

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting New Rules )  
and Regulations for the Use of )  
Columbia County Parks, Including ) ORDER NO. 23-01  
Hours of Public Use )

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 Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Public Works Director, and the Columbia County Parks Advisory Commission have recommended that amended rules and regulations be enacted for the use of Columbia County Parks;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The rules and regulations for the use of Columbia County Parks during the calendar year 2001, attached hereto, labeled Attachment "A", and incorporated herein by this reference are adopted.
2. The rules and regulations shall become effective February 28, 2001.
3. All previous rules and regulations are superseded by this Order.
4. The Public Works Director, or his designee, shall give notice of the enactment of these amended rules and regulations by posting copies of them at or by the Park Hosts' residence at the parks, or on signs placed or erected near the main entrance of the parks. The Parks Supervisor (Public Works Director) or his/her designee, shall certify in writing to the Board of County Commissioners, the date and method of providing such notice.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2001.

Approved as to Form

By: Sarah Tyson

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: Vita M. Richard  
Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

By: [Signature]  
Commissioner

Attachment "A"

**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 1:00 p.m. on the day of departure.
2. Prescott Park hours of public use are as follows:  
  
December 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of February: 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>: 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
September 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>: 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
3. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
4. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARK.
5. Operation of concessions are not allowed except as by special permit from the Board of County Commissioners.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Possession, or discharge of firecrackers, explosives, rockets, fireworks or other substances which could be harmful to park visitors, neighbors or resources is prohibited.
10. Trapping, and/or hunting of animals and destruction of animal habitat is prohibited in the parks. Hanging of game is allowed in designated camping areas of Big Eddy and Scaponia parks only.
11. 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.

12. Moving tables from other campsites/day-use areas is prohibited. If additional tables are needed, contact the Park Host.
13. Horses and other large animals are not allowed in the parks without the written permission of the Public Works Director, Board of County Commissioners, or their designee. Dogs and other small animals are permitted subject to Rule #13, below.
14. Dogs and other small pets are prohibited except on a leash. No animals, except seeing-eye dogs, are allowed in any buildings. ***Owners are responsible for picking up their pet's refuse immediately after each occurrence.***
15. 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.
16. Motor vehicles are not to exceed five (5) miles per hour in the park unless otherwise posted.
17. 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.
18. Motorized vehicles are allowed on designated roads only.
19. County equipment is not available for towing of park visitor/camper vehicles.
20. 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, road, and highways).
21. Washing of vehicles in the park is prohibited.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. Public address systems may not be used without prior permission from the Public Works Director, or his/her designee.
25. Overnight camping is limited to seven (7) nights in any ten (10) day period unless prior permission is given by the Public Work s Director, Board of County

Commissioners, of their 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).
27. 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.
28. 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, public areas, buttocks or the human female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola.

29. Visitors and campers shall leave all park restrooms in a clean and tidy condition after use.

**The above rules and regulations will be enforced by the Columbia County Public Works Director, his/her designee, and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. 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 Forest, 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.**