

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting a New)
Rules and Regulations for the)
Use of Columbia County Parks)

ORDER NO. 5-01

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 calendar year 2001, attached hereto, labeled Attachment "A", and incorporated herein by this reference are adopted.
2. The rules and regulations shall become effective January 1, 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 All previous rules and regulations are superseded by this Order.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, or his designee, shall certify in writing to the Board of County Commissioners, the date and method of providing such notice.

DATED in St. Helens, Oregon, this 24th day of January, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
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COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON



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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. Check in time is 4:00 p.m. or after. Check out time is 1:00 p.m.
2. Operation of concessions are not allowed except by special permit from the Board of County Commissioners.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Trapping, and or hunting of animals and destruction of their habitat is prohibited in the parks. Hanging of game may be allowed in Big Eddy and Scaponia parks only, and in designated camping areas only.

8. Mutilation, destruction, damage, defacing or removal of any flora or fauna (by way of example but in no way limiting, trees, shrubs, reed-grass, snake grass, mushrooms, squirrels, birds, deer, elk, etc.), or park structures (by way of example but in no way limiting, buildings, signs, fences, tables, benches, fountains, etc.) is prohibited. Fishing is permitted according to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations.
9. Moving tables from other campsites/day-use areas is prohibited. If additional tables are needed, contact the Park Host.
10. Horses and other large animals are not allowed in the park without the written permission of the Public Works Director, Board of County Commissioners, or their designee (with the exception of dogs and other small animals - in which case, see Rule #11).
11. 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 after their pets' refuse immediately after each occurrence.***
12. All bottles, cans, ashes, waste, paper, garbage and other rubbish shall be placed in proper receptacles. Receptacles are to be used by park visitors for rubbish generated at the park only.
13. Motor vehicles are not to exceed the speed of five (5) miles per hour in the park unless otherwise posted.
14. Vehicles may only be parked in authorized parking areas. No day-use or visitor parking in camping area without first checking with the Park Host.
15. Motorized vehicles are allowed on designated roads only.
16. Towing of park visitor vehicles with County equipment is prohibited.
17. 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).
18. Washing of vehicles in the park is prohibited.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Public address systems may not be used without prior permission from the Public Works Director, or his designee.
22. 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.

23. Visitors and campers at the park, unless otherwise directed by the Park Host, shall pay all applicable fees upon entering the park. In any case, no person shall leave the park without paying all applicable fees. (15-20 minutes is allowed to view the park without charge.)
24. Visitors and campers at the park shall obey all other federal and state statutes, administrative rules and regulations, County ordinances, orders, resolutions, rules and regulations including those governing fishing.
25. 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) outside of the view of the general public.

(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.)

26. Visitors and campers that use the park restrooms shall leave the restrooms in a respectable condition after use.
27. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARK.

The above rules and regulations will be enforced by the Public Works Director, his designee, and the Columbia County Sheriff's Department.