



The Livingston County Board of Commissioners, in order to maintain and operate the designated public parks under its control in the best interests of the people of Livingston County, and in order to insure maximum recreational benefits from these facilities, has adopted the rules set forth herein under powers granted to it by Public Act 156 of 1917 of the State of Michigan, as amended. The purpose of the Lutz County Park as envisioned by its benefactor, Owen J. Lutz, is to:

- **Preserve the beauty and diversity of the natural environment within the park;**
- **Honor the agricultural tradition of our rural communities;**
- **Provide passive, low-impact outdoor recreational opportunities for the enjoyment of present and future generations.**

Enjoy your visit!

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- A. "County" or "County Board" shall mean the Livingston County Board of Commissioners or its duly-authorized agents.
- B. "County Park property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property designated as county parks administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners.
- C. "Person" or "persons" shall mean individuals, male or female, singular or plural, firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
- D. "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons in a tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises

within any park or recreation area administered by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners.

- E. "Rules" shall mean the rules adopted by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners applicable to all county parks administered by or under the jurisdiction of the said County Board and all amendments thereto. These rules are enforced in compliance with State of Michigan Public Act 156 of 1917.

SECTION 2. GENERAL PUBLIC

Entry into lands of the County and enjoyment of its parks and park facilities is a privilege, which is extended to members of the public contingent upon their compliance with these rules and regulations.

SECTION 3. HOURS

Parks under the jurisdiction of the County shall be open from sunrise to sunset. Upon application to the County, said hours may be extended. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter any portion of park lands or waters which have been designated as closed to public use or entry.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY POWERS

Nothing in these rules shall:

- A. Prohibit or hinder duly-authorized agents of the County or any peace officers from performing their official duties.
- B. Prohibit the County from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare, and safety of park visitors and to protect park property, and to maintain order.

SECTION 5. SWIMMING, BATHING, WADING AND BOATING

No person shall swim, bathe, wade or boat on any of the watercourses, or ponds, located within County Park property.

SECTION 6. CAMPING

Camping is prohibited unless a designated camping area has been established.

SECTION 7. FEES AND CHARGES FOR RESERVED AREAS

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility, land or area for which a fee and charge has been established by the County

without payment of such fee or charge, unless authorized in writing by the County.

SECTION 8. PERMITS FOR RESERVED AREAS

- A. Application for a permit for reserved park space shall be made upon forms furnished by the County.
- B. In the event more applications for reserved park space are received than space is available, such applications shall be considered in the chronological order received.
- C. Nothing contained herein shall operate to exempt the users of reserved space from full compliance with all rules of the County relating to use and conduct on County Park property.
- D. No erection, construction or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath this County property by any person, firm or corporation without first having obtained written permission from the County authorizing such installation or construction and a permit specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled to the terms of such approval.
- E. Notwithstanding any of the provisions hereof, the County or its agent may upon written application, grant specific use permits for special uses when in the opinion of the County Board special consideration is warranted.

SECTION 9. MOTOR-DRIVEN VEHICLES

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Operate a motor-driven vehicle of any kind or nature except on designated roads and parking areas.
- B. Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 25 miles per hour or at any speed greater than that posted, or in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any persons or property.
- C. Operate any motor-driven vehicle on any park road or parking area in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property.
- D. Operate any motor-driven sled, toboggan, snowmobile or any other

motor-driven vehicle on any property under the management, supervision or control of County.

- E. Operate a trail bike, all-terrain vehicle or similar type of sport vehicle on any road or property under control of the County.

SECTION 10. PARKING IN PROHIBITED AREAS

Standing for loading or unloading in certain places:

- A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger loading or unloading or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or for the unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials.
- B. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such a manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.
- C. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any area not designated for such purposes.

SECTION 11. OPERATION OF BICYCLES

Bicycles may not be operated except in designated parking areas.

SECTION 12. SKATING AND SKIING

- A. No person shall use ice skates, roller skates, in-line skates or skateboards within County Park property.
- B. Cross-county skiing and snowshoeing is permitted within County Park property.

SECTION 13. PERSONAL CONDUCT

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants, narcotics, or other mind-affecting drugs, or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace, or disturb or annoy others, while in or on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the County Board.

- B. It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery or game of chance upon County Park property.
- C. Public nudity, as defined by State law, is prohibited. Persons on park lands or facilities managed and/or controlled by the County Board shall not intentionally or recklessly conduct themselves in a manner that is likely to be viewed as an affront to others.

SECTION 14. PETS

Dogs and other pets are permitted in the park only when kept on a leash not over six feet in length and kept under the immediate control of a responsible person. Dogs and other pets are not permitted in designated nature areas or buildings. The owner will assume full responsibility for all pets. Guide dogs for the impaired are permitted in all areas. Pet owners must clean up pet droppings and dispose of them off of County Park property.

SECTION 15. PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE

No person shall hunt any animal in or upon any land or waters under the jurisdiction of the County Board unless authorized. No person shall trap, catch, wound, kill or treat cruelly, attempt to trap, catch, wound or kill any bird or animal, molest or rob any nest of any bird or lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land or waters under the jurisdiction of the County Board.

SECTION 16. FISHING

Fishing is prohibited within or upon County Park property.

SECTION 17. DESTRUCTION OF PLANT LIFE AND NATURAL SURROUNDINGS

No person shall:

- A. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower, plant or grass.
- B. Dig, Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth humus, peat, boulders, rock, gravel or sand, mineral, artifact or other material.

- C. Cut and remove firewood.

SECTION 18. LITTERING AND POLLUTION

It shall be unlawful:

- A. To discard, to deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon the County Park property.
- B. Persons generating or creating trash, refuse, litter or other waste material on County Park property shall remove and properly dispose of said material off of the County Park property.

SECTION 19. FIRES

- A. No person shall willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brushland, grassland or meadow within or upon the County Park property.
- B. No person shall build any fire upon County Park property.
- C. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco, paper or other inflammable material within or upon any County Park property.

SECTION 20. DESTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS, MARKERS, MONUMENTS AND OTHER PROPERTIES

No person upon County Park property shall:

- A. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post or blaze, marking or designating any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
- B. Injure, deface, disturb, mark upon, befoul nor in any manner destroy or cause to be destroyed, any building, equipment, structure, utility or other County Park property.
- C. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon park property.
- D. Appropriate, excavate, remove, handle, injure or destroy any historical or pre-historical ruin or any object of antiquity, without the County Board's permission.

SECTION 21. WEAPONS

No person shall:

- A. At any time bring weapons into or upon County Park property.

- B. Have in their possession, nor discharge or set off anywhere upon County Park property a smooth bore rifle or handgun designed and manufactured exclusively for propelling BB's by a spring, or by gas or air.

This section shall not apply to any deputy sheriff, police officer, peace officer, park officer, park ranger or other duly-appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their position. Furthermore, this section shall not affect the rights of individuals who possess a valid Concealed Weapon License issued by the state of their residence.

SECTION 22. FIREWORKS

No person shall fire, discharge or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecrackers, sparklers, torpedo, squib or other fireworks or any substance of an explosive or dangerous nature within or upon County Park property.

SECTION 23. METAL DETECTORS

Metal detectors will be allowed in designated park areas.

SECTION 24. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, RADIOS, AUDIO DEVICES, SOUND AMPLIFYING DEVICES, AND LOUDSPEAKERS

It is prohibited to use a loudspeaker, public-address system or amplifier within or upon County Park property.

SECTION 25. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

No person or organization other than the County Board, its agents and licensees shall, while on County Park property advertise, offer for hire, vend or sell any service, food, beverage, merchandise or other personal property or advertise, carry on or conduct any other business or commercial activity, nor shall any person or organization beg or solicit contributions or donations while on County Park property. No person shall distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, unauthorized signs, placards or notices on any lands, waters, structures, or property administered by or under the County Board's jurisdiction.

SECTION 26. HORSES

Horses are prohibited within or upon County Park property.

SECTION 27. UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTION

No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidations, unlawful fencing, enclosing or by other means, prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any property administered by or under the County Board's jurisdiction.

SECTION 28. HINDERING EMPLOYEES

No person shall interfere with, or in any manner hinder, any employee or agent of the County Board while performing his or her official duties.

SECTION 29. RESISTING PARK EMPLOYEES

No person shall interfere with any park employee in the discharge of his or her duties; or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any park employee.

SECTION 30. IMPERSONATION OF PARK EMPLOYEES

No person shall impersonate any employee or contracted employee of the County Board for any reason whatsoever.

SECTION 31. FINES AND IMPRISONMENT

Except for parking violations which are civil infractions punishable by fines as provided by law, any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$100 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the Livingston County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days or both, for each offense.

SECTION 32. ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Any persons using a County Park takes full responsibility for their own and their guest actions, and agree to release and hold harmless the County of Livingston, their employees, volunteers and elected and appointed officials from any and all liability or bodily injury, including death, which may occur as a result of their use of the Park.
