

CHAPTER 8.76 COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS



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8.76.010 Purpose – The purpose of this chapter is to protect property, persons and the public health and welfare within any park, park-like area or recreation area which is under the jurisdiction and control of this County.

8.76.020 Description – This section shall apply to any indoor or outdoor park, park-like or recreational area whose boundaries fully or partially lie within the County of Yuba and is under the control or jurisdiction of the County and which exists for the purpose of recreation, aesthetic value, or the conservation of cultural, historical or natural resources, with the exception of Hammon Grove Park as defined in Chapter 8.79 of the Yuba County ordinance code.

8.76.030 Hours – It shall be unlawful for any person to enter or remain upon the premises of any park or recreation area within the jurisdiction or control of the County within the period of:

- (a) No later than thirty (30) minutes after sunset and;
- (b) No earlier than thirty (30) minutes prior to sunrise, with the exception of authorized personnel acting as a caretaker, custodian, or County employees engaged in their duties; or agents thereof. The County may authorize extended or reduced hours for an approved use under an operation and maintenance agreement or other agreement or permit as approved by the Board of Supervisors.

8.76.040 Fees – The Board of Supervisors shall set fees as appropriate for reserved daytime use, overnight camping or organized events by resolution. All fees must be paid prior to using such area in accordance with agreement.

8.76.050 Prohibited Acts – Within any park or recreation area that lies within the jurisdiction of Yuba County, it shall be prohibited for any person to:

- (a) Dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, or other such refuse or trash except in proper receptacles provided for such purpose. Such refuse or trash so placed shall be only generated in connection with normal activities in, and use of, the park or recreation area. Where such receptacles are not provided, all refuse or trash shall be carried away from the park or recreation area by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- (b) Break, cut, carve, deface, injure, mutilate, transplant, remove or otherwise damage any animal, grass, turf, plant, tree, shrub, flower, wood, dirt, mulch, sand or rock.
- (c) Mark, graffiti, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, displace, dig, remove, destroy, or obliterate any County-owned real or personal property of any kind.
- (d) Tamper, damage, break, or cause adjustment to any irrigation component including, but not limited to controllers, repeaters, weather monitoring stations, sprinklers, sprayers, access boxes, poly-hose, or pipe that would affect the irrigation pattern or otherwise cause for the malfunction of any County maintained irrigation system.
- (e) Discharge a projectile from any firearm, cannon, compressed air or gas operated weapon, bow, crossbow, slingshot, or other deadly or dangerous weapon except in the defense of life or property or upon the authorization of the Board of Supervisors.
- (f) Camp or sleep overnight either in a vehicle or otherwise without a permit, except for an authorized custodian or caretaker of the premises.
- (g) Engage in hazardous activities such as propel a rocket or missile of any type, hitting a golf ball, horseshoe games, handball, lawn-darts, archery, or any similar game of hazardous nature except at such places designated for such use by the County.
- (h) Swim in any body of water except at such places designated for such use by the County.
- (i) Possess, use, discharge or sell any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, explosives, or other fireworks of any type.
- (j) Possess glass containers of any type except for within parked vehicles, or when conducting the transfer of personal belongings or refreshments when loading and unloading boats at the Star Bend Boat Ramp.
- (k) Carry, use or throw away any lighted cigarette, cigar, ashes, or any other flaming or glowing substance except in designated barbeque areas, vehicles, or other posted areas.

- (l) Hunt for wild animals or wild birds.
- (m) Trespass upon any area, building, or portions thereof which are posted with signs disallowing entry or when gates, doors or other means of access are closed or locked for the purpose of prohibiting entry.
- (n) Walk, stand, or sit upon any monument, vase, fountain, railing, fence, or other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.
- (o) Dispose of, introduce or otherwise expose any chemical, material or agent that may result in the pollution, temperature adjustment, chemical balance, aesthetic quality, change of color, change of texture or otherwise alter the natural occurrence of any body of water, water surface or water feature.
- (p) Urinate, defecate or otherwise excrete any bodily fluid and/or by-product except within designated restroom areas. It shall be unlawful for males to use said restroom areas exclusively designated and marked for females, and for females to use said restroom areas exclusively designated and marked for males; provided however that restroom designation shall not apply to children accompanied by an adult person.
- (q) Distribute, circulate, give away, throw or otherwise deposit any handbill, circular, dodger, pamphlet, paper or advertisement or post or affix the same to any tree, fence, building, or other property.
- (r) Engage in the business of soliciting, selling, or peddling any liquids or edibles for human consumption or to hawk, peddle or vend any goods, wares or merchandise except when authorized to do so by the public agency having jurisdiction over the area where such activities are conducted.
- (s) Produce any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs the peace or quiet of any neighborhood or which causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitiveness residing in the area as outlined in Chapter 8.20 of the Yuba County Ordinance Code.

8.76.060 Vehicles – Within any park or recreation area that lies within the jurisdiction of Yuba County, it shall be prohibited for any vehicle to be driven, stopped, stood or parked except in those places designated for such purposes.

8.76.070 Boat Launch Facilities – It shall be unlawful to park, stop or stand a vehicle on or about any boat ramp facilities within Yuba County except for such purposes as launching or retrieving vessels or flotation devices to and from the water.

8.76.080 Animals within County Parks and Recreation Areas

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person who owns or has the charge, care, control or custody of any animal to allow, cause or permit such animal to be in or upon any

park or recreation area belonging to the County unless such animal is on a leash not exceeding eight (8) feet in length and under the complete control of the person in charge of such animal.

- (b) It shall be the responsibility of any person who owns or has the charge, care, control or custody of any animal in or upon any County park or recreation area to clean up fecal matter from the animal before leaving the facility and to properly dispose of same.

8.76.090 Alcoholic Beverages – It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, use or consume any alcoholic beverage in or upon the premises of any County park or recreation area except as follows or otherwise approved by the Board of Supervisors:

- (a) Shad Pad Park - Alcoholic beverages may be possessed, used or consumed within the boundaries of Shad Pad Park.
- (b) Star Bend Boat Ramp – Alcoholic beverages may be possessed within the Star Bend Boat Ramp and parking areas for the purpose of transit between vehicles and vessels intended to be launched or retrieved from the Feather River.

8.76.100 Signs – The director of Public Works is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs giving notice of any restriction imposed by this chapter including, without limitations, signs regulating applicable laws, ordinances, restrictions, hazards or the operation of motor vehicles in or upon any County park or recreation area.

8.76.110 Penalties – Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, any person violating any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof is punishable by imprisonment in the County jail for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or both. Each separate day during which any violation occurs is a separate offense.

8.76.120 Enforcement – The provisions of this chapter may be enforced by any duly appointed peace officer recognized by the State of California. Any such person authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter may issue an arrest, citation or a notice to appear before a magistrate as appropriate per applicable statute.