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LAC QUI PARLE YELLOW BANK WATERSHED DISTRICT

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RULES FOR PUBLIC USE OF

STONE HILL PARK

AND

DEL CLARK LAKE

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A. AUTHORITY AND SCOPE.

1. These rules apply to STONE HILL PARK and DEL CLARK LAKE.
2. The purpose of these rules is to provide for public enjoyment of the same in a way that will leave them unimpaired and minimize conflicts among users.
3. These rules shall not apply to any person lawfully engaged in the performance of his duties in the development, maintenance and operation of these areas including, but not limited to, the Commissioner of Natural Resources, Yellow Medicine County, the Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed District, their agents, employees, those persons operating under contract with the Department of Natural Resources, the county or the watershed district and law enforcement officers.
4. These rules are authorized by M.S. 398.32.

B. PENALTY.

Any person who violates any of these rules is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to immediate removal from the park and to appropriate legal action.

C. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of these rules, unless a different meaning is manifest from the context, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

1. Park means all of those areas over which the Yellow Medicine County-Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed District Joint Board has regulatory authority within the confines of said park.
2. "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation or association.
3. "Intoxicating liquor" means intoxicating liquor as defined in M.S. 340.07 and intoxicating malt liquors as defined in M.S. 340.401.
4. "Shelter" means equipment used to sleep in or on, excluding sleeping bags. Examples are tents, trailers, pickup campers, buses, station wagons, motor homes and boats.

5. "Beach" means that part of a body of water and shore designated for swimming and sunning.

6. "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle including but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, dune buggies, minibikes, motorcycles, trail bikes and all-terrain vehicles (ATV), but not including snowmobiles.

7. "Snowmobile" means any self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice and steered by skis or runners.

8. "Watercraft" means any contrivance used or designed for navigation on water other than (a) duck boats during the duck hunting season, (b) rice boats during the harvest season, or (c) seaplanes.

D. WHEN OPEN.

a. The park will be open each day of the year from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM, except trails otherwise posted, and during emergencies.

b. After 11:00 PM until 8:00 AM, no person shall enter or remain in a state park unless he is a member of a registered camping party. Park managers may, at their discretion, allow entry earlier than 8:00 AM.

E. PERSONAL CONDUCT.

1. A person's conduct shall not violate the terms of the Disorderly Conduct Statute, M.S. 609.72.

2. No person shall use a public address system, amplifier or power equipment, or otherwise make noise of a volume tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in other park users, without prior permission from the park manager.

3. It is unlawful for any person to consume intoxicating liquors.

4. A person's possession and use of drugs shall be in accordance with state laws.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY; HUNTING.

While in the park during the official open season, it is unlawful for any person to:

a. possess explosives of any kind;

b. possess a firearm, including an air gun, unless the firearm is unloaded both in barrel and magazine and completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose, which is fully enclosed by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, or unless unloaded

and contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed;

c. possess a bow and arrows, unless either unstrung or completely contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed;

d. use or display any other type of weapon including but not limited to slingshots, switchblade knives, and traps.

#### G. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

The environment is for the enjoyment of all. Therefore, no person shall disturb, destroy, injure, damage, molest or remove any park property, including but not limited to wildflowers or vegetation of any kind dead or alive, ruins, wildlife, geological formations, signs, or facilities, except edible fruit, mushrooms and wild animals legally taken and vegetation unavoidably damaged or destroyed by the ordinary use of these areas as specifically permitted by these rules. Collections for scientific and educational purposes may be made with the written consent of the Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed Board previously obtained. Damaging rock with rock-climbing equipment is forbidden.

#### H. FIRES AND REFUSE.

1. It is unlawful to build a fire except in a fireplace or a fire ring provided for that purpose. However, portable gas or liquid fueled camp stoves or charcoal burners may be used within a camping or rest area if such use does not create a hazard or danger to the area or to others.

2. The Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed Board may limit or ban fires when it declares that a fire emergency exists. Such declaration will be posted conspicuously at the entrance of the area affected.

3. Where firewood is provided at no charge, its use shall be within reasonable limits.

4. M.S. 85.20, Subd. 6 and M.S. 609.68, forbidding littering, are incorporated in this rule by reference.

5. Where refuse receptacles are provided, they shall only be used for refuse generated at the area. Refuse is to be removed from areas where receptacles are not provided.

I. PETS.

Pets are permitted, provided no person shall allow any dog, cat, or other pet animal to enter any building or beach; or permit any dog, cat, or other pet animal to be unrestrained. Such animals shall be effectively restrained by a portable enclosure or by a leash not exceeding six feet and shall be personally attended, and such animals shall not deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by other persons.

J. PICNICKING.

Picnicking is not permitted except in designated picnic areas. No person or group of persons shall unreasonably exclude others from a picnic area or shelter.

K. CAMPING AREA.

a. Camping is permitted only at assigned sites in designated camping areas.

b. Each camping party must register.

(1) A senior responsible person of a camping party may register for the group, giving the number in the group. Names may be requested.

(2) Registration must be in person.

(3) The rental period must begin with the day of registration, and must be paid in full at registration. The registration may be cancelled if the site is not personally occupied the first night.

(4) Camping permits shall expire at 4:00 PM.

d. A campsite may be occupied by:

(1) Any group of six or less using one shelter for sleep; or  
by

(2) A family using one shelter, and an additional shelter with prior approval of the park manager. A family consists of a father and/or mother accompanied by any of the following: their parents, their children, and their blood relatives.

e. It shall be unlawful for any person to install or affix in a permanent manner any camping facility, equipment, or structure.

f. The placement of tent stakes or anchors in the ground for the

erection of tents is permitted. Digging or excavating is prohibited.

g. A watercraft used for shelter or sleeping which is tied on water frontage constitutes camping and is subject to these rules.

h. In camping areas, the hours between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM are for outdoor solitude, and it shall be unlawful to make noise at a level above that of a quiet conversation.

#### L. BOATING.

1. Boating conforming to Minnesota laws and rules is permitted on waters within the park.

2. No person shall waterski or surf, or operate a watercraft in an unsafe, careless or reckless manner.

#### M. FISHING.

1. Fishing conforming to Minnesota laws and rules is permitted in the waters adjacent to the park.

2. If a fish cleaning facility is provided, no person shall clean fish and dispose of the remains except at that place.

#### N. BEACHES; SWIMMING.

1. No person shall swim in the park except at beaches designated for such use, and as directed by the lifeguard, if one is present.

2. It is unlawful on a beach:

a. To allow any dog or other pet to enter;

b. To possess glass containers;

c. While in the water beyond the swimming boundary buoys or markers, to use air mattresses, inner tubes and other floatation devices not approved by the Coast Guard;

d. To use the beach before sunrise or after sunset;

e. To enter with any boat, canoe or raft;

f. To fish;

g. To swim beyond the swimming boundary buoys or markers;

h. To engage in any activity which is hazardous and could cause injury to others;

i. To use any soap, detergent or shampoo; and

j. To change clothes except in structures designated for such use.

O. MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS.

1. Requirements for motor vehicle permits for entry into the park shall be as determined by the Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed Board.

2. The permit shall be affixed by its own adhesive to the lower right-hand corner of the windshield.

P. MOTOR VEHICLE USE; BOATS, TRAILERS, FISH HOUSE.

1. Only motor vehicles which are licensed and which may be driven on Minnesota highways may be operated within the park. The operator must have a valid driver's license.

2. The motor vehicle may be operated only on designated roads and parking areas, and may be parked only in designated parking areas. It may not be driven on roads which are posted, chained or gated prohibiting motor vehicles.

3. The motor vehicle shall not be operated in excess of the lesser of 15 m.p.h. or the posted speed or in a reckless or careless manner.

4. No person shall leave standing, whether attended or unattended a motor vehicle, trailer, or boat in any manner so as to block, obstruct, or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway, or winter sport facility.

5. No vehicle, trailer, boat, fish house, or any other equipment or material may be stored or abandoned. This paragraph shall not apply, however, to the temporary storage of such items by a person who remains in the immediate vicinity.

6. Any vehicle, trailer, boat, fish house, or any other equipment or material left for a period longer than thirty (30) days shall be deemed abandoned and shall be transferred to the custody of the Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed Board for disposal in accordance with laws and regulations applying to the Minnesota Commissioner of Administration for the disposal of abandoned property.

Q. SNOWMOBILES.

1. No person shall operate a snowmobile in the park unless on trails and areas posted and designated for such use, under conditions of snow cover considered adequate for protection of the park by the park

manager.

2. Within the park no snowmobile shall be operated before 8:00 AM or after 10:00 PM, except as otherwise posted.

R. NON-MOTORIZED USE.

1. People on foot may go anywhere that is not posted otherwise.

2. No person shall ride or lead or have a horse except on trails and areas designated for such use.

3. People riding bicycles may go where motor vehicles are allowed, and on trails and areas designated for such use.

S. RESTRICTED AREAS.

It shall be unlawful to enter by any means a posted restricted area.

T. AIRCRAFT.

It is unlawful for any person to land any aircraft on lands or waters totally within the boundaries of the park except by permit, or in making an emergency landing, conducting rescue operations, or in conducting or assisting in the conducting or assisting in the conduct of official business of the United States of America, the State of Minnesota or the county in which the park is located or the Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed District.

U. PROTECTION FROM PEDDLING AND SOLICITING.

It is unlawful for any person to engage in or solicit business of any nature whatsoever from visitors, except for authorized concessions, without the prior written consent of the park manager.

V. SUSPENSION OF RULES.

In situations of emergency, the Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed Board may provide temporary exceptions to the general rules for the park by posting notice of such exception.

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