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- (a) **Entrance/user fees: payment.** It is an offense to enter, use, or occupy a facility in any portion of a park for which a fee has been established, unless the person has first paid the fee or satisfied the requirements of the fee, has received an entrance/use permit issued by the department, and has attached the permit to their vehicle as and when required by the permit. If the office is closed, payment must be made according to posted instructions or signage.
- (b) **Use of facilities.** It is an offense to:
  - (1) use an area or facility for any purpose contrary to its designated purpose; and
  - (2) keep, use, or arrange a motor vehicle, trailer, camping, or other equipment except as specified by the director. All vehicles and trailers must remain on paved surfaces and in designated areas only, unless otherwise specified by the director.
- (c) **Plant life.** It is an offense to willfully mutilate, injure, destroy, pick, cut, or remove any plant life except by permit issued by the director.
- (d) **Fires; smoking; firewood; fireworks.** It is an offense to:
  - (1) light, build, or maintain a fire within a park except in a facility or device provided, maintained, or designated for such purposes or to smoke or build fires when an extreme fire hazard has been posted;
  - (2) notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, portable camp stoves may be used in designated campsites or picnic areas;
  - (3) possess within a park any fireworks, explosives, or similar devices capable of explosion, or to discharge, set off, or cause to be discharged in or into a park any such device or substance, except with written authorization from the director.
- (e) **Animals.** It is an offense to:
  - (1) bring into or possess within a park a pet or other domesticated animal, unless the animal is secured by a leash not exceeding six feet in length, or confined in a vehicle, or to permit an animal to enter into or remain in a unit of the park unless so secured;
  - (2) permit a pet or other animal to remain unattended or create a disturbance or hazard within a park;
  - (3) permit an animal (except a trained assistance animal accompanying a person with a disability) to enter into or remain in any building or enclosure designated for public use including, but not limited to, a restaurant, snack bar, cabin, lodge room, restore, park store, shelter, refectory building, amphitheater, administration building, or railroad coach;
  - (4) permit a pet animal in the water of a designated swimming area or to permit a pet animal (except a trained assistance animal accompanying a person with a disability) within the land or beach area adjacent to the water of a designated swimming area;
  - (5) bring into, permit to range, or release into a park a wild animal, pet, fowl, or livestock except as authorized in this chapter or a permit or by law;
  - (6) possess a noisy, vicious, or dangerous animal, or one which is disturbing to other persons, in a park;
  - (7) through (10) no horses
- (f) **Arms and firearms.** It is an offense to:
  - (1) possess a firearm with a cartridge or projectile in any portion of the mechanism, except when authorized by the commission or the director;
  - (2) display a firearm, except when authorized by the director or the commission;
  - (3) discharge across, in, or into a park any arm, firearm, or device capable of injuring or killing any person or animal or damaging or destroying public or private property, except when authorized by the director.
- (g) **Assembly.** It is an offense to conduct or participate in an assembly or public demonstration except with written permission of the director.
- (h) **Nudity and disrobing.** It is an offense to appear nude.
- (i) **Closed area.** It is an offense to:
  - (1) prevent or interfere with development, construction, or management of a park; and
  - (2) enter or remain in an area of a park that has been closed by the director for any reason, including security, safety, preservation, or restoration.
- (j) **Alcoholic beverages.** It is an offense to consume or display an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a public place or sell alcoholic beverages within a park.

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- (k) **Soliciting.** It is an offense to solicit funds or donation of any item, or offer to sell any goods, wares, merchandise, liquid, or edibles, or render any service for hire, or distribute written material, in a park, except by authority of a concession agreement approved by the director.
- (l) **Metal detector.** It is an offense to operate or use a metal detector.
- (m) **Responsibility for minor children.** It is an offense to permit a child or ward to violate a regulation when such child or ward is under 17 years of age.
- (n) **Speed limit.** It is an offense to drive a vehicle within a park at a speed:
  - (1) greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for the traffic and the road conditions then existing;
  - (2) which endangers the safety of persons or property;
  - (3) which exceeds the posted speed limit in any portion of the park system.
- (o) **Vehicle operation.** It is an offense to operate a vehicle in a park except on roads, driveways, parking areas, and areas designated open for vehicles.
- (p) **Parking.** It is an offense to:
  - (1) park a vehicle or trailer in a park except in areas designated, constructed, or designated for that purpose; and
  - (2) park, store, or leave a vehicle or trailer in violation of subsection (b) of this section when signs have been posted in the affected areas.
- (q) **Motorcycles.** It is an offense to operate a motorcycle that is not licensed and inspected as authorized by Texas Motor Vehicle Laws.
- (r) **Trail use.** It is an offense to operate or use a vehicle, including a motorcycle, a motorbike, a mini-bike, an all-terrain vehicle, a golf cart, or a bicycle on a trail or path not designated and posted for use by such vehicles (wheel chairs and electric scooters used by persons with a disability are exempt) or use the trail in a manner that is dangerous to a person or animal.
- (s) **Traffic.** It is an offense to:
  - (1) operate a vehicle in a park between the park closing hour and 6 a.m. opening hour, except for emergency or necessary purposes; and
  - (2) operate a vehicle in an indiscriminate or unnecessary manner (cruising).
- (t) **Camping.** It is an offense to camp except as authorized by permit in areas designated or marked for that purpose. Camping is defined as:
  - (1) occupying a designated camping facility;
  - (2) erecting a tent, arranging bedding, or both, for the purpose of, or in such a manner as will permit, remaining overnight; or
  - (3) use of a trailer, camper, or other vehicle for the purpose of sleeping during nighttime hours.
- (u) **Minors, camping.** It is an offense to remain in a park between the park closing hour and opening hour, if the person is under the age of 17, except the following:
  - (1) a person who is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian;
  - (2) a person who furnishes to the park headquarters the written consent of and the full name, residence, and telephone number of parent or legal guardian;
  - (3) a person who is part of a group which is supervised during those hours by at least one responsible adult for each 15 persons under the age of 17; and
  - (4) married couples.
- (v) **Peace and quiet.** It is an offense to:
  - (1) disturb other persons in sleeping quarters or in campgrounds between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; and
  - (3) cause, create, or contribute to any noise which is broadcast, or caused to be broadcast, into sleeping quarters or campgrounds, or which emits sound beyond the person's immediate campsite, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.; whether by shouting or singing, by using a radio, phonograph, television, or musical instrument, or by operating mechanical or electronic equipment:

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- (A) use electronic equipment, including electrical speakers, at a volume which emits sound beyond the immediate individual camp or picnic site at any time without specific permission of the director;
  - (B) create a disturbance by causing excessive noise by any means.
- (w) **Abandoned and unattended property.** It is an offense to:
- (1) abandon a vehicle or other person property;
  - (2) leave a vehicle, boat, barge, or other property unattended in a unit of the park system in such a manner as to create a hazardous or unsafe condition; and
  - (3) leave property unattended in a park without having received prior permission from the director or to leave a vehicle unattended after the closing hour, unless such person is legally in the park after closing, and unless he has parked the vehicle in a place designated by the director or he has prior permission from the director.
- (x) **Water skiing; swimming.** It is an offense to:
- (1) engage in water skiing, surf boarding while being towed, towing a person or a similar device, or operate a motorized ski device on lakes of less than 650 surface acres located in a park;
  - (2) enter water or swim in an area closed for that activity;
  - (3) swim at night unless otherwise posted; and
  - (4) introduce, carry into, or possess, use, break, dispose of, throw, or abandon any glass container in the water of a swimming area, swimming pool, or in the beach area adjacent to the water of a swimming area.
- (y) **Mooring.** It is an offense to:
- (1) moor, dock, or berth a boat or any other object between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., except in mooring areas designated by the director; and
  - (2) moor, dock, or berth a commercial vessel at any part of a park except by permit from the director.
- (z) **Public use limit.** It is an offense to:
- (1) enter into, or remain in, an area or facility for which a public use limit has been established when such action will have the effect of exceeding the established limitations; and
  - (2) exceed the public use limit establishing a maximum number of persons and, if appropriate, the number and type of motor vehicles, trailers, and equipment permitted to enter into, or remain in, a designated area or facility at any time.
- (aa) **Checkout time.** It is an offense to continue to occupy a facility past checkout time when a checkout time has been established by the director.
- (bb) **Wildlife.** It is an offense to:
- (1) harm, harass, disturb, trap, confine, catch, possess, or remove any wildlife, or portions of wildlife from a unit of the park system, except by a permit issued by the director or as provided by the Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 62, Subchapter D; and
  - (2) release any fish into the waters of any park, except as authorized by the Parks and Wildlife Code.
- (cc) **Geological features.** It is an offense to take, remove, destroy, deface, tamper with, or disturb any rock, earth, soil, gem, mineral, fossil, or other geological deposit except by permit issued by the director.
- (dd) **Cultural features and/or artifacts.** It is an offense to take, remove, destroy, deface, tamper with, or disturb any artifact or cultural feature except by permit issued by the director.
- (ee) **Waste water, sewage, and gray water.** It is an offense to:
- (1) deposit waste water, sewage, or effluent from sinks, toilets, or other plumbing fixtures directly on the ground or into the water;
  - (2) use any water fountain, drinking fountain, pool, sprinkler, reservoir, lake or any other water body contained in the park for bathing, laundering, and washing dishes, pets, or vehicles; and
  - (3) deposit fish parts at any location except park fish cleaning facilities.

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