time limits.

A. Any camp permit may be extended within the limits of this policy not to exceed fifteen (15) consecutive days. To have priority in obtaining an extension to a permit for the same site, the camper must obtain the extension prior to 3:00 p.m. on the day the permit expires.

(I) After 3:00 p.m., all sites having a permit which expires that day and for which no extension has been issued shall be considered available for assignment to any incoming camper.

(II) Any camper requesting a permit extension after 3:00 p.m. on the day the permit expires, loses his/her priority and shall take his/her place in line with any new incoming camper.

(a) If, when his/her turn comes, his/her site has not been assigned to some other camper, s/he may be issued an extension for that site. If the site has already been assigned to another camper, then s/he shall accept one (1) of the remaining vacant sites and move his/her camp to that site.

(b) If his/her turn comes after all the sites (including his/her's) have been assigned, and there are no other vacancies that day, s/he shall vacate his/her site and leave the campground by 3:00 p.m.

(B) Camping in Travel Camps. Travel camps are designed and developed as designated campsites for organized travel camping groups. These sites may be reserved and used for that purpose subject to the following rules:

1. The camp shall be reserved for five (5) or more units;

2. A deposit equal to the amount charged for five (5) units for one (1) night shall be paid to the park superintendent in order to secure the reservation. Deposit shall be by money order or certified check;

3. Notice of cancellation shall be given prior to twenty-four (24) hours in advance of arrival time in order for deposit to be refunded;

4. The name, address and license number of each unit requesting a site within the group shall be filed with the park superintendent at the time the reservation is made;

5. At least one (1) member of the reserving group shall check into the park and occupy his/her site by 7:00 p.m. on the first day of the reservation period; and

6. The camp shall be closed to the general public when reserved by a group. When the area is not reserved, the sites shall be open to the general public on a day-to-day basis.

(C) Camping in Special Use Areas.

1. Certain areas are designed with minimal facilities specifically for use by scout and other nonprofit youth organizations. The groups shall be charged fees as established by the director for the number of days registered. The camping day shall cover a twenty-four (24)-hour period beginning at 3:00 p.m.

2. In those areas designed for use by equestrian campers, each unit shall be charged the basic campsite fee.

(D) Camping Along Trails.

1. Camping shall be permitted only along certain designated equestrian and backpacking trails.

2. Trail campers shall register before using the trail.

3. Trail camping shall be restricted to appointed areas along the trail unless otherwise posted. When allowed in other than appointed areas, all camping shall take place within two hundred feet (200') of the designated trail and at least one-fourth (1/4) mile from the trail entry/exit point.

4. Trail campers shall be charged the campsite fee as posted.

(E) General Camping Rules.

1. No sewage shall be discharged from tents, campers or recreational vehicles except at designated locations.

2. All domestic animals shall be kept on a leash not longer than ten feet (10') at all times. Pets which become a nuisance shall be removed from the park.

3. Fires shall be attended to at all times and restricted to fire pits, barbeque grills, where provided, or at locations approved by the park superintendent.

4. Camp users shall maintain quiet periods between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

5. Lanterns shall not be hung on trees or shrubs.

6. Trenching around tent camps for protection against water or wind damage shall not be permitted.

7. Permanent or semi-permanent installations shall not be permitted in camping areas.

8. Tents, campers, recreational vehicles or equipment shall not be left unattended longer than twenty-four (24) hours without written permission from the park superintendent.

9. At Finger Lakes State Park intoxicating liquor and/or nonintoxicating beer may be possessed only in designated camping areas and only by persons who have paid the appropriate camping fee.

(2) Swimming. No person shall swim, bathe or otherwise enter any water owned by, or leased to, or under the control of the division, other than designated swimming areas, without permission from the park superintendent.

(A) No person shall dress or undress on any beach or other place in any state park area, except in bath houses or structures provided and maintained by the Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for that purpose. Dressing and undressing is permitted, of course, in tents and trailers in camping areas. Swimmers and bathers shall be dressed at all times in proper attire which conforms to commonly accepted social standards.

(B) No person shall throw, cast, lay or deposit any glass, crockery or any part thereof, or any metallic substance in any bathing area in any state park or historic site. No person, dogs or pets shall wash or be washed with or without soap or other cleansers in bathing areas.

(C) Swimming beaches and pools may be closed to the public and bathing therein be prohibited at any time when, in the opinion of the park superintendent or concessionaire, bathing is dangerous or otherwise inadvisable.

(D) Possession of intoxicating liquor and/or nonintoxicating beer is prohibited in any designated swimming area.

(3) Picnic Areas and Use. Picnicking shall not be permitted in any state park or historic site except in areas set apart and designated for that purpose without permission from the director.

(A) Use of grills, tables and benches generally follows the rule of first-come, first-served, but no person or group shall use any picnic area, shelter or facility to the exclusion of other persons for an unreasonable time if facilities are crowded, except as allowed by 10 CSR 90-2.030(9). Determination of what is unreasonable shall be at the discretion of the superintendent.

(B) To maintain cleanliness and reduce fire hazard, each picnic party shall see that its fire is completely extinguished before the area is vacated, unless it is to be used by others and that all trash, such as boxes, cans, papers, bottles, garbage and other refuse is placed in receptacles provided for that purpose.



(4) **Horses.** Horses are permitted only in designated areas within state parks and historic sites and are not permitted in camping areas, picnic areas or other public use areas. Horses shall have a rider on them or the horse shall be tied in a designated area. Horses shall not be ridden on foot trails or tied to trees without permission of the park superintendent.

(A) In those undeveloped areas where horseback riding is permitted at random, horses shall be properly restrained, ridden with due care and shall not be permitted to graze unattended.

(B) Horse camping is permitted only in state parks where horse camping sites have been developed and the horses shall be contained within areas designated as horse camping areas.

(5) **Hunting.** Rules relating to hunting in Missouri state parks and historic sites are governed by Chapter 252 and section 253.200, RSMo (1986) and the wildlife code of Missouri. Hunting, trapping or the pursuit of wildlife is forbidden at all times in all parks and historic sites. No individual shall use or discharge firearms of any type in any state park or historic site, without written permission of the director, with the following exception:

(A) Hunting shall be permitted in designated areas of Missouri's state parks only during periods of special hunts, which shall be sponsored jointly by the Department of Natural Resources and the Missouri Division of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation the Missouri Department of Conservation, to control demonstrated animal overpopulations or to control problems related to overpopulation such as property damage or public health hazards. Due to the changing locations of these hunts and conditions for hunting, the policies governing them shall be developed and announced jointly by the division and the Department of Conservation prior to the designated hunts.

(6) **Fishing.** Fishing shall be permitted in waters of state parks under applicable provisions of the Missouri wildlife code.

(A) All state fishing laws and boating laws shall be obeyed; commercial fishing or the buying or selling of fish caught in park waters is forbidden.

(B) Fishing may be prohibited in certain areas as designated by the director and upon the proper posting of these areas.

(7) **Boating.** Boating shall be permitted only in waters which have been designated for that purpose by the director.

(A) Boating of any kind in a bathing or swimming area shall be prohibited except for official boating as is necessary to keep the areas properly protected and policed.

(B) No watercraft shall be launched into or removed from any park waters, tied to trees or land objects, except at places that are designated for this use or purpose by the director. No privately-owned boat or watercraft of any kind shall be left by its owner in park waters (waters totally owned by the Department of Natural Resources) in excess of twenty-four (24) hours without written permission of the park superintendent.

(C) No person shall navigate, direct or handle any boat in a manner so as to annoy, frighten or endanger the occupants of any other boat. No person other than a concessionaire or employee of the division shall be permitted to rent, hire or operate for charge any kind of boat or watercraft, whether powered or not, on any park waters.

(D) The director may establish limits for the horsepower of outboard motors that may be operated in park waters.

(8) **State Park and Historic Site Concessions.**

(A) Cabins. The normal operating season for state park cabins and motels shall be as follows:

1. Bennett Spring, Montauk and Roaring River State Parks—February 28 through October 31 of each year;

2. Big Lake State Park—April 15 through December 15 of each year; and

3. Meramec, Sam A. Baker, Thousand Hills, Lake Wappapello, Washington and Wakonda State Parks—April 15 through October 31 of each year.

(B) Reservations. Requests for reservations shall be made directly with the park concessionaire. Reservations shall be confirmed upon payment of a deposit in the amount of the first night's lodging which shall be refunded when cancellation is received by the park concessionaire at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the arrival time specified in the reservation.

(C) During the period of May 25 through September 7, a one (1)-night reservation request shall not be accepted or confirmed until one (1) week prior to date of arrival.

(D) Cabins and motels shall not be guaranteed for occupancy before 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

(E) Dining Lodges. The normal operating season for state park dining lodges is from the second Sunday in May through September 7 or as set by the director.

(F) Marinas. Marinas shall be open daily from April 15 through November 30 of each year.

(G) Swimming Pools and Beaches. All pools and beaches shall be open from twelve noon until sunset from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

(H) Other concessions shall be open as approved by the director.

(I) Fees for the rental of cabins and charges for food from the dining lodges are established by the director of the Department of Natural Resources and shall be posted accordingly.

(9) **Shelter Houses.** Open shelters have been provided in the day use areas of Missouri's parks. These shelters may be reserved for guarantee of use by contacting the park superintendent of the park concerned. Requests for reservations shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or money order equal in amount to the daily charge for the use of the facility. Reservations cancelled less than seven (7) days prior to the day of anticipated use will cause forfeiture of the reservation deposit.

(A) The open shelters, when not reserved, shall be available for free use on a first-come, first-served basis only after contacting the park superintendent to assure that there will be no conflict of reservations.

(B) Fees for the guarantee of use of the open shelters shall be established by the division.

(C) Open shelters must be vacated by 10:00 p.m. daily or earlier if the shelter is located in an area that closes before 10:00 p.m..

(D) Enclosed shelter houses shall be available on a reservation basis. Requests for reservations may be made to the park superintendent of the park concerned. The request shall be accompanied by a check or money order equal in amount to the charge for the use of the facility requested. Reservations cancelled less than seven (7) days prior to the day of use will cause forfeiture of the reservation deposit. An individual from the reserving group shall pick up the keys to the facility at the park office by 4:30 p.m. on the day of use, unless otherwise arranged with the park superintendent. Fees for the use of enclosed shelters shall be established by the division and shall be posted within the park or historic site. Enclosed shelters shall be vacated by 10:00 p.m. daily.

(10) **Fire.** No person shall build or attempt to build any fire(s) against or adjacent to any state park building or other structure, tree or any park property whatever, or against or near the property of others. Fires may be built only in ovens, stoves or rings provided by the division and must be extinguished before leaving the area. No campfires will be permitted in the overnight camp areas after the hours posted. Fires may be prohibited entirely