



# **Park Rules and Regulations**

# MetroParks of Butler County

## Rules and Regulations

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*The following sections of the Ohio Revised Code pertain to the establishment and enforcement of park rules and regulations by MetroParks of Butler County.*

**1545.09**

Bylaws, rules, and regulations - The Board of Park Commissioners shall adopt such bylaws, rules, and regulations as the Board deems advisable for the preservation of good order within and adjacent to parks and reservations of land, and for the protection and preservation of the parks and parkways, and other reservations of land under its jurisdiction and control, and of property and natural life therein. Such bylaws, rules, and regulations shall be published as provided in case of ordinances of municipal corporations before taking effect.

No person shall violate any of such bylaws, rules, or regulations. All fines collected for any violation of this section shall be paid into the treasury of such park board.

**1545.13**

Police powers - Such employees as the Board of Park Commissioners designates for the purpose may exercise all the powers of police officers within and adjacent to the lands under the jurisdiction and control of such Board. Before exercising such powers, such employees shall take an oath, and give a bond to the state in such sum as the board prescribes, for the proper performance of their duties in such respect.

**1545.99**

Penalty - Whoever violates section 1545.09 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars for a first offense; for such subsequent offenses such person shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

## Definitions

As used in these Rules and Regulations:

**“Park”** or **“Parks”** or **“Parklands”** or **“Preserves”** means any and all land owned or controlled by the Board of Park Commissioners of MetroParks of Butler County.

**“Board”** or **“Park Board”** means the Board of Park Commissioners of MetroParks of Butler County, or its designated representative.

**“Executive Director”** means the Executive Director of MetroParks of Butler County or his or her designated representative.

**“Person”** includes any person, persons, members of partnerships and/or members or officers of corporations and/or their employees.

**“Park Ranger”** or **“Ranger”** means an employee of the Board of Park Commissioners who:

- Has been designated by the Board to act as a law enforcement officer,
- Received a training course certified by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council,
- Taken an oath and,
- Given bond to the State of Ohio for proper performance of his or her duties.
- The Ohio Revised Code provides that a Ranger may exercise all the powers of a police officer within and adjacent to lands under the jurisdiction and control of the Board.

**“Vehicle”** means any device in, upon or by which any person or property may be transported or drawn upon a path, roadway, or highway.

**“Motor Vehicle”** or **“Motorized Bicycle”** means any vehicle propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.

The Board of Park Commissioners of MetroParks of Butler County does hereby adopt the following rules and regulations:

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**Section 1:** *Preservation of Property & Natural Features*

- 1545.09 1a No person shall injure, deface, disturb, or defoul any part of the park or any building, sign, equipment, or other property found therein.
- 1545.09 1b No individual or team shall play on, practice on, or in any way utilize a sports field, diamond, etc. at a time when the area is marked as closed by the Executive Director or his or her designee or when field conditions are such that activity is likely to cause damage to said field, diamond, etc.
- 1545.09 1c No person in a Park except an employee or an agent of the Board in pursuit of his or her official duties shall carry on or about his or her person a container capable of propelling paint by means of a gaseous charge without special permit from the Executive Director or his or her designee giving authorization to do so.
- 1545.09 1d No person shall collect any animal including birds, invertebrates (including mollusks), non-game fish, amphibians and reptiles or plant material in any area of the Park without written permission from the Executive Director, except leaves that have dropped from trees may be collected for educational purposes and game fish and wildlife may be taken as permitted elsewhere in these Rules and Regulations.
- 1545.09 1e No person other than employees of the Board in pursuit of their official duties shall leave the official or improved trails while visiting natural areas of the Park which have been designated and posted as natural areas by the Board unless involved in an official Park program requiring off-trail activity. Activities by persons who are not employees or agents of the Board not in keeping with the intended use of the nature trails, in such areas are prohibited except by special permit from the Executive Director.
- 1545.09 1f No person shall bring into the park for purpose of cultivation any plant, seed, bulb, tuber, or other vegetation without a special permit from the Executive Director giving authorization to do so.
- 1545.09 1g No person shall collect any rock, mineral, fossil, historical artifact or archeological material in any area of the Park without written permission from the Executive Director.
- 1545.09 1h No person except an employee or agent of the Board shall operate a metal detector within the Park without a special permit from the Executive Director or his or her designee giving authorization to do so.

**Section 2:** *Garbage, Refuse, Ashes, Sewage, and Waste Material*

- 1545.09 2a No person shall deposit, permit, or suffer to be deposited, in any part of the park, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, or any waste material whatsoever, otherwise than in receptacles or pits provided for such purposes nor dump any earth within the park without specific written permit from the Board.
- 1545.09 2b No person shall bring into or cause to be brought into the park from outside park boundaries, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, dead animal, spoiled meat, feces or any waste material whatsoever without specific written permit from the Board.
- 1545.09 2c No person shall either within or without the park discharge into, throw, cast, lay, drop, or leave in any river, brook, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into or through the park, or into any river, brook, or stream which may be a tributary to any river, brook, or stream flowing into or through the park, any substance, matter, or thing, either liquid or solid which may or shall result in the pollution of the river, brook, or stream within the park.

**Section 3:** *Hunting, Fishing, and Molesting Wildlife*

- 1545.09 3a No person within the confines of the Park, unless authorized by written permit of the Board, shall hunt in areas not specifically designated by the Board for hunting, pursue with dogs, trap, molest, harm, harass, feed, or injure any wild bird or animal found within the confines of the Park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest, or take the eggs of any bird.
- 1545.09 3b No person shall fish in any waters in the Park in a manner contrary to Ohio State Law or regulation, or in waters where fishing is prohibited by the Board.
- 1545.09 3c The use of hooks left unattended, fish traps, spears or gigs, bows and arrows for fishing, the harvesting of mollusks and seining are all prohibited within the Park without a special permit. Fishing shall not be permitted during the hours the Park is closed except by special permit from the Executive Director.
- 1545.09 3d No person shall fish in the Lake at Voice of America Park without a valid fishing permit obtained from the MetroParks. Nor shall any person fish from shore or boat in an area on part of or adjacent to the lake at Voice of America Park where such practices are prohibited by the Board. No person shall take any fish from the Lake at Voice of America Park that does not conform to the specific species, variation, size and/or quantity of the fish that may be taken under the fishing permit issued by an employee of the Board pursuant to the fishing rules adopted by the Board unless

said person possesses a valid fishing permit that allows the taking of the specific species, size, and quantity of fish to be taken.

1545.09 3e No person, on property owned or controlled by the MetroParks of Butler County shall purposely prevent or attempt to prevent any person from hunting, trapping or fishing for wild animals as authorized by the Board by any of the following means:

- (1) Placing oneself in a location, in which he/she knows or should know that his or her presence may affect the behavior of the animal being hunted, trapped or fished.
- (2) Creating a visual, aural, olfactory or physical stimulus intended to affect the behavior of the wild animal being hunted, trapped or fished.
- (3) Affecting the condition or location of personal property intended for the use of the hunting, trapping or fishing activity.

1545.09 3f In any park, or any portion of any park, where the Board has authorized individuals to hunt, no other persons shall be permitted within such park, or portion of such park, other than Park employees and such authorized individuals for so long as the hunting is authorized.

1545.09 3g No person shall construct, place or use a permanent-type tree stand, or place spikes, nails, wires or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on any Park property. Authorized hunters may use temporary tree stands while making every effort to minimize damage to the tree. No tree stand shall be left in the Park unattended except by special permit issued by the Executive Director giving authorization to do so.

1545.09 3h No person shall use or shine spotlights or unnecessarily or continuously shine automobile headlights onto Park lands, except under the direction of a Park Ranger or Park employee, or except where necessary for the preservation of human life or property.

**Section 4:** *Fires, Firewood, Embers, Smoking*

1545.09 4a No person shall cut any tree living or dead or gather firewood within the Park without a special permit from the Executive Director or his or her designee giving authorization to do so.

1545.09 4b No person shall kindle, build, maintain or use fire other than in places in the park provided or designated for such purposes.

- 1545.09 4c No person shall discard, leave or dispose of any matches, embers, fires, briquettes, coals, cigarette, cigar, or other burning objects which have not been extinguished entirely.
- 1545.09 4d No person shall smoke in any area of the Park where smoking has been prohibited by the Board and has been posted or within any building within the park.
- 1545.09 4e No person shall bring any firewood into any park without special permit from the Executive Director or his or her designee giving authorization to do so.

**Section 5:** *Firearms and Weapons*

- 1545.09 5a Section 1545.09 5a All Park buildings except buildings that are used primarily as a shelter, restroom, parking facility for motor vehicles or rest facilities shall be posted with the following sign:

Unless otherwise authorized by law, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, no person shall knowingly possess, have under the person's control, convey, or attempt to convey a deadly weapon or dangerous ordinance onto these premises.

(This paragraph revised/adopted by the MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners on 10/18/16.)

- 1545.09 5b Section 1545.09 5b No person, except a Park Ranger, another law enforcement officer, a person within a hunting area designated by the Executive Director, a person within a target range designated by the Board, or a person specifically authorized in writing by The Executive Director or his or her designee shall carry or possess an air rifle, slingshot, bow, crossbow, rocket, missile throwing device, switchblade, hunting knife, dagger, or metal knuckles within a park.

(This paragraph revised/adopted by the MetroParks Board of Park Commissioners on 10/18/16.)

- 1545.09 5c No person, except a Park Ranger, another law enforcement officer, a person hunting in a designated hunting area, a person shooting in a designated target range, or a person specifically authorized in writing by the Executive Director or his or her designee, shall discharge any firearm, firework or explosive substance, or air rifle within or into a park. Further, no person shall discharge a weapon within a designated hunting area or target range unless:

- (1) such person is hunting or firing within an area designated for such activity by the Board; and



- (2) such person if hunting, possesses a valid MetroParks special permit for hunting issued by the Executive Director or his or her designee; and
- (3) such person if hunting, possesses all Ohio licenses, permits, and/or stamps as required under Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations; and
- (4) such person if hunting, possesses only those weapons permitted under Ohio Division of Wildlife regulations.

**Section 6:** *Camps*

1545.09 6a No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place within the park without specific written permit from the Executive Director or his or her designee or without payment of a fee as established by the Board.

**Section 7:** *Disorderly Conduct*

1545.09 7a No person shall, either by work or act, indulge in any unreasonably noisy, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct, or in any manner disturb the peace or good order of the community within the park; nor shall any person play at games of chance or be intoxicated, or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd, or improper act therein.

1545.09 7b No person except a park maintenance employee in the pursuit of his or her official duties or a Park Ranger in the pursuit of his or her official duties shall enter a restroom facility set apart for the opposite sex.

1545.09 7c No person shall resist, or be abusive of, or use profanity to a Park Ranger, employee, or volunteer in and during the lawful discharge of his or her duties.

1545.09 7d No person shall knowingly make a false statement or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made to a Park Ranger, law enforcement officer, employee or agent of the Board, when the statement is made in any official proceeding, the statement is made with purpose to incriminate another, the statement is made with purpose to mislead a public official in performing his official function, or the statement is in writing on or in connection with a report which is required or authorized by law. When contradictory statements relating to the same fact are made by the offender within the period of the statute of limitation for falsification, it is not necessary for the prosecution to prove which statement was false, but only that one or the other was false.

- 1545.09 7e No person shall remain within the park who does not abide by conditions adopted and posted by the Board for preservation of good order and the protection of property within the park; and no person shall remain within the park who does not abide by the instructions and directions of duly authorized police officers or agent of the Board, in the lawful performance of his or her duties. A person directed by a police officer or agent of the Board to leave the park shall do so promptly and peaceably.
- 1545.09 7f No person shall swim in any waters or wade in waters deeper than 2 feet within or adjacent to the Park unless such location is designated as a swimming or wading area by the Board or unless he or she has been issued a permit to do so by the Executive Director or his or her designee.
- 1545.09 7g No person shall place or launch any boat, canoe, kayak, raft, or watercraft of any type capable of carrying a human being upon or in any lake, pond, stream, or other waters contained within the boundaries of the park which has not been designated for this purpose by the Board or without a special permit issued by the Executive Director or his or her designee.
- 1545.09 7h No person shall launch a boat or watercraft with engine(s) from a launching site or ramp within the park unless said boat or a watercraft is equipped with standard functioning muffler(s) in good working order.
- 1545.09 7i No person or group of persons shall loiter in or near any building, restroom, or other structure; nor loiter in or near a motor vehicle or vehicles, on or about a motorcycle or motorcycles, or on or about bicycles within the park.
- 1545.09 7j No person shall knowingly disregard the instructions, warnings, or commands of any sign legally placed in the Park by an agent of the Board of Park Commissioners.
- 1545.09 7k No person shall operate or permit the operation of any sound amplification system within a Park so that the sound is plainly audible at a distance of 50 or more feet from the source including any radio, tape player, compact disc player, loudspeaker, or other electronic device used for the amplification of musical instruments, sound effects, or the human voice except when the system is used:
- (1) To request medical or vehicular assistance or to warn of a hazardous road condition; or
  - (2) By an emergency or public safety vehicle; or
  - (3) For the purpose of giving instructions, directions, talks, addresses, lectures, sports announcing, or transmitting music to

any persons or assemblages of persons in compliance with a special permit issued by the Executive Director.

1545.09 7l No person shall beg, hawk, peddle, or solicit within the Park without a special permit issued by the Executive Director.

1545.09 7m No person shall knowingly place or drop upon any part of a trail, lane, road, or street, owned or maintained by MetroParks, any tacks, bottles, wire, glass, nails, screws, trees, brush, thorns or other articles which may damage or injure any person, a vehicle, or an animal within or adjacent to the Park.

**Section 8:** *Indecent Conduct and Exposure*

1545.09 8a No person shall appear in the Park in a state of nudity, or commit, perform, engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene or indecent act or behavior and no person shall make any indecent exposure of his or her person.

1545.09 8b No person shall solicit or attempt to solicit another to engage in an act of sexual perversion or solicit or ask anyone to commit, perform, or engage in any lewd, lascivious, obscene or indecent act or behavior.

**Section 9:** *Traffic*

1545.09 9a No pedestrian, driver of a vehicle or operator of a bicycle shall fail to obey the instructions of any traffic control device within the park unless directed to do so by a law enforcement officer.

1545.09 9b No person shall drive or propel, or cause to be driven or propelled along or over any road, trail or pathway within the Park, any vehicle at a greater rate of speed than the posted speed limit.

1545.09 9c No driver shall permit a person under the age of 16 years to ride in the open bed of a pickup truck within the Park. No person shall ride on the sides, wheel wells, or tailgate portion of a truck bed or driver allow the same within the Park.

1545.09 9d No person shall park or store any motor car, motorcycle, bicycle, wagon, boat, or other vehicle within the park, except in places designated by the Board for such purposes or in an emergency situation with approval from a Park Ranger or another designee of the Board for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours.

1545.09 9e No motor vehicle shall leave the roadway or designated parking area unless the driver is instructed to do so by a park employee, a Park

Ranger, or another designee of the Board or unless the Board has designated an area for off-road motor vehicle use and that motor vehicle is within such an area.

- 1545.09 9f No person shall operate within the Park any type of all terrain vehicle (A.T.V.), all purpose vehicle (A.P.V.), snowmobile, dirt bike, go-cart, or any motorized bicycle, scooter, or similar device except in areas as have been designated for such purposes or without special permit issued by the Executive Director or his or her designee.
- 1545.09 9g No portion of the Park shall be used for purpose of way, except drives, roadways, paths, walks and trails established for such purpose; and footpaths or walks designated for pedestrian or equestrian travel shall not be used for vehicular purposes.
- 1545.09 9h No person shall drive upon or along any Park road or drive, which has been closed and posted with appropriate signs or barricades by order of action of the Executive Director, a Park Ranger or other employee or agent of the Board.
- 1545.09 9i No person shall ride or walk a bicycle on any trail, pathway or walkway unless said trail, pathway or walkway is specifically designated for that purpose by the Board.
- 1545.09 9j No person shall drive or propel any vehicle along or over any park road, trail or pathway in a reckless manner without due regard for the safety of others within the park, or while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.
- 1545.09 9k No person shall accelerate a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause the rubber tires to spin, mark or deface the park roadway or parking lot.
- 1545.09 9l No person shall ride any horse or other animal within the park, except upon bridle paths or roads designated or established for horseback riders and in accordance with rules adopted by the Board, a law enforcement officer in pursuit of his or her official duties or without special permit from the Executive Director.
- 1545.09 9m No person who is not handicapped or operating a motor vehicle to transport a handicapped person shall stop, stand, or park any motor vehicle at special parking locations provided for the handicapped within or adjacent to the Park. Motor vehicles using handicapped parking areas must display a handicapped placard in the window, or a handicapped license plate.
- 1545.09 9n (1) No person shall drive or propel or cause to be driven or propelled, a motor vehicle along or over any park road or any other portion of the

park, unless a MetroParks of Butler County annual motor vehicle permit decal, valid under the provision of this section, has been procured and affixed to the windshield in any vehicle as equipped or an annual MetroParks of Butler County motor vehicle permit rear view mirror hanger has been procured and is displayed on the rear view mirror or dash in any vehicle so equipped, or a daily MetroParks of Butler County motor vehicle permit has been procured for that specific day and is properly displayed on the vehicle's dash in any vehicle so equipped.

- (2) No annual or daily motor vehicle permit shall be required for emergency vehicles, governmentally owned and operated vehicles, privately owned vehicles used on park business, or others with written permission from the Executive Director. Certain areas of the park may be declared exempt from the requirement of this rule by official action of the Board for a specified day or days or portion of a day or days for park sponsored events provided for and open to the public.

### **Section 10: *Vendors, Contributions or Solicitation***

1545.09 10a No person shall sell or solicit for sale any article, privilege or service within the Park unless they are properly licensed and possess a special permit issued by the Board for such purposes.

1545.09 10b No person shall solicit contributions for any purpose, whether public or private, within the Park unless they possess a special permit issued by the Board for such purpose.

1545.09 10c No person shall beg or solicit any person for any purpose in the Park.

### **Section 11: *Signs***

1545.09 11 No person except an employee or agent of the Board acting within scope of his or her assigned duties shall place any advertisement, poster, sign, letter, handbill or placard of any description upon any building, tree, post, fence, billboard, information board or other structure, or within any park or without special permit from the Board, the Executive Director or a person designated by the Executive Director.

### **Section 12: *Grazing***

1545.09 12 No person shall herd, graze, drive, or permit to run at large within the park any cattle, horse, mule, donkey, goat, swine, sheep, or other farm animal, or any poultry or other fowl.

**Section 13: *Domestic Animals, Wild Animals***

1545.09 13a (1) No person who is the owner or handler of any dog shall fail to keep such animal on a leash composed of rope or similar material sufficient in strength to restrain the dog to which it is attached and no longer than six (6) feet in length unless the dog is:

- a service animal used for medical reasons accompanied by its owner; or
- a search and rescue K-9 supervised by emergency rescue personnel; or
- a police K-9 supervised by police personnel; or
- within the confines of a designated off leash Dog Park.

(2) All dogs, whether on or off leash, must be under control at all times while in the park.

1545.09 13b No person who brings a dog or dogs into the Park shall fail to remove and dispose of in a sanitary manner any excrement (feces) deposited by that dog or dogs within the Park.

1545.09 13c No person shall bring into, have, or keep in the Park, any cat, exotic pet, livestock, or other animal destructive of bird life, other wildlife, or flora. Horses are permitted only in areas designated by the Board as bridle trails and staging areas, for law enforcement use, or when a special permit is issued by the Executive Director authorizing to do so.

1545.09 13d No person shall have or maintain any animal within the Park that excites fear or disturbs the quiet or enjoyment of other persons.

1545.09 13e No person except an employee or agent of the Board acting within the scope of his or her assigned duties or except for those who have been issued a special permit by the Executive Director or his or her designee shall feed or release any fish, bird or other wild animal in the park.

1545.09 13f No person shall mistreat any animal within the confines of the Park.

1545.09 13g No person shall ride a horse along any bridle trail without due respect for other riders, vehicles, or pedestrians, or so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person while in lawful use of the Park. At all points, where bridle trails cross roads, drives, or parkways, riders shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles or pedestrians.

1545.09 13h No person shall leave a horse unattended within the Park.

#### **Section 14: *Curfew***

- 1545.09 14a No unauthorized person shall be permitted, except in designated areas, to remain, stop, or park within the confines of the Park land between the time ½ hour after sunset and ½ hour before sunrise except in an emergency situation for which Park Rangers or other law enforcement have been notified. Any vehicle left within the Park after closing without permission shall be removed from the Park upon order of a Park Ranger at the owner's expense.
- 1545.09 14b No person shall be permitted to remain, stop, or park within the confines of any Park which has been closed by the Executive Director or a Park Ranger during any period of time or special curfew except for an employee or agent of the Board in pursuit of his or her assigned duties or without a special permit from the Executive Director or a Park Ranger to do so.

#### **Section 15: *Compliance with Orders of Park Rangers***

- 1545.09 15 No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order relating to the regulation, direction or control of traffic, or to any other lawful order given by any peace officer, or willfully resist, obstruct or abuse any peace officer or other official in the execution of his or her office.

#### **Section 16: *Alcoholic Beverages, Intoxicants, Drugs***

- 1545.09 16a No person shall possess, consume, sell, make a gift of, or offer for sale any alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor within or adjacent to any area of the park except within a designated area where alcoholic beverages or intoxicating liquors may be possessed and consumed if said beverage was purchased from an employee or agent of the Board in compliance with state law.
- 1545.09 16b No person shall possess, or consume any alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor within a rented shelter or facility unless it has been designated for that purpose, the lessee possesses a valid special permit issued by the Executive Director and the alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor was purchased from an employee or agent of the Board in compliance with state law.
- 1545.09 16c No person under the age of 21 shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or intoxicating liquor within any park.
- 1545.09 16d No person under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, drugs, marijuana, opiates, toluol, ethers, or intoxicating or hallucinatory substances or products, as defined by the State of Ohio Revised Code and the Federal law pertaining to narcotics, shall enter or remain within the Park, nor shall any person within or adjacent to the Park possess, use, administer, receive, make

available to himself, or any person, or animal, any alcoholic beverages, intoxicating liquors, drugs, narcotics, marijuana, opiates, toluol, ethers, intoxicating or hallucinatory substances, vapors, or products, as defined by the State of Ohio Revised Code and the Federal law pertaining to narcotics.

1545.09 16e No person under the age of 18 shall possess or use any tobacco product within the Park.

**Section 17:** *Prohibited Games, Toys, and Sports*

1545.09 17a No person shall play or practice horseshoes, golf, yard darts, or any other game possible of causing serious injury to participants or other park visitors in an area not designated and posted by the Board for such purposes.

1545.09 17b No person shall use a skateboard, bicycle, scooter, or similar device in a manner that causes damage or wear to park amenities not specifically designated for such use, nor shall any person apply wax or similar substance to any surface within the Park.

1545.09 17c No person shall use or operate a toy or model airplane, helicopter, boat, car, or truck which is powered or operated through the use of electricity, an internal combustion engine, or compressed air in the Park unless that person is doing so within an area designated by the Board for such a purpose or without a special permit from the Executive Director authorizing such activity.

**Section 18:** *Reserved Facilities or Areas*

1545.09 18a No person shall use shelters posted as “reserved” for another party, certain Board designated parking areas, Board designated camping areas, certain Board designated horse trails, and/or reserved sports field areas posted as “reserved” for another party without a permit issued by the Executive Director or his or her designee. A permit may be issued to persons upon their application, approval by the Executive Director or his or her designee, and payment of a fee, if any, as required by the Board.

1545.09 18b No person shall remove, or alter any officially posted “reserved” sign with in the Park.

**Section 19:** *Aviation*

1545.09 19 No person other than an emergency medical responder or a law enforcement officer in pursuit of his or her official duties shall, without written permission of the Executive Director, voluntarily bring, land, or



cause to descend or alight upon or adjacent to the Park and/or waters owned, controlled by the Board, any airplane, helicopter, balloon, parachute or other apparatus for aviation.

**Section 20:** *Park Access*

1545.09 20a No person shall make entrance to or exit from the Park except by the established ways.

1545.09 20b No person shall cut, remove, damage, or alter in any way a Park boundary fence or sign.

1545.09 20c Whenever, and for the proper management of parklands, or for the health, safety, and general welfare of the public, the Executive Director determines that certain parks or park areas, or certain public activities therein, should be closed to the general public, they may be designated as closed by the Executive Director. No person shall enter, remain, stop, or park within any area designated as closed or conduct any activity therein except by a special use permit issued by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall report any such closings to the Board at the next regular meeting following closing. Unless the Board reverses such closing, it shall remain in effect until the Board is notified that the Executive Director intends to discontinue such closing.