

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BREMER COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD

BCCB 9.10: DEFINITIONS. Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 350.5 of the Code of Iowa, the Bremer County, Iowa, Conservation Board hereby promulgates and places into effect the following regulations. The following terms, as used in these regulations, shall for the purpose of these regulations have the meaning assigned hereto, unless a different meaning is clearly indicated.

-The term **“Board”** shall mean the Bremer County, Iowa, Conservation Board.

-The term **“Department”** shall mean the Department of Conservation.

-The term **“Director”** shall mean the Director of the Department of Conservation.

-The term **“area”** shall mean all or any part of the land and/or water owned, leased, managed or by other means under the control of the Board.

-The term **“authorized representative”** shall include anyone designated from time to time by the Director.

-The term **“camp”** or **“camping”** shall mean the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, or sleeping bag for temporary residence at a campground.

-The term **“campground”** shall mean any area designated by the Board for camping.

-The term **“camping unit”** shall mean either a single tent not larger than 140 square feet in size at its base, pickup camper, motor home or converted bus, recreation trailer, or motor vehicle used for a camp by a camping party, except those shelters used exclusively for dining purposes.

-The term **“camping party”** shall mean any individual, family, or group occupying one campsite.

-The term **“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.

-The term **“official signs”** shall mean signs provided for in the Iowa State Department of Transportation Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Iowa Streets and Highways and other signs designated from time to time by the Board.

-The term **“noise”** shall mean any loud, confused or senseless shouting or outcry; a sound lacking in agreeable musical quality or which is noticeably unpleasant.

BCCB 9.11: SCOPE. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to all areas.

BCCCB 9.12: FEES AND CHARGES.

A. Fees or charges incurred for services or for the use of land, facilities, equipment, materials or supplies on any area to be collected by the Department or authorized representative shall be prescribed and approved by the Board.

B. 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 those persons on official business.

BCCB 9.13: 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 purposes any structure, or to remove any plant life, tree, buildings, sand, gravel, ice, earth, stone, wood or other natural material, or to operate vehicles, within the boundaries of any area, or water under the jurisdiction of the Board for any purpose whatsoever, except upon the terms, conditions, limitations and restriction as set forth by the Board.

BCCB 9.14: SPEED LIMIT. It shall be unlawful to operate any vehicles on area roads at a speed that is unsafe or unreasonable or as otherwise set forth in the Iowa Code. All driving shall be confined to designated roadways. The Board shall determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit thereat which shall be effective when signs giving notice thereof are erected at such places of congestion or other parts of the area roads, drives or highways.

BCCB 9.15: EXCESSIVE LOADS. Excessive loaded vehicles shall not operate over area drives, roads or highways. The determination as to whether the load is excessive will be made by the Director or authorized representative and will depend upon the load and the road conditions.

BCCB 9.16: PARKING. All vehicles shall be parked in designated parking areas, and no vehicle shall be left unattended on any area drive, road or highway, except in the case of emergency.

BCCB 9.17: HITCHING TO TREES. No horse or other animal shall be hitched or tied to any tree or shrub, or in such a manner as to result in damage to county property. No ropes, cables, chains, or lines shall be affixed to trees.

BCCB 9.18: OFFICIAL SIGNS. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter, use or occupy any area or facilities within said area in disregard of any official signs.

BCCB 9.19: REMOVING PLANTS, FLOWERS OR 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 it shall be lawful to collect the fruit of all nut and berry producing plants or mushrooms for non-commercial home use, provided that the collector does not

otherwise damage the parent plant. Upon written permission of the Board and Director, certain specimens may be removed for scientific purposes or commercial use. This section shall not apply to activities of the Board or its officers, or employees when caring for and managing county-owned land and waters under the jurisdiction of the Board.

BCCB 9.20: CAMPING.

A. The Board is hereby authorized to fix fees for camping and other special privileges which shall be in such amounts as may be determined by the Board upon a basis of the cost of providing and reasonable value of such privileges.

B. No person shall camp in any portion of an area except in portions prescribed or designated by the Board.

C. Someone from each camping unit who camps in any designated area where a fee is charged must register and pay the fee at the self-registration station within one hour of arrival to the area. Occupants of an additional small tent with a camping unit must be minor children, or charges for another camping unit shall be paid.

D. Violation of any state law or any county rule or regulation by any member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and cause for the entire camping party to be required to leave the area.

E. When any campground is open and in a 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.

F. All campers shall maintain quiet and avoid excessive noise in the campgrounds between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

G. Campers shall restore their campsite to the same approximate condition or better than when they found it. Campsites shall be vacated or reregistered by 4:00 p.m.

H. No camping party or unit shall be permitted to occupy any designated campsite within a campground or area for a period in excess of 14 days unless prior written approval has been granted by the Board or Director. After 14 days, the camping party or unit shall be required to leave for a minimum of 7 days.

I. The subleasing of campsites and/or units shall be prohibited.

J. Only campers 18 years of age or older are permitted to register and occupy a campsite. Said site shall have occupancy of 6 people or less.

K. Campsites will not be considered occupied unless campsite is paid for and occupied by a camping unit.

L. Overnight camping with horses is not permitted unless permission is granted by the Director or authorized representative.

M. Any camping unit or equipment left unpaid and unattended by the camping party for more than three days shall be considered abandoned and may be impounded.

BCCB 9.21: ANIMALS ON LEASH. No privately owned animal shall be allowed to run at large on any area except by permission of the Board or Director; 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 15 feet in length, or keeps it confined in or attached to a vehicle, except that it shall be lawful to permit dogs to run at large for the purpose of hunting, training or exercising them in or on all areas designated as hunting areas by the Board or Director, or zones within areas not open to hunting. Training or exercising dogs off leash is not allowed March 15-July 15 unless permission is granted by the Board or Director. The Board or Director may for cause close any area or portion of any area to all dogs and the training or exercising of dogs. It shall be unlawful to allow pets to discharge feces in public use areas except areas open to hunting unless all feces is removed and disposed of in a legal and sanitary manner.

BCCB 9.22: LITTERING OF GROUNDS. No person shall place any waste, refuse, litter, or foreign substance in any area or receptacle except those provided for that purpose.

BCCB 9.23: DOMESTIC REFUSE NOT PERMITTED. It shall be unlawful to deposit garbage, refuse or litter from any household, business or any other place to any area for the purpose of disposing of the same in any refuse or litter container there provided.

BCCB 9.24: FIRES. No fires shall be built, except in a place provided thereof, and such fire shall be extinguished when site is vacated unless it is immediately used by some other party.

BCCB 9.25: CLOSING TIME. Except by arrangement or permission granted by the Director or authorized representative, all persons shall vacate areas between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Areas may be closed at an earlier or later hour, of which notice shall be given by proper signs or instructions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to authorized camping in areas provided for that purpose, nor hunting, trapping, and fishing activities in or on public hunting areas or natural areas designated for that purpose.

BCCB 9.26: NOISE PRODUCING DEVICES. It shall be unlawful to operate or use any radio, television, stereo, musical instrument, electric generating plants, power saws, or any similar equipment in or on any area in such a manner as to create excessive noise and/or disturb other persons.

BCCB 9.27: EXCESSIVE NOISE. All persons using areas under Bremer County Conservation Board jurisdiction shall avoid excessive noise at all times so as to not disturb nor cause unreasonable distress to other area occupants.

BCCB 9.28: KEGGARS/POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL. The gathering of two or more individuals at which beer is dispensed from a container larger than one gallon (“keggar”) is prohibited on all areas, unless prior permission has been given by the Director or authorized representative, and then will only be allowed in authorized picnic areas and shelters. It shall be unlawful to possess or consume any alcohol other than wine or beer (no hard liquor) in or on any area.

BCCB 9.29: USE OF FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES, WEAPONS, AND FIREWORKS PROHIBITED-EXCEPTIONS. The use by the public of fireworks, firearms, explosives, and weapons of all kinds is prohibited in all areas, except that hunting is allowed on areas and at times designated by the Board, and within state hunting regulation guidelines. 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 pursuant to state code.

BCCB 9.30: HUNTING AND TRAPPING RESTRICTED. It shall be unlawful to hunt, trap, attempt to trap, pursue or in any manner molest any birds or wild animals in or on any area not designated as a public hunting area by the Board.

BCCB 9.31: BLINDS AND TREE STANDS. Portable blinds or tree stands capable of being moved by one person from one location to another and which are capable of being removed daily may be used on an area provided that such devices do not in any way damage any natural feature. It shall be unlawful to drive or otherwise place any nails, spikes, pins or any other metal object into any tree for the purpose of constructing a blind or tree stand nor to facilitate access to a blind or tree stand. Tree stands and blinds may be placed on an area seven days prior to the open season for hunting deer or wild turkey and shall be removed within seven days of the final day of the respective season.

BCCB 9.32: SWIMMING RESTRICTED. It shall be unlawful to swim in or on any pond or waters in or on any area except for those ponds or waters specifically designated from time to time by the Board or Director. S.C.U.B.A. diving is prohibited on all areas unless prior approval has been given by the Director or Board.

BCCB 9.33: ATVs AND SNOWMOBILES RESTRICTED. It shall be unlawful to operate any snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or any other land convenience propelled by a gasoline or electrical engine and run on wheels, tracks, or runners in or on any area, except for those trails and roads which the Board shall from time to time designate.

BCCB 9.34: WAR-LIKE GAMES. It shall be unlawful to conduct war-like games that utilize projectiles (paintballs, etc.) on any area.

BCCB 9.35: RECREATION USE ONLY. It is unlawful for any person to occupy any portion of any area for repairing vehicles, advertising, political campaigning, hawking, peddling, or any other commercial activity or any other purpose not primarily recreational except concessioners acting under a special use permit with the Board.

BCCB 9.36: MODEL AIRCRAFT AND DRONES. Model aircraft and drones are allowed on lands and waters managed by the Board subject to Federal Aviation Administration rules and regulations. The following restrictions apply: no aircraft or drones in designated camping areas and no operating in an unsafe or reckless manner that disrupts other park visitors.

BCCB 9.37: METAL DETECTING. Metal detecting shall be during regular park hours. Any holes dug must be immediately filled back in.

BCCB 9.38: EXCEPTIONS. Nothing in these rules and regulations shall prohibit or hinder the Department, its employees, or authorized representatives from performing their official duties.

BCCB 9.39: PENALTIES. Anyone violating any of the provisions of the above rules and regulations will be guilty of a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$625.00, with a minimum fine of \$65.00, or up to a 30 day jail sentence.

The above Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Bremer County Conservation Board at their regular meeting on December 5, 2018, and shall become effective upon the expiration of ten days from and after their publication, to be made at least once in the Waverly Democrat or Waverly Independent, newspapers published in the City of Waverly, Iowa, and having circulation in the County of Bremer, State of Iowa.

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The Bremer County Conservation Board in the provision 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 anyone believes he or she has been subjected to such discrimination, he or she may file a complaint alleging discrimination with the Bremer County Conservation Board or the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Dept. of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

