

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

STATE PARKS DIVISION

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

(1) Visitors shall swim only in designated areas and 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 Conservation Chapter 220-5

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.

(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. Chapter 220-5 Conservation

(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.

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PENALTY: As provided by Section 9-2-9, Code of Ala. 1975.

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 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, anybody waste in or on any portion of Conservation Chapter 220-5 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.

Author:

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PENALTY: As provided by Section 9-2-9, Code of Ala. 1975.

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.

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220-5-.08 Prohibited Devices.

- (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.

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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.

Author:

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History: Filed September 30, 1982.

PENALTY: As provided by Section 9-2-9, Code of Ala. 1975.

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 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 Conservation Chapter 220-5

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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.

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