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ALABAMA STATE PARKS RULES AND REGULATIONS

220-5-.01 Use Of Facilities.

(1) Alabama State Law requires that all persons registering at any hotel, motel, cabin or campsite in any State Park shall record the name and address of each responsible party in a registration book or upon a guest register card provided for such use. Persons under eighteen years of age shall be permitted to register for a hotel or motel room, cabin or campsite only as agents acting for their parents. Any person who willfully makes an erroneous entry in such registration book shall be in violation of this regulation.

(2) No person or group of persons shall be allowed to occupy any cabin, lodge or campsite for a consecutive period longer than two weeks from April 1 through October 31 without written permission from the Director of State Parks.

(3) It shall be unlawful to erect or occupy any site with unsightly or inappropriate camping equipment.

(4) Pitching tents or parking trailers or other camping equipment in areas not designated for such purposes shall be unlawful.

(5) No person shall picnic in any area in any State Park or on any State Parkway except in the designated places without the specific approval of the Park Manager.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess or use, at any State Park freshwater or saltwater swimming area (including any beach area), any container which is subject to break, shatter, fracture, disintegrate, or become fragmented, including, but not limited to, glass, breakable plastics, etc.

(7) Abandoned personal property shall be subject to disposal in accordance with law or State Park Policy.

(8) It shall be unlawful to leave unattended at any state park any person under the age of fourteen (14). For the purpose of this paragraph, "unattended" shall mean without direct adult supervision.

220-5-.02 Swimming, Fishing And Boating.

(1) Visitors shall swim only in designated areas and

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all persons swimming in any of the waters of any State Park shall obey any order of the lifeguard or other Park official in charge.

(2) All persons fishing in any of the State Parks shall abide by the fishing regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and other fishing laws which are in force in the State of Alabama.

(a) A person so fishing shall, upon demand, exhibit his catch or fishing license to any game warden or other officer of the Department for inspection.

(b) No fish shall be placed in the State Park lakes or waters except with permission of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

(c) The daily creel limits are posted in a conspicuous place at each State Park lake. Any person who catches, takes or has in his or her possession more fish than allowable by the posted creel or possession limits shall be in violation of this regulation.

(d) Fish shall be taken by rod and reel or pole and line only, in State Park lakes or waters. Use of other methods of fishing such as trot lines, set hooks, gigs, nets, seines, spear guns, bow and arrow, etc., is prohibited.

(e) It shall be unlawful to fish for sharks or use any type of shark fishing gear on any Gulf State Park Public Beach or on the Gulf State Park Saltwater Pier, unless specifically provided otherwise by regulation. It shall be unlawful to land or to attempt to land any shark on any line originally cast from said State Park Pier or Beach, unless specifically provided otherwise by regulation.

(f) It shall be unlawful to participate in any water related activity within 100 yards of the Gulf State Park Saltwater Pier. This shall include but not be limited to, wading, swimming, surfing, fishing, boating, and scuba diving.

(3) Motorized vessels are prohibited on any of the waters of the State Parks unless by special written permission from the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, except as otherwise provided for herein. At Oak Mountain, Chewacla and Paul M. Grist State Parks, electric troll motors not to exceed a size that can be operated by a storage battery may be used. At Lake Shelby in Gulf State Park, Lake Lurleen State Park and Frank Jackson State Park, any size motor may be used.

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(a) It shall be unlawful to operate a vessel of any kind on the waters within Frank Jackson and Lake Lurleen State Parks to tow a person or persons on water skis, aquaplane or any other recreational device.

(b) It shall be unlawful to operate any personal watercraft on any fresh water lake within Gulf State Park, Lake Lurleen, and Frank Jackson State Park.

220-5-.03 **Fees.** It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to evade or attempt to evade by any method or means any fee or other charge which may be levied for admission to, or use of, any State Park area or facility contained therein.

220-5-.04 **Operation Of Vehicles.**

(1) Driving motor vehicle in excess of posted speed shall be unlawful.

(2) Driving any vehicle carelessly and heedlessly disregarding the rights or safety of others, or without due caution and at a speed, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property shall be unlawful.

(3) Riding on the hood, roof, fenders, or trunk, or other exterior portion of automobiles, or riding on the roof, fenders, hood, bumper of trucks, while traveling on parks roads or other parks premises shall be unlawful.

(4) Motor bikes, minibikes, motorcycles, motor scooters, go-carts, any other type motorized vehicle and bicycles shall not be driven in any areas or on any trails not designated for their use. Only licensed vehicles shall be allowed to be utilized by the public on Park roads.

(5) No motorized vehicles of any kind or bicycles shall be allowed on horse trails, hiking trails or beach areas in any State Park, except where specifically permitted.

(6) Driving motorbikes, motorcycles, or other motor vehicles on State Park roads for any purpose other than access into or egress out of State Park areas shall be unlawful.

(7) Operating a motor vehicle at any time without a muffler in good working order, or operating a motor vehicle in such a manner as to create excessive or unusual noise or annoying smoke, or using a muffler cut off, by pass, or similar device shall be unlawful.

(8) Excessively accelerating the engine of a motor vehicle or motorcycle when such vehicle is not moving or is

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approaching or leaving a stopping place shall be unlawful.

(9) No person shall park any vehicle, camper, trailer or any towed conveyance in any area not specifically designed for said vehicle.

(10) Notwithstanding any provision above, individuals with a mobility disability may use any motorized vehicle or other power-driven mobility device to access the parks' amenities as provided in and subject to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and 28 C.F.R. §35.137.

220-5-.05 Pets And Animals.

(1) Bringing a dog, cat or other animal into a State Park unless it is crated, caged or upon a leash not longer than 6 feet or otherwise under physical restrictive control at all times, shall be unlawful. The foregoing shall not apply to areas, rooms, cabins or buildings that have been designated, in writing, as pet-friendly by the Director of State Parks.

(2) No person shall keep a noisy, vicious, or dangerous dog or animal or one which is disturbing other persons, in a State Park and remain therein after he has been asked by a Park officer to leave.

(3) No animal of any type shall be allowed in any hotel or motel room, cabin, or park building, or at any swimming area (including any beach area) in any State Park. This rule shall not prohibit the use of helping animals by individuals with disabilities, nor shall it apply to areas, rooms, cabins or buildings that have been designated, in writing, as pet-friendly by the Director of State Parks.

(4) Bringing saddle, pack or draft animals into a site which has not been developed to accommodate them and posted accordingly shall be unlawful.

220-5-.06 Sanitation.

(1) Failure to dispose of all garbage, including paper, cans, bottles, waste materials, and rubbish by removal from the site or area, or disposal at places provided for such disposition shall be unlawful.

(2) No person shall dump any refuse or waste from any trailer or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for such use.

(3) Cleaning of fish or food, or washing clothing or

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articles of household use in any stream, pond, lake or at any hydrant or faucets located in restrooms shall be unlawful.

(4) No person shall pollute or contaminate any water or water supply used for human consumption.

(5) No person shall use State Park refuse containers or other park refuse facilities for dumping household or commercial garbage or trash brought as such from private property.

(6) No person shall deposit, except into receptacles provided for that purpose, any body waste in or on any portion of any comfort station or any public structure, or deposit any bottles, cans, cloths, rags, metal, wood, stone, or other damaging substance in any of the fixtures in such station or structures.

220-5-.07 Conduct.

(1) It shall be unlawful to incite or participate in riots, indulge in boisterous, abusive, threatening, indecent or disorderly conduct in any State Park area. Anyone in violation of this regulation may be forcibly ejected from the park or arrested and shall not be entitled to a refund of any fee or rental.

(2) Failure to maintain quiet in campground, lodge and cabin areas between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. shall be unlawful.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, deface or remove any native wild or domesticated tree, shrub, plant or wildflower in any State Park.

(4) Destroying, injuring, defacing, removing or disturbing in any manner any real, personal or public property in any State Park shall be unlawful.

(5) No person shall solicit, sell or advertise in any State Park without the written authorization of the Director of State Parks.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, disturb, deface, collect or remove any natural, cultural, historical, archeological, geological, mineralogical, etc., objects or artifacts from any Alabama State Park.

(7) Feeding of deer at a State Park shall be unlawful.

220-5-.08 Prohibited Devices.

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(1) It shall be unlawful for any person other than a duly authorized law enforcement officer to possess or carry into any State Park any form of firearm without written permission of the manager in charge of the State Park visited; provided, however, nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided, the handguns are not used for any unlawful purpose. No person shall possess, discharge or set off on or within a State Park any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, cap pistols, or other fireworks.

(2) No person shall operate or use any audio device, including radio, television, musical instruments, or any other noise producing devices, such as electrical generators, and equipment driven by motor engines, in such a manner and at such times so as to disturb other persons.

(3) No person shall operate or use any public address system, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted, except when such use or operation has been approved by the Park Manager.

(4) It shall be unlawful for any person to use any metal detection device in any State Park without permission from the Park Manager.

220-5-.09 Fires. Building a fire outside of stoves, grills, fireplaces, or other places provided for such purposes shall be unlawful. All fires shall be attended at all times and upon abandonment of same the fire shall be completely extinguished.

220-5-.10 Hours Of Operation.

(1) It shall be unlawful to enter or use a site or area, or portion of a site or area, which is closed to public use.

(2) Only registered overnight guest shall be admitted or allowed to remain in any State Park after the designated closing hour unless such person has special written permission of the manager of said Park.

(3) Leaving a camp unit unoccupied or unattended for a period of more than 24 hours without permission from the manager shall be in violation of Park regulations.

220-5-.11 Disclaimer Of Liability.

(1) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall not be responsible for any accident or injury to

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any person while on State Park property or when using any State Park facility. Any person coming within a State Park or using a State Park facility shall by such entrance or use waive any claim against the State or its agents for any accident or injury occurring while on or within a State Park.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of state law, the State of Alabama shall not be responsible for any property or article lost or stolen from any cabin, hotel or motel room, campsite, bathhouse, parking area, or any park building or facility.

220-5-.12 Designated Wildlife Sanctuaries. Each State Park or recreation area now in existence, and those which may be hereafter designated as same, are hereby designated as game and wildlife sanctuaries, and it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, pursue, catch or kill any wild bird or wild animal in any of the places herein mentioned, unless specifically provided otherwise by regulation.

220-5-.13 General.

(1) The words "State Park" as used in any regulation shall include and embrace all land or water under the supervision of the Division of State Parks.

(2) Failure to comply with reasonable conditions of occupancy and use of Alabama State Park facilities as prescribed and posted by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, for the protection and administration of State Park facilities and resources and the promotion of public health, welfare, safety or conveniences shall be unlawful.

(3) All State and Federal laws now in force and laws which may hereafter be enacted shall be maintained in all State Parks, and it shall be a violation of this regulation for any person to break or attempt to break any State or Federal Law.

220-5-.14 Recreation Capital Development Assistance Fund Regulation.

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220-5-.15 (Reserved)

220-5-.16 Possession Or Consumption Of Alcoholic Beverages At Certain State Park Areas. It shall be unlawful to possess or consume any alcoholic beverage at the following State Park areas, except as permitted in writing by the Commissioner of

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Conservation and Natural Resources or his designee:

(1) The beach area and adjacent parking areas at Lake Lurleen State Park;

(2) The beach area, adjacent parking lot, and north and south picnic areas, at Wind Creek State Park; and

(3) The beach area, adjacent parking lot, and adjacent picnic areas, at Oak Mountain State Park; and

(4) The following areas at Gulf State Park: All beach areas, including, but not limited to, the public beach areas at Alabama Point, Romar Beach, and Cotton Bayou; and adjacent parking areas at all beach areas; and also including the beach pavilion, the state saltwater pier, all picnic areas, and the camp pavilion.

(5) The beach area, upper and lower picnic areas and all other day use only areas of Chewacla State Park.

(6) The beach area, picnic area, and all other day use only areas of Frank Jackson State Park.

(7) The spring, pool, picnic areas and all other day use only areas of Blue Springs State Park.

(8) The picnic, beach, boat launch areas and all other day use only areas of Paul M. Grist State Park.

(9) The picnic area, beach area and all other day use only areas of Cheaha State Park.

(10) Any other portion of any State Park to the extent that such consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by state law.

220-5-.17 **Personal Watercraft At Gulf State Park.** It shall be unlawful to operate any personal watercraft on any fresh water lake within Gulf State Park.

220-5-.18 **Aircraft At Gulf State Park.** It shall be unlawful to operate any aircraft or seaplane of any type on any Lake within Gulf State Park, including, but not limited to, lake Shelby, Middle Lake, and Little Lake, provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to official emergency, governmental, or military aircraft conducting official operations.

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220-5-.19 **Special Gulf State Park Shark Fishing Season.** A special permitted Managed Shark Fishing Season is hereby established at the Gulf State Park Saltwater Pier in accordance with the dates, times, and locations designated by the Director of the State Parks Division in a news release. A permit must be obtained from the Director of the State Parks Division to participate in the Managed Shark Fishing events. All persons fishing in the Managed Shark Fishing Season shall abide by the fishing regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and other fishing laws which are in force un the State of Alabama.