

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF WADENA
COUNTY PARKS ORDINANCE #2**

(Amended 7/11/77)
(Amended 5/5/81)
(Amended 6/3/86)
(Amended 5/4/04)

An Ordinance prohibiting unlicensed field archaeology, possession of uncased firearms, disorderly conduct, or the damaging of plants and property upon Wadena County Parks. Establishing locations for camping, procedures for payment of camping fees, penalties for non-payment, hours open, and maximum consecutive number of days camping is permitted at any given site.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WADENA AND STATE OF MINNESOTA ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Purpose: The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the safety of persons and protection of property within the boundaries of, and upon the premises known and designated as County Parks, including "McGivern Park," "Old Wadena," "Bullard Bluff Campsite," "Cottingham Park," "Knob Hill Campsite," "Little White Dog," "Frames Landing," "Anderson Crossing," "Tree Farm," and all parks or campsites established subsequent to enactment of this Ordinance, which premises are owned by or under the jurisdiction of the County of Wadena and maintained as county parks and historic sites for the general welfare, education, and outdoor recreation of the citizens of and visitors to Wadena County.

SECTION 2.

Wadena County Parks: Wadena County Parks shall mean any tract of land owned or operated by Wadena County and designated as a park, campsite, historic site, and/or recreation area.

SECTION 3.

Unlicensed Field Archaeology: It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in field archaeology within the boundaries of, or upon the premises known and designated as Wadena County Parks, unless such person shall be duly licensed to engage in field archaeology as provided by Minnesota Statutes 138.36 and the laws amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto; and unless such person has obtained the written approval of the Wadena County Parks Board.

SECTION 4.

Disorderly Conduct: Whoever does any of the following in a designated Wadena County Park, knowing, or having reasonable grounds to know that it will, or will tend to alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace, is guilty of disorderly conduct, which is a misdemeanor:

- (1) Engages in brawling or fighting; or
- (2) Disturbs an assembly or meeting, not unlawful in its character; or
- (3) Engages in offensive, obscene, or abusive language, or is boisterous and noisy in conduct tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

SECTION 5.

Firearms: It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her possession, out of doors or within a motor vehicle, within the boundaries of, or upon the premises known and designated as Wadena County Parks, any rifle, shotgun, pistol, revolver, muzzle loading musket or other firearms, during the period from

May 1st until the day after Labor Day of each year, unless the same is (a) unloaded in both barrels and magazines and completely contained in a gun case especially made for that purpose, which is fully enclosed by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, with no portion of the firearm exposed, or (b) unloaded and contained in the trunk of a motor vehicle with the trunk door closed; provided that this section shall not apply to any peace officer being upon said premises while in the performance of his duties as such. Provided, further, that this section shall not apply to persons permitted to carry a pistol or revolver under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 624.714 and 624.715 and/or engaged in rodent or pest control authorized by the Parks Department. Target practice with a firearm is prohibited at all times during the year. This section shall not apply to the officially designated trap, skeet, and rifle/pistol range at McGivern Park. (Amended 6/3/86)

SECTION 6.

Damaging Property: It shall be unlawful for any person within the boundaries of, or upon the premises known and designated as Wadena County Parks, or while upon any public waters lying within the boundaries of Wadena County Parks, or upon any public road adjacent thereto, to willfully cut, injure, or take any tree, shrub, timber or plant, or to willfully injure, damage, take, remove, destroy, deface, or mutilate any guideboard, guide-post, historic marker, furniture, fixture, improvement, monument, tablet, building, or other property; provided that this section shall not apply to persons employed by or under contract with the County of Wadena in development and maintenance of said premises while engaged in the actual performance of such employment or contract.

SECTION 7.

Littering: It shall be unlawful to dispose of refuse, trash, or garbage within the boundaries of, or upon the premises known and designated as Wadena County Parks, except in the containers and receptacles provided. Said receptacles are provided for camping waste only and it shall be considered unlawful for person(s) to dispose of their household garbage, trash, refuse, or any other waste in said receptacles. (Amended 5/4/04)

SECTION 8.

Camping: Camping shall be permitted only in areas and locations designated for camping, and shall be on a first come, first served basis, except that Old Wadena Park can be reserved by contacting the Wadena County Parks Department and submitting the appropriate fees and application in advance of the date to be reserved. (Amended 5/4/04)

SECTION 9.

Camping Fees: Camping fees for each tent or camper vehicle as may be established by resolution of the Wadena County Board of Commissioners shall be enclosed in the fee envelopes provided and shall be deposited in the fee receptacles provided at each County Park campsite. Each envelope will be numbered, have a tear-off ticket with corresponding number that shall be displayed by all campers near the tent or camper entrance.

SECTION 10.

Hours Open: Wadena County Parks shall be open year around except when snow and road conditions or fire hazards require temporary closing. The parks shall be maintained and campfire wood provided only during the period beginning May 1 of each year and ending October 31 of the same year. Camping shall be limited to seven (7) consecutive days at any given campsite. Wadena County Parks shall close at 10 P.M. daily and remain closed until 6:00 A.M. the following day except to persons engaged in overnight camping. The Staples Sportsman Club Clubhouse at McGivern Park may remain open until 1:00 A.M. provided advance notice is given to the Wadena County Parks Department for notification or applicable law enforcement officers. (Amended 5/4/04)

SECTION 11.

Pets: Pets such as dogs and cats shall be on a leash at all times in all Wadena County Parks. The leash for pets shall not exceed six (6) feet in length.

SECTION 12.

Horses: Horses shall be prohibited in County Parks and campsites except in areas specifically designated as corrals or picket areas.

SECTION 13.

Fires: It shall be unlawful to build fires in other than designated fireplaces or throw lighted cigarettes, cigars, or other burning materials on to the ground surface.

SECTION 14.

Structures: It shall be unlawful to leave, store, abandon or otherwise cause to remain in any Wadena County Park, any fish house, shelter or dark house.

SECTION 15.

Vehicles: It shall be unlawful to park vehicles in other than designated parking space, or in such manner as to obstruct any avenue of ingress or egress to the area, except for the purpose of unloading and loading. Motor vehicles may be operated only on designated roads and parking areas. Motor vehicles may not be driven on roads which are posted, chained or gated prohibiting motor vehicles. "Vehicles," means every device upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, excepting devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or trucks. "Motor Vehicle," means every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires. Motor vehicles do not include a vehicle moved solely by human power. (Amended 5/5/81)

Motorized Recreational Vehicles: It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorized recreational vehicle within a park except in such areas and at times as designated by the Administrator and/or the Parks Supervisor. (Amended 5/4/04)

Vehicle Operation: It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle within a park except upon roadways, parking areas or other designated locations therefore. A speed limit not to exceed fifteen (15) miles per hour shall be strictly adhered to in camping and parking areas and where otherwise designated. (Amended 5/4/04)

SECTION 16.

Penalty: Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished therefore as provided by Minnesota Law. (Amended 5/5/81)

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONS THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1973.