

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Amending the Rules and Regulations for the Use of Columbia County Docks Subject to Ordinance No. 94-9)
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ORDER NO. 141 - 2007

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 94 - 9, the Board of County Commissioners may enact rules, regulations and fee schedules for the use of Columbia County forests, parks, beaches, docks and other recreational facilities subject to said Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and the Forest, Parks and Recreation Supervisor have recommended that amendments to the rules and regulations be enacted governing the use of all Columbia County docks in an effort to alleviate ongoing disputes between boaters and anglers;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The Rules and Regulations for the use of Columbia County forests, parks, beaches, docks and other recreational facilities, attached hereto, labeled Exhibit 1, and incorporated herein by this reference, are hereby adopted, and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or appealed by the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The fee schedules for the use of Columbia County forests, parks, beaches, docks and other recreational facilities, adopted by Order No. 21 - 2006, shall remain in full force and effect until amended or appealed by the Board of County Commissioners.
3. The rules and regulations hereby adopted shall become effective and have the force of law when notice thereof is given by posting copies as outlined in paragraph 5 below.
4. All previous rules and regulations are repealed and superseded by this Order.
5. The Public Works Director, or his designee, shall give notice of the enactment of these amended rules and regulations by posting copies of them on signs placed or erected near the main entrance of the parks, or near the main entrance to any forest, park, beach, dock or other County recreational facilities.
6. The Parks Supervisor, or his/her designee, shall certify in writing to the Board of County Commissioners, with a copy to the Office of County Counsel, the date and method of providing such notice.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: [Signature]
Chair

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

By: [Signature]
Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: [Signature]
Office of County Counsel

EXHIBIT 1



**COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON
Forests, Parks, and Recreation Department**

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WELCOME TO COLUMBIA COUNTY PARKS!

THIS PARK IS MAINTAINED AND OPERATED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT.
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE PARK AND THE
RIGHTS OF OTHER PARK VISITORS, WE ASK THAT PARK VISITORS
ADHERE TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS LISTED BELOW.

WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY AND COME BACK TO SEE US AGAIN!

COLUMBIA COUNTY PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. For overnight camping parks, campers may check in at or after 4:00 p.m. Campers must check out by 2:00 p.m. on the day of departure.
2. Overnight camping is limited to seven (7) nights in any ten (10) day period unless prior permission is given by the Public Works Director, Board of County Commissioners, or their designee.
3. At all hours, especially during quiet hours (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.), campers shall respect the rights of others to peace and quiet.
4. No vehicle, device, instrument or noise-producing machine of any type may be used in any manner that is disturbing to other park visitors or area residents.
5. Group use of any recreational area shall be limited to a maximum of 50 persons without prior approval of the Director of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, or his designee.
6. Motor vehicles are not to exceed five (5) miles per hour in the park unless otherwise posted.
7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARK.
8. Fires are permitted in authorized camp stoves, fireplaces or fire rings only. No fire shall be left unattended or be permitted to cause damage to park facilities or areas. Every fire shall be extinguished before its users leave the park area.
9. At the discretion of the State Forestry Department, fires normally permitted in park areas may be restricted or prohibited due to high fire hazard conditions.
10. No person within a park area shall possess any loaded firearm or discharge any firearm, pellet gun, bow and arrow, slingshot or other weapon capable of injuring any person or wildlife.
11. Possession, discharge or the causing to be discharged of any firecrackers, explosives, rockets, fireworks

or other substances which could be harmful to park visitors, neighbors or resources is prohibited.

12. Trapping, and/or hunting of animals and destruction of animal habitat is prohibited in the parks. Hanging of game may be allowed in designated camping areas of Big Eddy and Scaponia parks only.
13. Mutilation, destruction, damage, defacing or removal of any flora or fauna, including but not limited to trees, shrubs, reed-grass, snake grass, mushrooms, squirrels, birds, deer, elk, etc.; or park structures, including but not limited to buildings, signs, fences, tables, benches, fountains, etc.; is prohibited. Fishing is permitted subject and according to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations.
14. Moving tables from other campsites/day-use areas is prohibited. If additional tables are needed, contact the Park Host.
15. Horses are allowed in designated areas of Camp Wilkerson only. There will be additional designated areas in the future. Until then, horses and other large animals are not allowed in any other park without the written permission of the Public Works Director, Board of County Commissioners, or their designee. Horses at Camp Wilkerson, dogs, and other small animals are permitted subject to Rule #16, below.
16. All animals (horses, dogs, cats, birds, etc.), must be in a pet container or on a leash/lead line (one end attached to the animal, the other end attached to a human or manmade stationary structure), which restricts the animal to the site where the owner is camping, picnicking, etc. No animal shall be allowed to infringe upon another visitor. Infringement includes loud and/or repetitive noise being made by the animal, especially during the "quiet hours" of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Owners are responsible for picking up after their pets' refuse immediately after each occurrence. Livestock droppings will need to be picked up in camp area and trail riders will be expected to spread the livestock's droppings.
17. All bottles, cans, ashes, waste, paper, garbage and other rubbish shall be placed in proper designated receptacles. Park receptacles are to be used by park visitors for rubbish generated at the park only.
18. Visitors and campers shall leave all park restrooms and grounds in a clean and tidy condition after use.
19. Vehicles may only be parked in authorized parking areas. Day-use camp users and visitors may not park in the camping area without first checking with the Park Host.
20. Motorized vehicles are allowed on designated roads only.
21. No all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), dirt bikes or other off-road vehicles may be operated in the park (except 4-wheel drive vehicles fully equipped and licensed for legal use on public streets, roads and highways).
22. Washing of vehicles in the park is prohibited.
23. County equipment is not available for towing of park visitor/camper vehicles.
24. Operation of concessions are not allowed except by special permit from the Board of County Commissioners.
25. Public address systems may not be used without prior permission from the Public Works Director, or his/her designee.
26. Visitors and campers at the park shall pay all applicable fees upon entering the park, unless otherwise directed by the Park Host. In all cases, however, no person shall leave the park without paying all applicable fees. (15-20 minutes is allowed to view the park without charge). **Group Camping Deposits (equal to one night's stay) are non-refundable. A five-day advance cancellation notice is required for**

other camping deposit refunds. A \$5.00 handling fee will be deducted from all refunds.

27. For each boat using the boat launch at Beaver Boat Ramp a two dollar (\$2.00) boat launch fee shall be paid prior to launch. If County Park personnel are not collecting the fee, then fees shall be paid into a collection box located next to the boat launch, or as otherwise instructed by Park personnel or official notice.
28. Boat launch yearly passes for Beaver Boat Ramp are available for purchase at the Columbia County Forest, Park and Recreation Department, 1054 Oregon Street, St. Helens, Oregon 97051. Yearly passes must be clearly visible in the towing vehicle during each boat launch or a \$2.00 boat launch fee shall be paid.
29. No person shall endanger the public health, safety and/or welfare of another visitor or a Park Host, and no person shall harass or intimidate another park visitor or Park Host. Persons violating this rule are subject to immediate eviction from the park.
30. Columbia County parks are open to the public. All park users should take precautions to safeguard their personal property. The County will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property, or for the personal safety of campers or other visitors. Park users should notify the park host of suspicious persons or activities, or call 911 in case of an emergency. Individual or group security and safety is not the responsibility of the County.
31. Nudity is prohibited within the park, except by children under three (3) years of age, in restrooms, or in private accommodations (i.e., tents, trailers and recreational vehicles).

(For the purpose of this rule, nudity means the uncovered, or less than opaquely covered, human genitals, pubic areas, buttocks or the human female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola.)

32. The Adirondack areas at Camp Wilkerson are posted and designated for group use. When all of the Adirondacks are rented the area is not meant for general public use. The County is not responsible for assuring that the general public does not enter into these group use areas. If additional markings are necessary, the group shall provide such markings and remove them prior to leaving the park. Children must be accompanied by a sufficient number of adults to assure the adequate supervision and safety of the children.
33. Prescott Beach Park hours of public use are as follows:

December 1 st through the last day of February:	6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
March 1 st through May 31 st :	5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
June 1 st through August 31 st :	5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
September 1 st through November 30 th :	5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
34. There shall be no diving from County docks, boat ramps, tie-ups, walkways or other boat dock facilities.
35. There shall be no swimming within fifty (50) feet of County docks, boat ramps, tie-ups, walkways or other boat dock facilities.
36. Anglers must yield to boats and other water vessels under way that are utilizing or attempting to utilize County docks, boat ramps, tie-ups, walkways or other boat dock facilities. Persons violating this rule are subject to immediate eviction from boat dock facilities.
37. Fishing lines and equipment, camping gear, and other similar items may not block or interfere with boats

or other water vessels during launches or retrievals at County boat ramps, approaches to or moorings at docks or tie-ups, or the use by boats or other water vessels of any other County boat dock facilities, or block foot traffic on County boat dock facilities.

38. In addition to these rules and regulations, visitors and campers at the park shall obey all federal and state statutes, administrative rules and regulations, County ordinances, orders, resolutions, rules and regulations, including those governing fishing.

The above rules and regulations will be enforced by the Columbia County Public Works Director, his/her designee, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and any other person authorized by the Board of County Commissioners. Any person violating any of the above rules may be instructed to leave the park by a park caretaker (Park Host), the Public Works Director or his/her designee, any on-duty Oregon State Police Officer, any Columbia County Sheriff's deputy, or Columbia County Commissioner, according to the Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation Ordinance No. 94-9. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations set forth herein may result in penalties under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance, and other criminal penalties as provided for under state and federal law.