

CHAPTER 8.79 - HAMMON GROVE PARK AND SYCAMORE RANCH

(Repealed and Reenacted by Ord. No. 1507; Amended by Ord. No. 1570)

8.79.010. - Purpose.

Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch shall be used and maintained for the benefit and entertainment of the public generally, subject, however, to the restrictions and limitations contained in this Chapter and such other regulations (including requirements for permits and the fees therefore) as the Board of Supervisors may adopt hereafter by resolution. The regulations set forth in this Chapter shall apply to and be in full force and effect at Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch which are under the jurisdiction and control of the County. The regulations shall govern the use of such parks and the observance of these regulations shall be a condition under which the public may use the park and recreation areas.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.010; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.020. - Common description.

(a) *Hammon Grove Park* . As used herein, the term "Hammon Grove Park" shall include that area within the County of Yuba, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

That portion of the north ½ of Section 22, Township 16 North, Range 5 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, beginning at a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of California State Highway, Yuba-15-A, from which point the West quarter corner of said Section 22 bears S 74°10'50" W, 1622.47 feet; thence from said point of beginning along a curve to the right from a tangent that bears S 88°39'04" E with a radius of 4450 feet, through an angle of 3°20'34" a distance of 259.62 feet (the chord of which bears S 86°58'47" E, 259.61 feet); thence along the southerly right-of-way line of said State Highway S 85°18'30" E, 766.98 feet; thence S 23 °51'15" W, 74.98 feet; thence S. 52°02'45" W., 559.05 feet; thence S 69°12'30" W, 309.70 feet; thence N 23 ° 41' 30" W, 653.92 feet to the point of beginning, containing 7.87 acres more or less; and Lots 5 and 8 of Section 22, Township 16 North, Range 5 East, M.D.M. according to Dependent Resurveys by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, accepted July 24, 1997. (#1237)

(b) *Sycamore Ranch* . As used herein, the term "Sycamore Ranch" shall include the area within County of Yuba, State of California, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1:

Lot 4, Section 22, Township 16 North, Range 5 East, MDB&M.

Parcel 2:

Portion of the South half of the Northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 16 North, Range 5 East, MDB&M., and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the one-quarter corner common to Sections 21 and 22, of said Township and Range; thence North 0 degrees 01 minutes 50 seconds West along the Westerly line of said Section 22, a distance of 211.80 feet to the centerline of the State Highway; thence along the centerline of the State Highway the following course and distances: North 67 degrees 21 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance of 333.84 feet to the beginning of a curve to the right with a radius of 2000 feet, and a central angle to 27 degrees 20 minutes a distance of 954.11 feet; thence South 85 degrees 18 minutes 30 seconds East to a point which is North 74 degrees 10 minutes East, a distance of 1622.74 feet and North 50 feet from the quarter corner common to Sections 21 and 22; thence

South 50 feet to the Northwesterly corner of the land conveyed to the County of Yuba be deed recorded March 8, 1948, in Volume 119 of Official Records, Page 349 Yuba County records; thence South 23 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East along the Westerly line of the land conveyed to the County of Yuba, a distance of 490 feet to the East and West centerline of Section 22; thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes 30 seconds West along said East and West centerline of said Section a distance of 1750 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Parcel 3:

Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 16 North, Range 5 East, MDB&M., as shown upon the U.S. Surveyor General's Amended Plat filed August 17, 1898.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.020; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.030. - Prohibition of certain uses without permit.

The Board of Supervisors may by resolution adopt regulations and policies with respect to the use of Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch. It shall be unlawful for any person to use Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch or conduct any activity in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch without a permit if such permit is required by any law or regulation. In addition to any penalty otherwise provided, any person so using Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch without the necessary permit may be immediately ejected from such park by the County Sheriff or other duly appointed peace officer.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.030; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.040. - Hazardous games prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to fly a model airplane (motor-driven), propel a rocket or missile of any type, hit a golf ball, participate in archery, horseshoe games, lawn darts or any similar game of a hazardous nature in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch except at such places designated for such use by the County.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.040; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.050. - Hours.

It is unlawful for any person to enter or remain in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch at any time from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise. This prohibition shall not apply to such person who camps overnight in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch if such person is camping there pursuant to approval of the Board of Supervisors or its designee granted under the provisions of Section 8.79.060.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.050; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.060. - Camping and organized events.

(a) Definitions.

- (1) Camping means to establish or maintain on public or private property a temporary place for cooking, sleeping, or storing personal belongings either: outdoors, with or without shelter; in, on, or under any structure not intended for human occupancy; in, on, or under any parked vehicle; or in, on, or under any abandoned or unoccupied structure. For purposes of this definition, establishing or maintaining a place for sleeping shall include setting up bedding, including, but not limited to, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses, tents, hammocks, and cots for the purpose of

sleeping. For purposes of this definition, personal belongings include, but are not limited to, clothing, sleeping bags, bed rolls, blankets, sheets, luggage, backpacks, kitchen utensils, cookware, and similar material.

- (2) Camp facilities include, but are not limited to, a vehicle which is a motor home, travel trailer, truck camper, or camping trailer with or without motive power, designed for human habitation, for recreation, travel accommodations purposes or emergency occupancy, tents, huts, and temporary shelters.
- (3) Camp paraphernalia includes but is not limited to tarpaulins, cots, beds, sleeping bags, hammocks, or similar equipment.

(b) Camping regulations.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to camp overnight in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch except within designated areas and with a permit for such use issued by the County department designated by the Board of Supervisors to issue such permits. The County may at any time revoke the camping permit of any person, group or organization if the campsite occupied by such is not maintained in a reasonably clean, sanitary and attractive manner.
- (2) Camping permits shall be issued so as to expire after a maximum of 14 days. All camping permits expire at 12:00 p. m. on the expiration day. No person shall camp for more than 14 days in any 30-day period nor more than 30 days in any 12 month period. It is the intent of Yuba County that Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch be utilized for recreational purposes and not for extended periods of residency.
- (3) No person shall, without the prior written approval of the County, park more than two motor vehicles or one motor vehicle and one boat or other trailer at any one campsite.
- (4) No more than six persons may occupy any single designated campsite and group campsites shall not exceed the following capacities:
Sycamore Group A - 60 Persons
Sycamore Group B - 60 Persons
Sycamore Group C - 72 Persons
Sycamore Group D - 20 Persons
- (5) Quiet shall be observed in all camping areas of a County park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. During these hours, no person shall make, either verbally or mechanically, any excessive noise. For purposes of this Subsection, excessive noise shall mean any noise that a park caretaker finds, in his or her sole discretion, has disturbed, may disturb, or will disturb members of the public or wildlife.
- (6) No person under the age of 18 shall camp within a County park unless accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, adult leader (e.g., teacher, coach, or scoutmaster) of a school or other youth group, or the parent or legal guardian of another minor camping in the same group.

(c) Organized events.

Organized events are permitted within Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch within designated areas and with a permit issued by the County department designated by the Board of Supervisors to issue such, or in conjunction with a group which is participating in an organized event which has been approved in advance by the Board of Supervisors or its designee. Any such advance approval shall include such conditions as the Board of Supervisors or its designee deems necessary or appropriate including, without limitation, provision for:

- (1) A written application made at least five working days prior to the proposed event;
- (2) Liability insurance;

- (3) Cleanup deposits;
- (4) Security;
- (5) Portable toilets sufficient to accommodate the number of attendees; and
- (6) Other matters which apply generally to the use of County property.

The Board of Supervisors or its designee is authorized to refuse issuance of a permit when, in their opinion based upon the duration of occupancy and other factors, there is indication that the occupancy is for other than recreational purposes or may pose a threat to public health and safety.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.060; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507; Ord. No. 1570)

8.79.070. - Fees.

The Board of Supervisors shall set the fees for daytime use, overnight camping and organized events in Title XIII of the Yuba County Ordinance Code. All applicable fees must be paid prior to using Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.070; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507; Ord. No. 1570)

8.79.080. - Stopping, standing or parking.

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch, except in those places specifically designated for such purpose. Parking off pavement in campsites, in a manner that blocks traffic, or within any campsite without a valid camping permit shall be prohibited.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.080; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.090. - Use of boat ramp.

The boat ramps at Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch shall be used only for loading and unloading of non-motorized flotation devices into the Yuba River or Dry Creek. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on or about the boat ramp except for such purpose.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.090; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.100. - Operation of vehicles within Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or park any motor vehicle in or upon any park or recreation area, except in those places specifically provided or designated for such purpose. As used in this Section, "motor vehicle" shall include any type of motor vehicle, including, without limitation, horse trailers, motorcycles, motorized two, three, or four wheel vehicles, buses, and automobiles. Operation of off road vehicles is prohibited. Bicyclists shall be permitted to wheel or push bicycles by hand on any grassy area, trail, or path reserved for pedestrian use. All non-motorized vehicles shall be operated at all times with reasonable regard for the safety of others.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.120; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.110. - Animals in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch.

- (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 Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch, unless such animal is on a leash and is under the complete control of the person owning or in responsible charge of such animal. Such leash shall not be more than eight feet in length.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of any person who owns or has charge, care, control or custody of any animal, while in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch, to clean up fecal matter from their animal before leaving the facility and to properly dispose of same.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.130; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.120. - 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 parking and overnight camping activities.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.140; Ord. No. 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.130. - Alcoholic beverages.

Alcoholic beverages may be used, possessed and consumed in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch. Alcoholic beverages may only be sold or distributed in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch if, prior to such sale or distribution, a permit is obtained from the County and such other agency or agencies as otherwise required by law. The fee for such permit and the manner in which it is issued shall be set forth in a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.150; Ord. No. 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.140. - Glass containers.

No glass containers of any type shall be permitted within Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch except within designated campgrounds.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.160; Ord. No. 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.150. - Vending and peddling.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of soliciting, selling, or peddling any liquids or edibles for human consumption, or to distribute circulars, or to hawk, peddle, or vend any goods, services, wares, or merchandise, in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch, except;

- (1) When authorized to do so by the County; or
- (2) As a third party vendor selected through bid process by Yuba County to act as a concessionaire for the management of camping or day use reservations, rentals and/or the sale of goods at Sycamore Ranch.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.170; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.160. - Fire prevention.

- (a) It shall be unlawful to carry, use or throw away any lit cigarette, cigar, ashes, or any other flaming or glowing substance except in designated barbeque areas, vehicles, or posted clear areas within Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch.
- (b) It shall be unlawful to kindle or maintain an open campfire or bonfire except in designated barbeque areas, fire pits, campfire rings or posted clear areas.
- (c) The County shall have authority to prohibit burning within Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch at any time if the danger of wildfire becomes elevated as determined in the County's sole discretion.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.180; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.170 - Restrooms.

It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms in a neat and sanitary condition. Male persons shall not resort to any restroom facility set apart for woman, and female persons shall not resort to any restroom facility set apart for men; provided, however, the provisions of this Section shall not apply to children accompanied by an adult person.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.190; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.180. - Trespassing.

No person shall enter any portion of Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch or buildings or portions thereof in Hammon Grove Park or Sycamore Ranch which are posted with signs which state "No Entry," "Keep Out," "No Trespassing," "Closed Area," or when gates are locked or other prohibition of entry is indicated.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.200; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.190. - Prohibited acts.

The following acts are prohibited at Hammon Grove Park and Sycamore Ranch:

- (1) Dumping, depositing or leaving 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 generated only in connection with normal activities in, and/or through the 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(s) responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- (2) Breaking, cutting, carving, defacing, injuring, mutilating, transplanting, removing or otherwise damaging any animal, grass, turf, plant, tree, shrub, flower, wood, dirt, mulch, sand or rock.
- (3) Marking, graffiti, defacing, disfiguring, injuring, tampering with, displacing, digging, removing, destroying, or obliterating any County-owned real or personal property of any kind.
- (4) Tampering, damaging, breaking, or causing 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.

- (5) Discharging 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.
- (6) Possessing, using, discharging or selling any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, explosives, or other fireworks of any type.
- (7) Hunting for wild animals or wild birds.
- (8) Trespassing 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.
- (9) Walking, standing, or sitting upon or otherwise use any monument, vase, fountain, railing, fence, or other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.
- (10) Disposing of, introducing or otherwise exposing 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.
- (11) Urinating, defecating or otherwise excreting 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.
- (12) Distributing, circulating, giving away, throwing or otherwise depositing any handbill, circular, dodger, pamphlet, paper or advertisement or post or affix the same to any tree, fence, building, or other property.
- (13) Producing 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.

(Prior Code, §§ 8.79.110, 8.79.210, 8.79.220; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.200. - Violations and 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 \$1,000.00 or both. Each separate day during which any violation occurs is a separate offense.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.230; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)

8.79.210. - Enforcement.

The provisions of this Chapter may be enforced by any duly appointed peace officer. Any person authorized to enforce the provisions of this Chapter may issue such citation or notice to appear as may be appropriate under the circumstances.

(Prior Code, § 8.79.240; Ord. No 1237; Ord. No. 1419; Ord. No. 1492; Ord. No. 1507)