

Grand Traverse County
Parks and Recreation Commission
Natural Education Reserve
Rules

SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

- 1) "Board" shall mean the Board of Commissioners of Grand Traverse County.
- 2) "Grand Traverse Natural Education Reserve" shall mean all lands, waters, and property so dedicated by the County Board of Commissioners.
- 3) "Person" or "persons" shall mean individuals, firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
- 4) "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of a person or persons on the ground or in a tent, trailer-coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises within the Natural Education Reserve.
- 5) "Rules" shall mean the rules adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Grand Traverse County applicable to the Natural Education Reserve.

SECTION II- HOURS

No person shall remain upon the Natural Education Reserve property between 10:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless authorized by the Grand Traverse Conservation District.

SECTION III- TRESPASS

It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any portion of the Natural Education Reserve which has been designated as closed to public use or entry.

SECTION IV- VANDALISM PROHIBITED

No person shall, upon the property of the County:

- (a) destroy, damage, injure, deface or remove any tree, shrub, wildflower or other vegetation, or destroy, damage, injure, deface or remove any publicly owned property in any public park or recreation area unless approval is granted by the Grand Traverse Natural Education Reserve.
- (b) In addition to the penalties provided in section XVIII of these ordinances, any person or persons convicted of an act of vandalism shall be liable to the County for up to triple damages and entering of such judgment and disbursement of the damages shall be according to M.C.L.A. 318.253; M.S.A. 13.1064(3).

SECTION V- FIRES

No person shall build any fire upon Board property except within designated receptacles for such purposes approved by the Grand Traverse Conservation District.

SECTION VI- FISH AND WILDLIFE

Except for research, educational functions, and wildlife control, and upon the approval of the Board, no person shall or attempt to hunt, trap, catch, wound, kill or treat cruelly any bird or animal; molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land or waters of the Natural Education Reserve. Provided, however fishing will be permitted in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the rules of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Michigan in such area designated for such purposes.

SECTION VII- CONTRABAND

Except for research, education functions, and wildlife control, and upon the approval of the Grand Traverse Conservation District, all game animals, fowl, birds, fish and other aquatic life, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, or other vegetation taken or in possession of any person contrary to any of the provision hereof shall be subject to seizure and confiscation and shall be turned over to the Grand Traverse Conservation District or the Parks and Recreation Director for disposal.

SECTIONVIII- FIREARMS

No person shall at any time bring into or have in their possession upon the Natural Education Reserve any firearm, revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air rifle, air gun, bow or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any peace officer or other duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their position.

SECTION IX- SWIMMING

- (a) No swimming or wading is allowed in reservoirs.
- (b) No person shall swim or dive from dams or any artificial structure erected by Grand Traverse County or under its control.

SECTION X

There shall be no camping in the Natural Education Reserve without written permission from the Grand Traverse Conservation District.

SECTION XI- 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 or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or for the unloading and delivery of pick up and loading of materials.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.

SECTION XII- MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Operate a motor-driven, tracked or wheeled vehicle of any kind or nature anywhere except on tracked or wheeled vehicle or designated parking areas or other areas posted for such operation.
- (b) Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed greater than that posted.

SECTION XIII- OPERATION OF BICYCLES

It shall be unlawful for a bicyclist to operate a bicycle upon any path or trail other than those designated for bicycles in the Natural Education Reserve property.

SECTION XIV- HINDERING EMPLOYEES

No person shall interfere with or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the Board while performing official duties, which duties shall also include the enforcement of these rules.

SECTION XV- PERSONAL CONDUCT

It shall be unlawful for any person to create a disturbance which will unreasonably impair the quiet enjoyment of other members of the public using the premises.

SECTION XVI- LITTERING AND POLLUTION OF WATERS

It shall be unlawful:

- (a) To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or description in or upon the Natural Education Reserve, except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.
- (b) No refuse, garbage or other materials of any kind or description from areas outside of the Natural Education Reserve shall be discarded in or upon the Natural Education Reserve.

SECTION XVII- DOGS, PETS OR OTHER ANIMALS

It shall be unlawful for any persons while on the Natural Education Reserve to:

- (a) Have any dog or other pet which is unleashed, or upon a leash more than six foot in length, or have any other animal not under the immediate control of a competent person.
- (b) Allow a dog or pet to enter any public building, except a trained and working leader dog.
- (c) Ride, lead or cause a horse to be upon the Natural Education Reserve.

SECTION XVIII- PENALTY

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 \$100.00 and costs of prosecution or imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding 90 days or both, for each offense. Violation of any state law, state penal law, township ordinance or county ordinance, or any of the regulations herein shall permit any authorized county employee to request the person involved in the prohibition activity to vacate and depart the premises, or upon entering if forbidden, shall be subject to prosecution for criminal trespass in addition to any prosecution for violation of other applicable statute or ordinance or for violation of any regulation herein.

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