

By the authority granted to the Tama County Conservation Board by Section 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, the following Rules and Regulations are hereby adopted by said Board, May 2020

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS The following terms, as used in these regulations, shall, for the purpose of these regulations, have the meanings assigned hereto, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated.

1. **"Board"** shall mean the Tama County Iowa Conservation Board.
2. **"Director"** shall mean the Executive Director of the Tama County Conservation Board.
3. **"Authorized Representative"** shall include Park Rangers and other persons designated by the Director.
4. **"Area"** means all or any part of the land and/or water owned, leased, managed, or by other means under control of the Board.
5. **"Designated Hunting Area"** means any area or part of the area that is open to public hunting or trapping.
6. **"Preserve"** means an area of land or water formally dedicated for maintenance as nearly as possible in its natural condition.
7. **"Trail"** means the trail corridor managed by the Tama County Conservation Board.
8. **"Camp"** or **"Camping"** shall mean any use of a shelter, such as a single tent, pickup camper, motor home or converted bus, recreation trailer, or motor vehicle specifically designated for use as temporary residence at a campground.
9. **"Camping Area"** or **"Campground"** shall mean any area designated by the Board for camping.
10. **"Campsite"** shall mean a segment of a campground designated by the Board for camping by a camping unit or camping party.
11. **"Camping Day"** shall mean a period of time starting when a campsite is occupied until the established check-out time (4:30pm) the following day.
12. **"Camping Unit"** means either a single tent, pickup camper, motor home or converted bus, recreation trailer, or motor vehicle specifically designed for camping use. In addition, one small tent may be placed on a site with the primary unit so long as the persons occupying the tent are under eighteen years of age and the responsibility of the primary unit.
13. **"Camping Party"** shall mean the number of occupants allowed based on the capacity of the camping unit allowed on one campsite.
14. **"Commercial Activity"** shall mean any activity carried out by a private party or organization for the purpose of economic gain or profit.
15. **"Youth Group Camp"** shall mean an area set aside for uses specified by the board for organized youth groups who have purchased a permit.
16. **"Youth Group"** shall mean a group consisting of minor members of an established chartered organization with by-laws and under the leadership of at least one adult for each 8 minors in the group.
17. **"Capacity"** shall mean the maximum number of people or units that the Board shall determine may occupy any given area.
18. **"Official Signs"** shall mean signs designated and erected by the Board or an authorized representative.
19. **"Noise"** shall mean any loud, confused or senseless shouting, outcry or a loud and raucous noise or noise producing device, which causes unreasonable distress to others or disturbs the peace.
20. **"Metal detector"** means a portable electronic device carried by an individual used only for detecting metal above or below the surface of the ground.
21. **"Political Activity"** shall mean any activity if its purpose is support of a candidate or political cause whether partisan or non-partisan.

22. **"Special Use Permit"** shall mean any use permit issued by the Director, or authorized representative.

23. **"Memorandum of Understanding"** shall mean contractual agreement or lease approved by the Board, Director, or authorized representative.

SECTION 2. SCOPE The provisions of these regulations apply to all lands and waters owned, leased, managed, or under the control of the Board.

SECTION 3. FEES & CHARGES The Board may establish fees or deposits for the use of facilities, privileges and conveniences within all areas. All camping fees, shelter fees, MOU fees, and other special use permits or deposits shall be paid in full, by the responsible party, prior to the use of the area.

SECTION 4. COLLECTION OF PLANTS, FLOWERS, FRUITS, NUTS Chapter 461A.41 of the Code of Iowa is modified for properties controlled by the Board as described below:

1. It shall be lawful to collect reasonable amounts of fruits, nuts, berries, and mushrooms for non-commercial home use, provided the collector does not damage the parent plant.
2. Native prairie grasses, forbs (flowers), and other plant life: It shall be unlawful to collect or remove any variety of native prairie grass including its seed or seed head, forbs, or other plant life.

SECTION 5. CULTURAL & NATURAL FEATURES It shall be unlawful for any person to collect, possess, destroy, deface or remove all or any part of cultural or natural features, artifacts or human made objects found on any area.

SECTION 6. FIREARMS Section 461A.42 of the Code of Iowa entitled "Use of Firearms" is modified under the authority of Section 350.10 of the Code of Iowa for properties controlled by the Board as follows: The use by the public of firearms, fireworks, explosives, and weapons of all kinds is prohibited. Nothing in this provision prohibits the use of firearms or bow and arrows in the legal pursuit of game on designated hunting areas or proper use at Ike's Tract Shooting range.

SECTION 7. HUNTING & TRAPPING Hunting and Trapping is allowed only on designated hunting areas. All hunting and trapping done on designated hunting areas shall be done according to Board rules, Iowa Department of Natural Resources Regulations and Iowa Law.

1. **Restrictions** - It is unlawful to hunt, trap, pursue, or in any manner molest any birds or wild animals or to use or carry firearms, except on designated hunting areas. Each youth hunter must be accompanied by a licensed adult 18 years of age or older.

1. **Target Shooting** - It shall be unlawful to target shoot with any weapon on any area, or designated hunting area. (Exception) Target shooting is only allowed at Ike's Tract Shooting Range, open only to range pass holders.

2. **Blinds and Tree Stands** It shall be unlawful to place or construct permanent blinds or tree stands on designated hunting areas. Portable tree stands and blinds may be left on designated hunting areas seven days prior to the start of a deer or turkey season until seven days after the final day of that respective season. Any portable tree stand or blind left on designated hunting areas seven days after the final day of that respective season will be removed and disposed of. It is unlawful to cut, drive or otherwise place any nail, spike, pin or any other object, metal or otherwise, into any tree on a designated hunting area.

SECTION 8. TRAINING & EXERCISING DOGS Section 461A.45 of the Code of Iowa is hereby modified under the authority of section 350.10 of the Code of Iowa for properties controlled by the Tama County Conservation Board as follows: It is lawful to permit dogs to run at large for the purpose of training or exercising them on any designated hunting area. Animals must be accompanied by the trainer or owner.

SECTION 9. CAMERAS, VIDEO CAMERAS, GAME CAMERAS

1. Camera and video devices of any kind must be attended to in person at all times in all areas.
2. Any camera or video device found unattended in any area will be removed.

SECTION 10. FISHING AND BOATING

1. All fishing and boating on any area must be done in accordance with Board rules, Iowa Department of Natural Resources regulations and Iowa Law.

2. **UNATTENDED BOATS NOT PERMITTED.** It shall be unlawful to leave unattended, any watercraft on or attached to any area (except for registered campers using the T-dock in the South camping loop) for more than twelve consecutive hours, or between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00am. Unattended watercraft may be removed and stored at the expense of the owner.

3. **BOATING RESTRICTIONS.** All power-driven watercraft must be operated at no wake speed. Inner tubes, flotation devices, and surfboards are prohibited on waters controlled by the Board. All watercraft must be Coast Guard approved. A Coast Guard approved flotation device must be present for each occupant. Anglers may use a multi-chambered inflatable float while actively involved in fishing.

SECTION 11. SWIMMING

1. It is unlawful to swim or wade in or on any lake, pond or any impounded waters except for designated swimming areas.
2. It shall be unlawful to bring any pet, glass or alcohol onto any designated beach area.

SECTION 12. CAMPING Section 461A.46 and .49 of the Code of Iowa is hereby modified under the authority of section 350.10 of the Code of Iowa for properties under the control of the Board as follows:

1. Violation of any state law or any county park rule or regulation by any member of a camping party is cause for revocation of camping privileges and the entire camping party shall be required to leave the area.
2. Persons desiring camping privileges shall produce means of photographic identification upon request of the Director or authorized representative. Failure to produce such identification may be grounds for denial of camping privileges, at the discretion of the Director or authorized representative.
3. Campsites cannot be reserved. Campers must have some type of camping unit that will occupy the site on the campsite before the campsite is registered. If a camping unit is left on a campsite, the campsite must be registered.
4. Registration is on a self-serve basis at Otter Creek Lake & Park and T. F. Clark Park. Instructions are located on the depositories in those respective campgrounds.
5. A camping party must fully register by completely executing the camper registration form, which includes depositing payment in the depository and placing the receipt on the numbered post or designated area at the campsite within 30 minutes of occupying the campsite or placing a camping unit on the site. Any campsite or camping unit that is left unoccupied, unregistered, or unpaid by the camping party for more than 24 hours is subject to impoundment of the camping unit and camping equipment. Any camping equipment or camping unit, which may be impounded, shall be removed and disposed of as provided by law.
6. Campers occupying campsites on the West side of Otter Creek camping area
7. No camping unit or camping party shall occupy any camp area for more than fourteen (14) consecutive days without removing all camping equipment for a period of 24 hours.
8. No more than one camping party or camping unit shall occupy a campsite, with the exception of Otter Creek Park WEST side campsites and T.F. Clark Park. One additional tent may be used for children under sixteen years old, with ranger's permission. (Youth Group Camp areas are exempt).

9. In the Youth Group Camp Area, camping shall mean the use of the building or campsites for overnight residence or day use by a youth group. Maximum capacity at each of these sites shall be 20 persons.

11. All campers shall maintain quiet and remain in their respective campgrounds between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and sunrise.

12. No refunds will be issued.

13. Camping units shall be set up and registered by 10:00 p.m. Check-out time is 4:30 p.m.

14. No dishwashing will be allowed at drinking fountains, restrooms or shower house.

15. Beer and Wine in a keg or any other container larger than one gallon shall not be allowed in campgrounds.

16. All motor vehicles must be parked in a designated parking area. No parking on grass or roadways. No more than two licensed vehicles are permitted at any campsite.

17. No unit shall hook up to water hydrant for duration of stay. Hydrants are intended for hooking up only to fill and then disconnecting hose.

16. No ropes, cables, chains or lines can be affixed to trees.

17. No pets shall be left unattended. All pets must be kept on a leash of 6 feet or less at all times.

18. All non-registered visitors must be out of the park by 10:30 p.m.

19. No wading, swimming pools, or water features are allowed in the campground.

20. The collection of firewood in the parks is prohibited unless authorized by the Director or designated persons.

21. Campfires are only permitted in fire rings provided by the Board. No trash is allowed in fire rings.

22. Must be 18 years of age or older to register for camping. (Photo ID required) Parental consent required for minors camping without a parent or guardian.

SECTION 13. ANNOYANCES OR DISTURBANCE

1. **NOISE PRODUCING DEVICES.** It is unlawful to operate or use any radio, stereo, television, musical instrument, electrical generating plant, 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.

2. **PETS.** All pets must be kept on a lease 6 feet or less at all times. It shall be unlawful to have in possession any animal which causes a disturbance or displays aggressive or threatening behavior.

SECTION 14. PET FECES UNHEALTHY OR UNSANITARY CONDITIONS All feces discharged by pets shall be removed and disposed of promptly in a legal and sanitary manner.

SECTION 15. RECREATION USE ONLY & CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to occupy or use any portion of any area for a primary residence, repairing vehicles, advertising, political campaigning, hawking, soliciting, peddling or any other commercial activity or any other purpose not primarily recreational, unless approved through Director and Board.

SECTION 16. USE OF HORSES RESTRICTED

No horse or any other animal shall be hitched or tied to any tree. Horses are allowed only on hard surfaced public roadways. Any off-road use, use in campgrounds, use on access roads, or use on designated trails is prohibited. In all cases, cleanup of animal waste is required.

SECTION 17. OTHER POWER-DRIVEN

MOBILITY DEVICES Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices: It shall be lawful to operate other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD), as defined by federal law, by individuals with mobility disabilities in or on any trail, route or area unless the

Director, or authorized representative, has completed an assessment of a trail, route or area utilizing criteria as set forth in 28 CFR part 35, Subpart B, 35.137 (b)(2), and as a result determined that such use is not allowed or allowed subject to such conditions and/or restrictions as may be presented. Trails routes, or areas in or on which the operation of OPDMDs by individuals with mobility disabilities are not allowed or allowed subject to conditions and/or restrictions are posted with such information and are so designated and approved by a resolution of the Board. This rule is intended to comply with provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as Amended.

SECTION 18. OHV'S & ATV'S &

SNOWMOBILES RESTRICTED It shall be unlawful to operate any off highway vehicle (OHV), snowmobile, swamp buggy, all-terrain vehicle, mopeds or any other land conveyance propelled by a gasoline or electrical engine and run on wheels, tracks, or runners on any area, unless designated uses are approved by the Board.

SECTION 19. UNATTENDED MOTOR

VEHICLES NOT PERMITTED. It shall be unlawful to leave any motor vehicle unattended on any area for more than twenty-four hours without preapproval. It shall be unlawful to leave any motor vehicle in any area after closing time, except when camping in a designated area, or with permission from the Director or authorized representative. Any vehicle in violation of Section 19 may be removed and stored at the expense of the owner.

SECTION 20. EXCESSIVE LOADS.

Chapter 461A.37 of the Code of Iowa is modified for properties controlled by the board. Excessively loaded vehicles shall not operate over county park or preserve drives, roads or highways. No load shall exceed 20,000 pounds per axle. The determination as to whether the load is excessive will be made by the director or the director's representative and will depend upon the load and road conditions.

SECTION 21. RESERVING PARK FACILITIES

1. Persons reserving park facilities must be at least 18 years of age.

2. Two picnic shelters at Otter Creek Park and one at T. F. Clark Park may be reserved in advance by private parties for recreational use.

3. Facility reservations may be made one year in advanced of reservation date, unless otherwise approved by the Director.

4. Facilities which are not reserved are available on a first come basis, but usage and deposit fees may be required.

5. The Board has the authority to set and limit capacities and occupancy.

SECTION 22. DOMESTIC REFUSE NOT

PERMITTED It is unlawful to place any garbage, refuse or litter from any household, business, or outside source on any area or into any refuse container for the purpose of disposal. The waste stations are for use by registered campers only.

SECTION 23. OFFICIAL SIGNS, GATES, & BARRICADES

1. The Board may from time-to-time close or regulate the use of areas or parts of areas for the protection of humans, plants, animals, or natural or man-made features. No person shall use, enter or occupy any restricted area or facility in violation or disregard of any official sign, gate or barricade.

2. Campsites or parking areas marked with the international symbol of accessibility shall be used only by persons or groups containing persons qualifying for and displaying a handicap identification device on their vehicle.

3. No person shall post, fasten or affix any notice or sign within any area without written permission to do so.

SECTION 24. POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

1. It is unlawful to possess or consume any alcohol

other than wine or beer (no hard liquor) on any Board area.

2. No person or group shall bring, use, or have in his/her possession on any area, beer or wine in a keg or any other container larger than one gallon, without a special use permit.

3. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or consume any alcohol at a designated beach or youth group camping area.

SECTION 25. CLOSING TIME Section 461A.46 is hereby modified for properties under the control of the Board as follows: all areas shall be closed to the public between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and sunrise unless otherwise specified. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to registered campers in designated camping areas and persons actively fishing in designated areas.

SECTION 25. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

REQUIRING SPECIAL USE PERMITS It shall be unlawful to engage in any activity listed below except by contract or special use permit issued by the Director or authorized representative. Community events or activities that are promoted in any public media format

1. As being open to all members of the public who wish to attend. General public events or activities that require closing part of a public area to public use.

2. Any event or activity that may interfere with traffic flow or impede the use of an area by the public.

3. Any event or activities that require the uses of an area that would not typically be allowed pursuant to the Board Rules and Regulations.

4. An event involving, providing or selling alcohol that would otherwise be prohibited under Section 23 without the issuance of a special use permit. The Director or authorized representative are authorized to take action to terminate any activity or event listed above for which a special use permit was not obtained prior to the time and date scheduled for the event or activity.

SECTION 26. METAL DETECTING Iowa Code section 461A.35 is modified for properties under the control of the Board as follows:

1. Metal detecting is permitted only during park open hours.

2. Metal detecting at any other location should comply with the requirements of Section 5, and Iowa DNR administrative rules 571-64.2(2) to 571-64.8(461A).

3. No digging of soil or other forms of disturbance of any area will occur while metal detecting.

SECTION 27. GEOCACHING

Geo-caching is allowed on all areas with the submittal of Geocache Permit and approval of the Director or authorized representative. Unregistered geo-caches shall be removed. Digging soil or other forms of disturbance to conceal a geo-cache is prohibited.

SECTION 28. SCAVENGING No person will be allowed to scavenge through any park waste or recycling containers to search for any items, including cans.

SECTION 29. WOOD CUTTING AND

CHAINSAWS It shall be unlawful to cut any tree, dead or alive, at any time, in or on any area, except (a registered campers which may take dead and downed trees for use within their campsite only) and county personnel or foresters under a forestry management plan.

SECTION 30. PENALTIES Any person violating any of the provisions of Chapter 461A.35 to 461A.56, or any Iowa Department of Natural Resources Administrative Rule or any Section of the Tama County Conservation Board Rules and Regulations may be charged with a simple misdemeanor punishable by up to \$625 fine and 30 days in jail.

SECTION 31. EXCEPTIONS Nothing in these rules and regulations shall prohibit or hinder the Board, Director, authorized representative or any other peace officers from performing their official duties.