

NATRONA COUNTY PARK  
RULES AND REGULATIONS

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Section 1. Authority. These rules and regulations are promulgated by the Natrona County Parks Board and the Board of County Commissioners of Natrona County under the authority of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § [16-3-102](#) and Wyo. Stat. Ann. § [18-9-201\(a\)\(i\)](#).

These rules and regulations supersede all such previous regulations.

Section 2. Applicability. These rules shall apply within all areas administered by the Natrona County Board of County Commissioners with the advice of the Natrona County Parks Board and all lands within the Natrona County Parks system.

### Section 3. Definitions

(a) **Board**. For the purpose of these rules, the term "Board" shall mean the Board of Natrona County Commissioners or the designee of the Board.

(b) **Camping Unit**. Camping unit means a portable structure, shelter, or motor vehicle designed and intended for occupancy by persons engaged in RVing or camping. The basic camping units include but are not limited to travel trailers, motorhomes, tents, tepees, yurts, and motor vehicles that will be occupied overnight or other temporary overnight lodging devices.

(c) **Designated Swimming Area**. Designated Swimming Area shall mean those beaches delineated by buoys.

(d) **Designated Trails**. Designated Trails shall mean trails, which lie on County owned, leased or managed lands.

(e) **Electric Bicycle**. Means a bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the rider's use and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty (750) watts as defined by W.S. 31-1-101(a) (xxxiv).

(f) **Fat Tire Bicycle**. Means an off-road bicycle with oversized tires which are 3.8 inches or larger in width designed for low ground pressure to allow riding on soft, unstable terrain.

(g) **Firearms**. Firearms shall be defined as any projectile producing device, including but not limited to, air or gas-powered pistols and rifles, black powder replica weapons, blow guns, paint ball guns, bow and arrow, crossbow, slingshot, or any other implement designed to discharge missiles in the air or underwater.

(h) **Group**. The term "Group" shall refer to any gathering or congregation of persons numbering ten (10) or more.

(i) **Law Enforcement Peace Officer**. Law enforcement peace officer shall mean any certified law enforcement officer, whether local, state, or federal.

(j) **Motor Vehicle**. Means every vehicle which is self-propelled except vehicles moved solely by human power, electric bicycles or motorized skateboards and pedestrian vehicles.

(k) **Overnight**. Overnight shall mean occupying a designated camping area from **½ hour after official sunset and ½ hour before official sunrise**.

(l) **Parks**. For the purpose of these rules, the term "Parks" shall mean the Parks

Department acting through the direction of the Board, or the lands and facilities administered by the Board. These lands and facilities include, but are not limited to: Pathfinder Reservoir, (portions of which are in Natrona County), Alcova and Gray Reef Reservoirs, Rotary Park, the Bridle Trail, Beartrap Meadow Park, Ponderosa Park, Crimson Dawn, the Archery Range, Vista West Park, Hell's Half Acre, the Rifle Range on County Road 306, Casper Mountain Outdoor Center at McMurry Mountain Park and other lands acquired for management by Parks as may be defined from time to time in Appendix A.

(m) **Parks Director.** Shall mean any person duly appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to oversee management of the Parks Department.

(n) **Quiet** - Shall mean no unreasonably loud noise, music, or conduct that shall disturb the peace of the community and shall apply to quiet hours within Natrona County Parks.

(o) **Superintendent.** Superintendent shall mean the Parks Department employee overseeing operations at a specific area.

(p) **Vehicles.** The term "Vehicles" shall mean any automobile, van, truck, pickup, travel trailer, motor home, boat, motorcycle, bicycle, snowmobile, off road vehicles (ORV), off highway vehicle (OHV), or other motorized or non-motorized device used to transport passengers or goods. Vehicle does not include wheelchairs or other pedestrian vehicles used by the physically disabled for mobility as a pedestrian.

(q) **Winter Months.** Winter Months are November 15 through March 15, weather conditions prevailing.

(r) **UAS, Unmanned Aircraft Systems,** (aka drones) shall be defined as laid out under the FAA regulations Section 3336 or Part 107.

(s) **Designated Camp Site.** Means a site that has been constructed and delineated as a camping site. Site may have a fire ring, picnic table or a shaded shelter. Site will also be in an identified campground for example (Black Beach, Cottonwood, Okie Beach, West Side, Fremont Canyon, Pathfinder Reservoir Campgrounds, Beartrap Meadow and Archery Range).

(t) **Reserved Camp Site.** Means a site that has been constructed and delineated by a specific numeric number that is unique to that camping site. Site may have a fire ring, picnic table or a shaded shelter. Site will also be in an identified RESERVATION ONLY campground, examples are Black Beach, Okie Beach, Skunk Hollow, Elkhorn Springs, Beartrap Meadow, Deer Haven, Tower Hill, Archery Range and the full hookups located at Alcova Reservoir. These numbered sites can only be occupied by the authorized holder of the reservation agreement and their guests as registered on the Civic Rec reservation system. The reserved site shall only be allowed one camping unit. Examples include an RV, trailer, cab-over camper or a tent as defined in Section 3 Definition (b). In some cases, there are reserved sites that have the capacity for a tent to be placed in proximity to the original camping unit. This would be covered under the authorized reservation agreement associated with the specific site as numbered.

#### Section 4. Abandoned Property

- (a) Leaving any vehicle or other personal property unattended at any County park for longer than 24 hours, without prior permission of Natrona County Parks Department, is prohibited. The Board, its designee, or a law enforcement peace officer may impound any property so left. In the event unattended property interferes with the safe or orderly management of a park area, the Board, its designee, or a law enforcement peace officer may impound the property at any time, and such property shall be impounded at the expense of the owner.
- (b) In the event Natrona County equipment is required to assist with the removal/recovery at any Natrona County Parks location, a fee of \$250.00 per hour may be assessed plus any outside costs incurred.

#### Section 5. Aircraft, Powerless Flight, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), and Bungee Jumping

- (a) The operation or use of aircraft on lands or waters other than at landing areas designated in special regulations is prohibited. Where water surface is designated as a landing area, the operation or use of aircraft on the water within five hundred (500) feet of beach areas, boat docks, piers, ramps, or within one (1) mile of water control structures is prohibited.
- (b) Except in extreme emergencies involving the safety of human life or threat of serious property loss, the air delivery of any person or thing by parachute, helicopter or other means without prior written permission of the Board is prohibited.
- (c) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to aircraft engaged in official business of the County, State or Federal Government, or used in emergency rescue in accordance with the directions of the Superintendent or Parks Director, or if forced to land due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator.
- (d) The operation of aircraft shall be in accordance with current applicable regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration.
- (e) The launching or landing of sailplanes, gliders, parasailing, balloons, body kites, hang gliders and other devices designed to carry persons or objects through the air in powerless flight is prohibited without a written permit from the Board specifying the conditions under which such launching or landing is to be conducted.
- (f) Bungee jumping or the launching of rope swings from Natrona County bridges or rock faces is prohibited.
- (g) UAS operators with a valid Pilot Certificate from the FAA must acquire an authorization permit from the Natrona County Parks prior to use of their Certificate within Natrona County Park regulated areas.
- (h) UAS operator shall discontinue use upon Park Director Superintendent, or law enforcement request.
- (i) Any person operating a remote-controlled device shall discontinue use upon Park Superintendent, Park Director or Law Enforcement request.

## Section 6. Authority to Enforce

(a) All duly authorized peace officers, as defined in W.S. § [7-2-101](#), shall have authority to enforce these rules and regulations. Any person violating these rules (promulgated under authority of W.S. § [18-9-201](#), et seq.) is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

## Section 7. Camping

(a) Camping is defined as temporary overnight lodging for outdoor recreational purposes.

(b) Camping is permitted within designated locations, some of which are first come first served. Others that are by RESERVATION ONLY and may include the pitching of tents, parking of trailers or other camping units as defined in Section 3. Definitions (b).

(c) Each camping unit or individual is permitted to camp for a maximum of ten (10) days in any one campground. Upon the tenth (10) day, the camping unit must be removed or moved to a different campground other than the original campground. Moving to a different space within the original campground will not qualify as moving to a different campground. Changing out campers and/or tents within the original campground or campsite will not qualify as moving to a different campground. The installation of permanent camping facilities is prohibited.

(d) No person shall camp at a County park unless such camping shall be by authority of a valid permit. A camping permit must be purchased prior to establishing a campsite. RESERVED camping sites can be purchases on line 24/7 or at the Parks Department offices located at 538 SW Wyoming Boulevard Monday thru Friday during the regular established business hours. A valid campground use permit shall be located on each camping unit used for camping. Camping units that are vehicles shall display the permit on the driver side windshield. All others shall display permit in a visible and accessible place.

(e) Quiet shall be maintained in all camping areas used for camping between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. During quiet hours, music or other audio sounds and/or equipment heard outside of camping unit is prohibited. Generators may not operate during quiet time. EXCEPTION: Campground quiet approved generators (decibel level below 60dB(A) at fifty (50) feet) may be operated between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM if used to power medical equipment necessary to sustain or support life are permitted.

(f) No person or group at any time shall disturb the peace of the community or its inhabitants by unreasonably loud music or noise, or by using threatening, abusive, or obscene language or violent actions with knowledge or probable cause to believe that he/she will disturb the peace.

(g) All campsites must be clean at all times. All garbage, papers, cans, bottles, waste materials, animal waste and rubbish of any kind must be bagged and deposited in containers designated for public use and disposal thereof, or removed

from the area. Dumping of garbage in the fire rings is prohibited. Disposal of furniture or appliance type items, couches, chairs, beds, stoves, refrigerators, tires or demolition waste will not be allowed. In addition, any HAZARDOUS WASTE (oil, gas, antifreeze, paint or chemicals) is prohibited.

(h), Permission to enter or occupy a camping area is reserved to campers with valid camping permits between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. No other persons shall have permission to enter or occupy such areas during this time period. All Law Enforcement, Emergency Responders and Park Employees are exempted from this rule while on duty.

(i) All camping permits expire at 11:00 AM on the last day of the permit period.

(j) Camper units must be contained or parked within a designated campsite.

(k) Shelters, docks, the lodge and camping locations are not reserved until payment has been received.

(l) All ADA camp sites are reserved for eligible persons as defined in W.S. § [31-2-213\(d\)\(ii\)](#), with vehicles displaying an international symbol of access or special license plate including disabled veterans license plates.

#### Section 8. Closures

(a) The Board, Parks Director or Superintendent may establish a reasonable schedule of visiting hours for all or portions of a County park and they may close to public use all or any portion of a park when necessary for the protection of an area or the safety and welfare of persons or property by the posting of appropriate signs indicating the extent and scope of such closures.

(b) All persons shall observe and abide by officially posted signs designating closed areas and visiting hours.

(c) All areas designated as "day-use only" must be vacated by 10:00 PM except with written permission of the Board. These areas will remain closed until 7:00 AM unless otherwise specified by signage.

(d) The Alcova Trailer Park Sewage Lagoon, water supply areas, service buildings and lots both at Alcova Lake and Casper Mountain are restricted to authorized personnel only.

#### Section 9. Conduct

(a) Visitors to any park shall conduct themselves in a lawful, peaceful, and orderly manner.

(b) No glass beverage containers are allowed in any County parks.

(c) All state statutes may be enforced within County Parks.

(d) No person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or hallucinatory drugs shall be permitted to create a circumstance, causing inconvenience or annoyance, which disrupts or disturbs the orderly operations or enjoyment of the parks or its visitors. No person who is under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance to a degree which renders them a hazard to themselves or others shall be permitted in County parks.

(e) In addition to any other penalties provided, the violator may be trespassed as

defined by W.S. 6-3-303 from a park or the Natrona County park system by a law enforcement peace officer, Director of Parks, or superintendent for a period of time not to exceed (6) months and forfeit all monies paid.

- (i) If determined by the Board that a violator is a repeat offender, that violator may be trespassed for a longer period of time to be set by the Board.
- (ii) A trespassed individual may appeal the decision to trespass to the Board. The decision of the Board is final.

#### Section 10. Domestic Pets and Livestock.

(a) Dogs, cats and other pets are prohibited unless they are crated, caged, or on a controlled leash no longer than ten (10) feet in length. The exception to the above rule would be for hunting dogs during the act of hunting or for dogs that have been authorized for training exercises. Dogs may be trained in designated areas with permission of the Board, Superintendent or Parks Director.

(b) Pets are prohibited in public eating places and food stores, public buildings, and on designated posted beach areas. EXCEPTION: This paragraph shall not apply to service animals.

(c) The Superintendent, Parks Director, law enforcement peace officer, or Metro Animal Control may impound dogs, cats or other pets running at large. Animals running at large may be disposed of by a peace officer or in accordance with W.S. § 11-31-301.

(d) In park areas where hunting is permitted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, the lawful use of hunting dogs is allowed provided the dogs' owners or handlers accompany and have control of such dogs and are responsible for the actions of such dogs.

(e) Grazing or ranging domestic animals or poultry is prohibited without prior written authorization by the Parks Department or appropriate federal land management agencies.

(f) Pets shall not be left unattended.

(g) Parcels of County Park lands may be closed permanently or for a specified period of time to domestic pets in order to protect wildlife or adjacent landowner's rights.

(h) Persons with pets excluding livestock, will be responsible for proper removal and disposal of the animal's waste in an approved trash receptacle.

#### Section 11. Fees

(a) The Board has the authority to set and arrange for the collection of fees for services and/or facilities provided.

(b) Water taken from any County operated hydrant is prohibited unless the use is for recreational purposes and the hydrant is approved for this use or it has been authorized by the Parks Director for an alternate approved use.



(c) All boat trailers stored in the designated Alcova Boat Trailer Storage Site require a valid permit issued by the Board. Such permit must be displayed on each boat trailer stored in this area. Only empty boat trailers will be allowed in this facility. Trailers that do not display a permit sticker may be towed at the owner's expense.

(d) No refund of camping, dock, shelter or lodge fees will be made for any reason, including but not limited to: adverse weather, changing water levels, wildfires, or any other reason. **The exception to this rule is for reserved sites. As long as holder of the reservation meets the requirements of the agreed to reservation and they give proper notice of cancellation, there will be a credit to their account.**

## Section 12. Fires

(a) The kindling of fires in designated campsites is permitted only when the fire is confined in a grill, a park provided fire pit or fire ring, or in locations specified by the Board, or in commercially manufactured stoves or lanterns that use propane, butane gas, white gas or similar fuels. Pallets are not allowed on Park property and cannot be used as firewood. Rock fire pits/rings or any fabrication of fire pits/rings other than park approved fire pits/rings are prohibited.

(b) Fires shall be kindled in such a manner so as to prevent injury to shrubs, grasses, or other combustible matter. Fires are to be reasonable in size (i.e. no more than 4ft flame lengths) and shall be confined within the containment device. Standing trees, living or dead may not be cut or defaced.

(c) When no longer needed, the fire shall be completely extinguished and cold to the touch. Leaving a fire unattended is prohibited.

(d) The Board may prohibit fires on parklands or facilities at any time with notice.

(e) The discharge or use of fireworks or pyrotechnic devices of any kind or nature on park lands are prohibited, except special displays which must be approved by the Board or designated representative through application for a special use permit.

(f) No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco, paper or other flammable material within any park property.

## Section 13. Fishing, Hunting And Trapping

(a) Fishing is permitted on all Park lands subject to general fishing regulations prescribed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

(b) Any area or portion of an area may be closed to all or any forms or methods of fishing by official action of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

(c) Fishing from within twenty (20) yards of any public boat ramp, boat dock, mooring area or designated areas is prohibited from April 15 through October 15.

- (d) Fishing from motor vehicle road bridges is prohibited.
- (e) County parks and recreation areas or portions thereof are closed to hunting unless otherwise posted subject to general hunting regulations prescribed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and the Board. Use of firearms or other projectile devices are prohibited within four hundred (400) yards of any public use facility or activity area, including picnic areas, campgrounds, private cabin and concession areas, boat ramps, public roads, designated trails, and parking lots. The Archery Range, Casper Mountain Outdoor Center at McMurry Park and Platte River Rod and Gun Club are exempt from this prohibition.
- (f) Firearms or other projectile devices may be used by the public in designated areas or by permit from the Parks Director only.
- (g) All ice fishing equipment, vehicles, and debris must be removed from the frozen lake surface prior to departure. Ice shelters must have owner identification as required by Game and Fish Commission regulations.
- (h) Bow fishing for non-game fish is allowed where and when permitted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department and as otherwise regulated by these rules.
- (i) The Board reserves the right to close areas to hunting or fishing.
- (j) Trapping of animals is prohibited. The exception would be trapping performed and monitored by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

#### Section 14. Permits, Special Use and Reservations

- (a) Sporting events, races, pageants, re-enactments, regattas, entertainment, fishing derbies, public meetings, assemblies, selling merchandise or food services, posting, or distributing any information, demonstrations, parades and the like, characterized as public spectator attractions or participant activities, are prohibited unless written permission therefore has been given by the Board. Such events shall be issued a permit only after a finding that the issuance of such permit will not be inconsistent with the purpose for which the area is established and maintained and will cause the minimum possible interference with use of the area by the general public. The permit may contain such reasonable conditions and restrictions as to duration and area occupied as are necessary for the protection of the area and the public use.
- (b) Applications for a Special Use Permit shall be received by the Board/Parks Director not later than thirty (30) days prior to the requested special activity and shall set forth the following: the name of the applicant, the date, time, duration, nature and place of the proposed activity, an estimate of the number of persons expected to attend, and a statement of equipment and facilities to be used in connection with the event or attraction.
- (c) The Board may prohibit the consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages within specified areas of County parks for specific activities and shall display such restrictions.
  - (i) The Board may require applicants to arrange for general liability insurance to cover participants, with Natrona County named as an

- additional insured.
- (ii) As a condition of the permit issuance, the Board may require the filing of a bond with satisfactory surety payable to the Board/County, to cover costs such as restoration, rehabilitation and cleanup of the area used, and other costs resulting from the permittee activity. In lieu of a bond, a permittee may elect to deposit cash equal to the amount of the required bond.
  - (iii) Alcohol permits are required for gatherings of more than ten (10) adults where alcohol is present. These permits may be obtained from the Board.
  - (iv) Selling of alcohol is prohibited without proper permitting from the Natrona County Commissioners.
- (d) The Board may designate certain non-leased lands or facilities to be reserved for groups, or in connection with special use permits. Written reservations must be obtained from the Board at least seven (7) days prior to the gathering. In addition, an alcohol permit may be required.
- (e) Applicants for sporting events, races, pageants, re-enactments, regattas, entertainment, fishing derbies, public meetings, assemblies, demonstrations, parades and the like, on water surfaces are required to obtain prior permission from the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission before approval is granted by Parks.
- (f) Group shelters must be reserved for group use; however they may not be used for camping. All group shelters must be vacated by 10:00 PM.
- (g) Camping fees are in addition to group shelter rental fees.
- (h) Group shelters reserved by a group have primary use by that aforementioned group for the day reserved. (Reserving group must have a valid reservation form and receipt in their possession.)

#### Section 15. Picnicking / Day use

- (a) Picnicking is permitted except in those locations designated by the Board through the posting of appropriate signs.
- (b) Camp sites located in RESERVATION ONLY campgrounds may be used for picnicking but only by establishing a reservation for the intended period of use. This would be treated just like a reservation for a camping unit; however, the use would only be for a picnic. The reservation can be made on line 24/7 or at the Parks Department office located at 538 SW Wyoming Boulevard Monday thru Friday during the regularly established business hours.
- (c) Glass beverage containers are prohibited in all County parks.

#### Section 16. Preservation of Public Property.

- (a) The destruction, injury, defacement, removal or disturbance in any manner of any building, sign, equipment, monument, statue, marker or other structure, or of any animal or plant matter and direct or indirect products thereof, including but not limited to petrified wood, flower, cane, fruit, egg, nest, or nesting site, or of any soil,

rock or mineral formation, artifact, relic, historic or prehistoric feature, or of any other public property of any kind on park lands is prohibited without prior permission of the Superintendent. Fruit and berries gathered with permission of the Superintendent need to be consumed on the premises.

(b) Digging, excavating, or the use of any mineral or metal detecting devices at a historic or archeological site is prohibited, except for official use.

(c) The destroying, digging, cutting, removing, or possession of any tree, shrub or plant is prohibited; the collection and possession of dead wood found on the ground for use as fuel in campgrounds or picnic areas is permitted except where prohibited as posted by appropriate signs.

(d) Timber may be removed from the Parks only by obtaining either a timber contract, wood permit or special permission from the Board.

(e) Entering, climbing upon, or tampering with County owned structures, motor vehicles and motorized or power equipment is prohibited.

#### Section 17. Public Safety.

(a) Unless otherwise provided on County park lands, no person shall:

(i) Possess or use explosives of any kind on park lands.

(ii) Possess a firearm, or other projectile device, including an air gun or bow and arrow, unless in full compliance with Wyoming State Law.

(iii) Use or display any other type of weapon in a threatening manner (including, but not limited to, sling shots and switchblade knives).

#### Section 18. Sanitation

(a) All campsites must be clean at all times. All garbage, papers, cans, bottles, waste materials and rubbish of any kind must be bagged and deposited in containers designated for public use and disposal thereof or removed from the area. Dumping garbage in fire rings is prohibited. Disposal of furniture or appliance type items, couches, chairs, beds, stoves, refrigerators, tires or demolition waste will not be allowed. In addition, dumping any HAZARDOUS WASTE (oil, gas, antifreeze, paint or chemicals) is prohibited.

(b) Draining or dumping refuse or wastes from any trailer, portable toilet, or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for such use is prohibited.

(c) Campground hydrants shall be used only for the gathering of water for onsite personal and domestic use. Connection of water sources to camping units is prohibited unless in a "full-hookup" campsite.

(d) Polluting or contaminating, in any manner, any watershed water supplies or water used for drinking purposes, is prohibited.

(e) Depositing any bodily waste in or on any portion of any comfort station or other public structure except into fixtures provided for that purpose is prohibited. Placing any bottle, can, cloth, rag, metal, wood or stone substances in any of the plumbing fixtures of such structure or station is prohibited.

(f) Urinating or defecating other than at the public restrooms provided is prohibited.

(g) Using Parks' refuse-containers or other refuse facilities for dumping household

- or commercial garbage or trash brought as such from private property is prohibited.
- (h) Glass beverage containers are prohibited.
  - (i) Hydrant sites in the parks are not to be used as washing or cleaning areas. The water must be transported to the camping area.
  - (j) Pallets are not allowed within County Parks.

Section 19. Solicitation.

- (a) Commercial solicitation of any kind is prohibited provided that this section shall not apply to transactions with authorized concessions. All concessions must possess a concession contract issued by the Board.

Section 20. Special Areas.

(a) Rotary Park (Casper Mountain)

- (i) Rotary Park is a day use area only. The park is open year-round. However, the Parks Director may, at his or her discretion, determine that conditions exist such that the park may be closed. Walk in day use is still permitted when the gate is closed. **In the event the parking lots are impassable due to weather conditions, it should be noted parking on the County road is prohibited.**
- (ii) Rotary Park shall be open daily from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
- (iii) No alcohol is allowed in Rotary Park.
- (iv) Hiking is restricted to the designated trail system.
- (v) Additional uses or times may be allowed by Board issued permit or trail use pass.
- (vi) Bicycles are not allowed on trails within Rotary Park.
- (vii) Open fires are not allowed. Commercially approved propane stoves and grills will be allowed.

(b) Bridle Trail (Casper Mountain)

- (i) No vehicles, including bicycles, (as defined herein), are permitted on the designated Bridle Trail on Casper Mountain, i.e., the Bridle Trail having its trail head in Rotary Park and traversing lower Garden Creek Canyon.

(c) Casper Mountain

- (i) Camping is prohibited during the winter months unless permitted by the Board.
- (ii) Parking areas may be utilized during the winter months at night when directly linked to cross country skiing, snowshoeing, fat-tire/ snow bike biking or snowmobiling activities.

(d) Fremont Canyon Parking Lot and Adjacent Areas (Alcova) - defined as follows:  
Fremont Canyon parking lot on Southerly end of Lake Shore Drive, including all areas south of the parking lot to the edge of the water and West to the Bureau of Reclamation boundary fence.

- (i) The consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages, including malt beverages, are prohibited in the Canyon Area.

- (ii) Diving or jumping into the water from the land area is prohibited in the Canyon Area.
- (e) Sandy Beach (Alcova)
  - (i) Day use only, areas are closed from 10:00 PM through 7:00 AM.
  - (ii) Water skiing and boating within the buoyed area are prohibited.
  - (iii) Vehicle parking on the lower Sandy Beach road leading from Sandy Beach parking lot to the irrigation diversion structure is prohibited. This area is reserved for vehicle loading and unloading only. County, State and Federal vehicles conducting official business are exempt.
- (f) Lakeshore Drive Public Swimming Area (across from trailer park)
  - (i) Day use only, area is closed from 10:00 PM through 7:00 AM.
- (g) Robert L. Adams Memorial Archery Range (Casper Mountain)
  - (i) Hunting is prohibited within the Archery Range.
  - (ii) Alcohol is prohibited on the Archery Range.
  - (iii) No broadhead arrows are allowed on the range.
- (h) Crimson Dawn Park
  - (i) No food or beverage is permitted within Crimson Dawn Park at any time.
  - (ii) Crimson Dawn Park is a day use area only and is open as posted.
  - (iii) Smoking is prohibited at Crimson Dawn.
- (i) Ponderosa Park
  - (i) Camping is not permitted.
- (j) Rifle Range on County Road 306
  - (i) Hunting is prohibited within the Rifle Range.
  - (ii) Alcohol is prohibited at the Rifle Range.
  - (iii) Camping is not permitted.
- (k) Slash Pile Area (Tower Hill Park)
  - (i) Open May through October weather permitting.
  - (ii) No trash, building materials, fencing materials, pallets, livestock waste, bedding, metal, furniture, etc. is allowed in the slash pile. Only waste timber products from logging and timber slash is permitted in the Slash Pile Area. Violators will be prosecuted in accordance with Park rules and regulations including TRESPASS from the slash pile area.
  - (iii) Contractors, tree companies or loggers contributing over 20 loads per year are required to obtain a commercial dump permit. The Board will determine the permit fees for the commercial dump permit.
- (l) Casper Mountain Outdoor Center at McMurry Park
  - (i) Hunting is prohibited within the Park
  - (ii) Alcohol is prohibited within the Park without a permit
  - (iv) Camping is not permitted within the Park

Section 21. Special Regulations.

- (a) Construction of any facility, shelter or shoreline installation or disturbance of

the ground without approval of the Board and without having obtained the appropriate permits is prohibited.

(b) Unauthorized trail construction is prohibited.

## Section 22. Trail Use.

All designated trails are open to foot traffic. Bicycle and equestrian use is permitted where designated. Foot traffic, other than snowshoeing, on winter multi-use trails during the winter months is prohibited without special authorization by the Parks Director.

(b) Motorized vehicles as defined by Wyoming State Statute are prohibited from blocking, driving or parking on designated trails without permission of the Board. Parks and emergency vehicles performing maintenance, management or emergency functions are allowed.

(c) Riding or hitching horses, or other saddle or pack animals in campgrounds or picnic areas or within the immediate vicinity of shelters, eating or sleeping establishments or other areas of public gatherings, except where trails and facilities are provided or designated for such use is prohibited.

(d) Riders shall slow their horses to a slow trot or walk when passing persons on foot or bicycle. Bicyclists shall yield to all traffic.

(e) Pedestrians or bicyclists on trails shall conduct themselves in such a manner as not to frighten or interfere with horses or pack animals when passing or being passed. Pedestrians and/or bicyclists must yield to horseback riders.

(f) All ski, fat-tire bikes, and snowshoe users of the Casper Mountain winter multi-use trail system must have a valid trail pass in possession at all times. Pass must be displayed and produced at the request of law enforcement or Parks Director or designee.

(g) Snowshoe and fat-tire biking traffic is allowed on the winter multi-use trails.

(h) No domestic animals or pets are allowed on the winter multi-use trails.

(i) The Board has authority to set speed limits on trails, roads or in parking lots for all motorized vehicles within the Parks, specifically including snowmobile or snowmobile trails within the park boundaries.

(j) No snowmobiles, ORVs and/or OHVs are allowed on designated winter multi-use trails. Parks and emergency vehicles performing maintenance, management or emergency functions are allowed. Others uses must be approved by the Parks Board, Parks Superintendent or Parks Director.

(k) Sledding, coasting, tubing, tobogganing, or snowboarding is not allowed in Casper Mountain Park's Bumps-a-Daisy Hill area, the multi-use winter trails, or other areas designated by the Board. Exception: human pulled sled/snow cart for transporting children is allowed.

(l) Damage to roads, trails, winter recreation trails or land, in any area owned or controlled by the Board, by operating or extracting a vehicle, is prohibited. All repair costs shall be the responsibility of the violator.

## Section 23. Vehicles.

- (a) No person shall operate a motorized vehicle in any County park except on such roads, beaches, trails, or areas designated for such use. This shall include motorcycles, trial bikes, off road vehicles (ORVs, OHVs), mopeds, snowmobiles, and all other vehicles.
- (b) Vehicles with metal lugs, cleats or tracks that may be injurious to the roads are prohibited. Exception: This does not include studded snow tires or tire chains.
- (c) Vehicular traffic within campgrounds and picnic areas is limited to ingress and egress only.
- (d) Motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers and camp trailers, (RV's, campers, etc.), which do not bear valid license plates and are not registered in accordance with applicable state laws, may not be parked, towed, or otherwise operated within the confines of a County park. All such vehicles not properly registered and/or licensed shall be deemed in violation and may be impounded by a Law Enforcement Peace Officer. Valid proof of ownership or state registration as well as proof of insurance must be displayed upon the request of any authorized person.
- (e) No person shall operate a vehicle with reckless disregard for the safety and rights of other persons, particularly so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person as per W.S. § [31-5-229](#).
- (f) Any person who drives any vehicle in a manner inconsistent with the exercise of due and diligent care normally exercised by a reasonably prudent person under similar circumstances and where such operation of a motor vehicle creates an unreasonable risk of harm to other persons or property is guilty of careless driving under W.S. § [31-5-236](#).
- (g) In accordance with W.S. § [31-5-953](#), the operation of a motor vehicle in such a manner as to create noise(s) greater than is required in normal operation is prohibited.
- (h) Only persons possessing a valid motor vehicle operator's license may operate a vehicle on County park land.
- (i) Off road vehicle traffic is not allowed unless for official park business or where authorized by Parks Director or Superintendent.
- (j) The Board has the authority to designate certain areas within the County parks as "No Parking Areas."
- (k) Leaving any vehicle or other personal property unattended at any County park for longer than 24 hours is prohibited and the Board or a law enforcement peace officer may impound any property so left. In the event unattended property interferes with the safe or orderly management of the park area, the Board or Law Enforcement Peace Officer may impound it at any time, and such property shall be impounded at the expense of the owner.
- (l) The Board has the authority to limit the use of or exclude certain types of motorized and/or non-motorized vehicles from any roads or trails in any County park.
- (m) Parking or leaving a vehicle unattended so that it interferes with the safe or orderly management of the park area (blocking a road, trail, picnic area or



campground, winter recreation trail etc.) is prohibited and any vehicle so left may be removed (towed) and impounded at the owner's expense by the Board or a Law Enforcement Peace Officer at any time. The owner or operator of such a vehicle is responsible for all removal, towing and impoundment costs for that vehicle.

(n) These rules are in addition to and supplement the Wyoming State Motor Vehicle Statutes, Title 31, which are in force and which are incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

#### Section 24. Off Road Vehicle Regulations

(a) ORVs and OHVs operated in Natrona County Parks or on public roads in the Parks shall be licensed, insured, properly equipped and operated as a motor vehicle as designated by state statute. EXCEPTION: Golf carts equipped with two working headlights, two tail lights, slow moving vehicle placard clearly visible from the rear of the golf cart and driven by a licensed driver may be used to travel the area from the intersection of Lake View Road and Lake Shore Drive south to Fremont Canyon (dead end of Lake Shore Drive) on the south side of Alcova Lake. All occupants must remain seated and no person may cling, hang or stand upon the golf cart while in operation.

#### Section 25. Water Sports: Designated Swimming Areas

(a) No lifeguards are provided at designated swimming areas. Swimmers swim at their own risk.

(b) No person may build or tend any fires at designated swimming areas.

(c) No fishing is allowed at any designated swimming areas from April 15 - October 15.

(d) Persons using park lands shall be clothed so as to prevent any indecent or lewd exposure of the person, as defined by W.S. § [6-4-201](#).

(i) Dressing and undressing except in bathhouses, tents, enclosed boats or camper units is prohibited.

(e) No dogs, cats or other domestic animals are allowed on designated posted beach areas.

#### Section 26. Water Sports: Boating

(a) Boating is permitted on all waters in County parks subject to general boating regulations prescribed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

(b) Any area or portion of an area within County park boundaries may be closed by the Game and Fish Commission under W.S. § [41-13-211](#) to all or any forms of watercraft by the placing of signs, markers, buoys, or other appropriate devices in widespread and common use for such purposes.

(c) Watercraft shall not be left unattended in waters owned or controlled by the Board except at designated mooring, anchoring or beaching locations. Vehicles and/or trailers must be completely removed from the water after launching or recovering watercraft and if left unattended, may be towed by order of the Board, its designee, or a Law Enforcement Peace Officer, with all related fees being paid

by the registered owner. Vehicles and trailers left in the boat ramp areas, which hinder other users, are prohibited, and may be towed by order of the Board, its designee, or a Law Enforcement Peace Officer with all related fees being paid by the registered owner.

(d) Docks installed adjacent to boat ramps shall be used only for the following purposes: Launching and recovery of watercraft and embarking and disembarking passengers. The mooring of watercraft at such docks for any other reason or for a period of time greater than that reasonable to accomplish the permitted activities is prohibited. Activities such as skateboarding, bicycling, rollerblading, placing ramps, ramp jumping, and similar activities are prohibited.

(e) The towing of persons on water skis, surfboards, and similar devices by vessels is permitted except on those portions of water surface restricted by buoy markers or signs, provided such activity is conducted in accordance with boating regulations prescribed by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.

(f) Boat races, Jet Ski competitions, water ski competitions or regattas may be permitted in the Parks with the written permission of the Board and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Application for approval of any event must be submitted to the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the event. An application must also be submitted to and approved by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Watercraft Section prior to Board approval and the event.

(g) In accordance with W.S. § [41-13-209](#) every motorboat shall be equipped, maintained and operated so as to prevent excessive or unusually loud noise.

(h) Watercraft must be launched and recovered from Parks Department designated boat ramps only. The launching and recovery of watercraft from any other portion of the shoreline is prohibited, unless permitted by the Board, Parks Director or their designee. In the event water levels render boat ramps unusable or in an emergency situation launching and recovery of watercraft may be permitted from the shoreline. Vehicles and/or trailers must be completely removed from the water upon launching or recovering any watercraft. Leaving vehicles and/or trailers in the water for the mooring of watercraft is prohibited.

#### Section 27. Suspension of Rules

(a) In emergency situations, the Parks Director may provide temporary exceptions to the general rules for a specific park, by posting notice of such exception at said park.

#### Section 28. Savings Clause

(a) If any provision of these rules or their application to any person or circumstance is held invalid or in conflict with any other provision of these rules, such a situation shall not be deemed to invalidate any of the individual provisions of these rules.

#### Section 29. Penalty Clause

(a) These rules are adopted pursuant to Wyoming Statute and are specifically subject to the provisions of W.S. § [18-3-501](#) et seq. and [18-9-101](#) et seq. and shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions.

(i) Any person violating these rules is guilty of a misdemeanor

and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.

- (ii) In addition to any other penalties, any person violating these rules may be trespassed from the park.

(b) It shall constitute notice to appear to every person charged with violation of the Natrona County Parks Rules and Regulations listed below, if any Law Enforcement Peace Officer (as defined herein) affixes to or deposits on a motor vehicle (as defined herein) a ticket identifying the violation and indicating the place, date, and time such violator shall appear in County Court to answer the ticket. The Natrona County Parks Rules and Regulations for which violations will be ticketed in the above manner are as follows:

- (i) Section 4(a) and Section-23(k) - Leaving any vehicle or other personal property unattended at any County park for longer than 24 hours, is prohibited and the Board, their designee, or a Law Enforcement Peace Officer may impound any property so left. In the event unattended property interferes with the safe or orderly management of the park area, the Board, designee, or law enforcement peace officer may impound it at any time, and such property shall be impounded at the expense of the owner.
- (ii) Section 7(d) No person shall camp overnight at a County park unless such overnight camping shall be by authority of a valid permit. A camping permit must be purchased prior to establishing a campsite. A valid campground use permit shall be located on each camping unit used for camping. Camping units that are vehicles shall display the permit on the driver side windshield, all others shall display permit in a visible and accessible place.
- (iii) Sections 22(b) Motorized vehicles, (with the exception of snow mobiles, ORVs and OHVs on designated winter –multi-use trails), are prohibited from blocking, driving or parking on designated trails without permission of the Board. Parks and emergency vehicles performing maintenance, management or emergency functions are allowed. Section-23(a) No person shall operate a motorized vehicle in any County park except on such roads, beaches, trails or areas designated for such use. This shall include motorcycles, trail bikes, off road vehicles (ORVs, OHVs), mopeds, snowmobiles, and all other vehicles.
- (iv) Section 23(m) Parking or leaving a vehicle unattended so that it interferes with the safe or orderly management of the park area, (blocking a road, trail, picnic area or campground, winter recreation trail, etc.), is prohibited and any vehicle so left may be removed (towed) and impounded at the owner's expense by the Board or a Law Enforcement Peace Officer at any time.

The owner or operator of such a vehicle is responsible for all removal, towing and impoundment costs for that vehicle.

- (v) Section 26(c) Watercraft shall not be left unattended in waters owned or controlled by the Board except at designated mooring, anchoring, or beaching locations. Vehicles and/or trailers must be completely removed from the water after launching or recovering watercraft and if left unattended may be towed by order of the Board, designee, or law enforcement peace officer with all related fees being paid by the registered owner. Vehicles and trailers left in the boat ramp areas, which hinder other users, are prohibited and may be towed by order of the Board, designee or a law enforcement peace officer with all related fees being paid by the registered owner.

(c) For purposes of this section, registration shall be deemed evidence of control. The fact that any motor vehicle (as defined herein) is registered under the name of a person shall be prima facie evidence that such person was in control of the motor vehicle at the time of such violation.