

ORDINANCE NO. 4-07

**SHAWANO COUNTY PARKS, CAMPGROUNDS, BOAT LANDINGS, RECREATIONAL TRAILS,
AND LANDS RULES AND REGULATIONS." - AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to maintain proper public peace and good order within public parks, campgrounds, boat landings, recreational trails, and lands and further necessary to protect public park, campground, boat landing, and recreational trail property; and

WHEREAS, the Shawano County Highway/Park Committee has prepared and revised rules and regulations for the public parks, campgrounds, boat landings, recreational trails, and lands of Shawano County.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SHAWANO does abolish Ordinance No. 3-02, and does ordain as follows:

ARTICLE I: This ordinance shall be entitled "Shawano County Parks, Campgrounds, Boat Landings, Recreational Trails, and Lands Rules and Regulations."

ARTICLE II: The term "park" as used in this section shall include all parks, campgrounds, boat landings, recreational trails, lands, and other such facilities and property under the jurisdiction of the Shawano County Highway/Parks Committee.

ARTICLE III: The following General Rules and Regulations shall apply to the public parks, campgrounds, boat landings, recreational trails, and lands which are under the jurisdiction of the Shawano County Highway/Park Committee. Appropriate notice of these rules shall be placed at each park, and this ordinance shall be identified on each such notice. Failure to abide by the following rules and regulations may result in forfeiture. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PARKS

1. Obey entrance, direction, exit signs, and speed zones. All motorized vehicles must be operated on the roadways only. All roads in the parks are under park rules and supervision.
2. All vehicles, including trailers and watercraft, must be parked in designated parking areas. Vehicles parked in handicapped parking spaces must have proper authorization and identification. Any vehicles parked in such a way as to obstruct the flow of traffic, hinder any legitimate park use, or left unattended for a period of 24 hours may be towed away at the owner's expense. The owner of a vehicle involved in a violation of this rule shall be liable for the violation. It shall be no defense to a violation of this rule that the owner was not operating the vehicle at the time of violation.
3. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in a reckless or imprudent manner or in any manner, which may tend to create a disturbance or endanger the safety of persons using the parks or property therein.

4. No noisy, disorderly, or publicly offensive person shall be allowed in the park. Any activity deemed inappropriate, dangerous, destructive, or offensive to others, is prohibited.
5. No person shall operate or use any device, which produces noise, such as a radio, television, stereo, loud speakers, musical instruments, motor, or engines so as to unreasonably disturb any person.
6. No person shall damage or destroy park property or resources, including trees.
7. All rubbish, garbage, charcoal and recyclables must be placed in designated receptacles. These receptacles are provided for park visitors only. Within the park, there shall be no dumping of rubbish, garbage, or other refuse that is generated from private property. Where receptacles for rubbish are not provided, the person responsible for the rubbish shall carry all waste away from the park.
8. No fires are permitted except in park grills or fireplaces. No person or group shall leave a fire unattended, and all fires shall be extinguished before leaving the area.
9. The use of fireworks is prohibited in the parks.
10. Except in those recreational areas or portions thereof as may be designated by official action of the Shawano County Highway/Parks Committee, and properly posted by the Park Staff. No person in a park shall carry, fire, discharge or have in his/her possession or under his/her control any firearm, air gun, sling shot, bow, or any device designed for shooting a projectile unless the same is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, or any bow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, or have in his/her possession a trap(s) which can be used for trapping animals. No person may discharge any such devices, at, onto, across, or from within, the park boundaries. Law Enforcement Officers, or those hired for animal control, are exempt from this rule.
11. No overnight camping, except in designated camping areas. For the purpose of these rules this shall include sleeping in a vehicle.
12. Except where otherwise noted, no motorized vehicles are to be operated in the parks, unless they are licensed for legal street operation according to State Statute. Motorized wheelchairs are exempt from this rule.
13. Grills or picnic tables are not allowed in the beach area. The beach is reserved for swimmers and sunbathers only.
14. No pets shall be allowed in the picnic area unless they are crated, or upon a leash, not more than ten (10) feet in length. Owners are responsible to clean up after their pets. Dogs should not be allowed to bark so as to unreasonable disturb others. No pets are allowed in the beach, playground areas or buildings. Seeing Eye or handicap assist animals are exempt from this rule.
15. There is no lifeguard on the beach. Swim, wade, boat, water ski, or launch your boat in designated areas, AT YOUR OWN RISK! Navigational buoys are not to be moved or played upon. No watercraft is allowed between the swimming area and the "No

- Boats" buoys. No person shall tie or anchor any watercraft to county buoys, docks, signs or structures unless they are designated for such purpose.
16. Shawano County beach shelters and picnic areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
 17. No person shall use any facility, shelter, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Shawano County Highway/Park Committee, without payment of such a fee or charge prior to use. The fee or charge is non-refundable.
 18. No peddling or soliciting or commercial enterprise is allowed in the park, unless approved by Shawano County Highway/Park Committee.
 19. The pavilion closing hours shall be set by the Hwy/Parks Committee and will be posted in the campground office.
 20. No person shall prevent any person from using any park, or any of its facilities, or interfere with such use, which is in compliance with this ordinance and the rules applicable to such use.
 21. No person or group shall engage in sports activities, except in such areas as are designated for those purposes or in such areas where such activity will not interfere with the use and enjoyment of the park by others. Horseshoes shall not be allowed to be played except in horseshoe pits constructed by the Park Department. Golfing, including practice golf is not allowed in any county park. No sports activities of any kind shall be allowed in county park parking lots.
 22. Any property left in a park unattended for more than 24 hours without prior approval from park personal, shall be considered abandoned and may be disposed of at the discretion of the person in charge of Park Administration.
 23. No person may construct, occupy or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device, except portable tree stands within the boundaries of the parks in designated hunting areas. Such stands may be erected by permit only.
 24. No person may erect or place any object, structure, barricade, sign, notice, marker of any kind, within the boundaries of the park, unless a permit has first been obtained from the Department Head responsible for Park Administration or the Highway/Parks Committee.

ARTICLE IV: Campgrounds. The following rules and regulations shall apply to the Shawano County Parks' Campgrounds for the purpose of operating said campgrounds in an orderly and efficient manner. If conflicts exist between any provision of this Article and Article III, these provisions shall control. Appropriate notice of these rules shall be placed at said campgrounds, and this ordinance shall be identified on each notice. A permit may be revoked without refund for violation of the park rules and regulations, and or forfeiture may be imposed.

SHAWANO COUNTY CAMPGROUND RULES

1. All tenants must register at campground office or pay station upon arriving in the park. Rent is payable in advance with no refunds.
2. All recreation vehicles and cars must park on designated pad. Tents may be pitched in back of pad. There is a limit of one major camping unit (pop-up camper, pickup camper, camper trailer, fifth wheel or motor home) per site. There is a maximum of two motorized vehicles per site.
3. Vehicles of non-campers are prohibited in the camping areas. Visitors must leave their cars in the parking lot.
4. There is a limit of 6 people or one family per site for overnight camping. (A family is defined as mother and/or father, plus any unmarried children from the same household).
5. The speed limit in the campgrounds is 5 mph.
6. Check out time will be established by campground staff and posted at campground office.
7. Campers must keep their own area clean and orderly.
8. All rubbish, garbage, charcoal and recyclables must be placed in designated receptacles. These receptacles are provided for park visitors only. Within the park, there shall be no dumping of rubbish, garbage, or other refuse that is generated from private property. All garbage must be wrapped and placed in proper receptacles. Do not move garbage cans.
9. Dishwater, sewage and sewage containers must be kept in camping unit, or emptied at designated places.
10. Do not move fireplaces - use only fireplaces that are provided. Do not throw cans, bottles, or other unburnable articles into fireplaces. Do not leave fires unattended.
11. Do not take picnic tables from other campsites.
12. Quiet must be observed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
13. Revocation of park or campground permit without refund is at the discretion of the park staff.
14. No campsite may be occupied by the same party for longer than 16 days, unless it is rented as a seasonal site.
15. To prevent the spread of insects and disease, only firewood obtained from Shawano County Parks is permitted.

ARTICLE V: Boat Landings. The following rules and regulations shall apply exclusively to the Shawano County Parks' Boat Landings, for the purpose of operating said boat landings in an orderly and efficient manner. If conflicts exist between any provision of this Article and Article III, these provisions shall control. Appropriate notice of these rules shall be placed at said boat landings, and this ordinance shall be identified on each notice. Failure to abide by the following rules and regulations may result in forfeiture.

SHAWANO COUNTY BOAT LANDING RULES

1. Shawano County Boat Ramp Facilities are open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. for general use. The boat ramp will be open 24 hours a day for launching purposes only.

2. No person shall use a County boat ramp facility, including launching and parking, without paying the applicable daily or annual fee. This shall include any boat ramp owned or operated by Shawano County and is applicable to all water- craft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. Daily passes will be available at a self-registration station at each facility. An annual pass will be available at the Shawano County Clerk's office or at designated vendor's offices.
3. The daily receipt must be displayed according to directions posted. The annual pass sticker must be permanently affixed according to the directions on back of the pass.
4. No camping is allowed at Shawano County boat landings, this includes sleeping in vehicles.
5. No shanty, such as typically used for ice fishing, shall be left on park grounds after March 15 of each calendar year.
6. Any shanty on park property without proper owner identification (complete name and address) displayed on it will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of at the discretion of the Department Head responsible for Park Administration.

ARTICLE VI. County properties at Mudlake, Shepley, Bowler, Town of Almon, Wilson Lake and the County Farm. The following rules and regulations shall apply exclusively to the above named recreational areas, for the purpose of operating said recreational areas in an orderly and efficient manner. If conflicts exist between any provision of this Article and Article III, these provisions shall control. Appropriate notice of these rules shall be placed at said Shawano County recreational areas, and this ordinance shall be identified on each notice. Failure to abide by the following rules and regulations may result in forfeiture.

SHAWANO COUNTY RECREATIONAL AREA RULES

1. Hunting is permitted during the appropriate seasons unless posted otherwise.
2. Horses are allowed on the trails between April 1 - October 31 of each calendar year.
3. Hunters with special handicap hunting permits may use A.T.V.'s on trails posted for such use. Maximum speed limit on trails is 5 m.p.h.
4. No motorized vehicles, except Law Enforcement vehicles, County vehicles, farm and maintenance vehicles, and vehicles used for handicap purposes as stated in rule 3 are allowed in the recreational areas. People using the radio controlled airport at the County Farm may take their vehicles directly to the airport only. The airport gate must be closed when unattended.
5. No hunting, horses or pets allowed on trails from January 1 - March 31 of each calendar year. Trails during this time are for hiking, snowshoeing, and skiing only.
6. Sledding Hill is open until 10 p.m. Use Sledding Hill at your own risk. For safety reasons, the building of jumps and ramps is prohibited.

ARTICLE VII: Recreational Trails. The following rules and regulations shall apply exclusively to the Shawano County/State Recreational Trails, for the purpose of operating said recreational trails in an orderly and efficient manner. These rules are necessary to promote the safety of all persons using the recreational trails and to preserve the recreational trails in good condition. If conflicts exist between any provision of this Article and Article III, these provisions shall control. Failure to abide by the following rules and regulations may result in forfeiture.

SHAWANO COUNTY RECREATIONAL TRAIL RULES

Definitions:

"**Vehicle Season**" means that part of the year with exact opening date to be designated by the Department Head responsible for Park Administration or the Highway/Parks Committee through notice to the public by various media sources; and applies to Snowmobiles and All-Terrain Vehicles (A.T.V.'s) as defined below.

"**Persons**" includes any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or other association of persons; and the singular number includes the plural.

~~"**Recreational Trails**" means any trails owned by the Wisconsin DNR, and maintained, operated and policed by Shawano County.~~

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"**Vehicle**" includes Snowmobiles as defined in Sec. 340.01 (58a), Stats. And All-terrain Vehicles (A.T.V.'s) as defined in Sec. 340.01(2g), Stats.

1. Hiking and motorized wheelchairs are permitted on the State Recreational Trails year around from dawn to dusk.
2. Bicycling and horseback riding and horse drawn vehicles are permitted on the State Recreational Trails as posted when the trail conditions are suitable to sustain such use without causing damage to the trail surface to the day before the deer gun hunting season opens .Dog sledding is a permitted use on the Mountain Bay State Recreational Trails. This is a restricted use. The following conditions apply:
 - A. Dog sleds are permitted on the trail in the A.M. daylight hours only from daybreak to noon, Monday through Friday.
 - B. No motorized vehicles can be used with dog sleds.
 - C. All dogs shall be tied up, caged, leashed or harnessed.
 - D. Dog sledding is not permitted on weekends and on major holidays
 - E. Motorized vehicles must yield the right of way to all dog sleds or dog teams.
3. No cross-country skiing is allowed on the State Recreational Trails.
4. Recreational trails or parts of them shall be closed to all persons and for any and all purposes including hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling, and ATV use when the Department Head responsible for Park Administration or the Highway/Park Committee determines that safety and other reasons require closing the trails or parts of them and proper notice is given to the Public by various media sources.
5. Police vehicles, emergency and rescue vehicles and county maintenance vehicles are permitted on the recreational trails at all times as necessary to fulfill their functions.

6. No Snowmobile may be operated on State Recreational Trails right of ways, including access points, at any time other than when the Vehicle Season is officially open.
A.T.V's are permitted on the trail when the temperature is 28F degrees or colder. Snowmobile trails must be opened for a period of one week before A.T.V's are allowed on the trail in order to allow sufficient time to establish a base.
7. No motorized vehicle, other than a Snowmobile or All-Terrain (ATVs), or motorized wheel chair may be operated on the recreational trails or any part of them at any time, with the exception that landowners whose property is divided by the recreational trail may operate work vehicles across the recreational trail at approved crossing points as designated by Department Head responsible for Parks or the Highway/Park Committee and the State of Wisconsin. Permits for conditional use of motorized vehicles may be granted at the discretion of the person in charge of Park Administration. All vehicles must remain on the designated trail at all times.
8. No vehicle may be parked or be permitted to remain standing on any recreational trail right-of-way or any access point, unless designated as a parking area.
9. No one shall conduct or engage in racing on any part of the recreational trails including access points unless otherwise permitted by the Shawano County Hwy/Parks Department.
10. No person may camp or park any vehicle overnight within the boundaries of the recreational trails except in designated areas.
11. Trail users must obey all traffic, entrance, direction, parking, speed and exit signs.
12. No animal will be deemed to be at large if it is attached to a leash of sufficient strength to restrain the animal and not more than ten (10) feet in length where said leash is held by a person competent to govern the animal.
13. No person within the boundaries of a recreational trail shall carry, fire, discharge or have in his/her possession or under his/her control any firearm, air gun, sling shot, bow, or any device designed for shooting a projectile unless the same is unloaded and enclosed in a carrying case, or any bow unless the same is unstrung or enclosed in a carrying case, or have in his/her possession a trap(s) which can be used for trapping animals. No person may discharge any such devices, at, onto, across, or from within, the park boundaries. Law Enforcement Officers, or those hired for animal control, are exempt from this rule.
14. No person may construct, occupy or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device, including portable tree stand within the boundaries of the recreational trails and designated access points.
15. No person may erect or place any object, structure, barricade, sign, notice, marker of any kind, on the recreational trails or designated access points, unless a permit has first been obtained from the Department Head responsible for Parks or the Highway/Park Committee.

16. No person may light or use fire of any kind within the boundaries of the recreational trails, including but not limited to fireworks, campfires, cooking fires or grills except in designated areas.
17. Trail hours are dawn to dusk for all users except for the snowmobile/ATV season. During that time the trails designated as open to snowmobiles and ATV's are open 24 hours for this recreational use.
18. Any person who operates a vehicle at a speed excessive for the conditions or in excess of the posted speed on the recreational trails, including access points, shall be subject to penalties consistent with state law.
19. No person 16 and over shall use a State Recreational trail on bicycle, horseback, or horse drawn vehicle, without paying the applicable daily or annual fee. Daily passes will be available at self-registration stations or at designated vendor's offices. An annual pass will be available at the Shawano County Clerk's office or at designated vendor's offices.
20. The daily receipt or annual pass for a State Recreational trail must be properly and completely filled out to be valid and must be presented to Park staff or Law Enforcement Officers upon demand.
21. No peddling or soliciting or commercial enterprise is allowed on State recreational trails unless approved by the State of Wisconsin.
22. All rubbish, garbage, and recyclables must be placed in designated receptacles. These receptacles are provided for trail visitors only. On the trail, there shall be no dumping of rubbish, garbage, or other refuse that is generated from private property. Where receptacles for rubbish are not provided, the person responsible for the rubbish shall carry all waste away from the trail.

ARTICLE VIII. Fees. The following fees shall apply to Shawano County's public parks, campgrounds, boat landings, recreational trails, and lands which are now and will be in the future, under the control and jurisdiction of the Shawano County Highway/Park Committee. The terms "parks, campgrounds, and boat landings, recreational trails, and lands" shall include the grounds, buildings thereon, waters therein, and any other property which is now or may hereafter be under the control of said Committee.

CITATIONS AND FEES

Fee amounts shall be established by the Shawano County Highway/Parks Committee. Fee notices shall be posted at boat launch sites and trail pay stations.

ARTICLE IX. Enforcement. The park staff assigned such duties by the Highway/Parks Committee shall enforce all provisions of this ordinance. The Shawano County Sheriff's Department along with DNR Warden's shall also have authority to enforce this ordinance. All parties enforcing this ordinance will use county ordinance citations.

PENALTY VIOLATION.

The penalty for violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be a forfeiture of \$30.00 together with the cost of prosecution imposed as provided in Section 345.20 to 345.53, Wis. Stats. Except as noted below (see Forfeiture Fee).

FORFEITURE FEE ONLY.

Violation of the following items will be the stated forfeiture fee only:

Improper parking on/off roadway	\$25.00
Parking/standing where prohibited	\$25.00
Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in places reserved for handicapped	\$100.00
Failure to pay appropriate trail fee	\$ 25.00
Failure to pay appropriate boat launch fee	\$ 50.00
<u>General Trail Violation</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>

ARTICLE X. Collection. All fees collected under this Ordinance shall be used for park and trail maintenance. The Department of Natural Resources requires funds from trail pass sales be specifically used for trail maintenance.

All appropriate **forfeitures** collected by the County under this Ordinance shall be returned to the general fund.

ARTICLE XI. Severability. If any section, provision or portion of this ordinance is judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE XII. This Ordinance repeals Shawano County Ordinance 3-02. This Ordinance will be governed under Wisconsin law and will be effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

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