



**General Use Regulation Ordinance  
Of the  
Forest Preserve District of  
Rock Island County  
Illinois**

**Illiniwek Hampton    Niabi Zoo Coal Valley    Dorrance Port Byron    Loud Thunder Illinois City    Indian Bluff Milan    Ralph Martin Illinois City**

**CHAPTER II-PROTECTION OF  
PROPERTY, STRUCTURES AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Section 1-Destruction or Misuse of Property and Structures.** No person shall upon or in connection with any property of the District.

- a. remove, take, deface, mutilate or destroy any property, equipment, improvement, sign, building or other construction owned by the District in or upon any land owned by the District;
- b. take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy or remove any historical or pre-historical ruin or parts thereof, or any object of antiquity, without written permission of the District;
- c. throw, carry, cast, drag, push or deposit any refuse container, picnic table, barricade or any other moveable or non-moveable property into any lake, pond, slough, stream or lagoon or upon frozen waters thereof or to otherwise move, stack or hide such property in such a way as to render in unavailable to the general public for its intended use, to cause a hazard to public safety or to damage or destroy such property;
- d. occupy or inhabit, or cause to be occupied or inhabited, any house, barn, shelter, shed or other structure or use for any storage, or cause to be used for the storage of any goods, any house, barn, shelter, shed or other structure without approval of the Board, and written permission of the District;
- e. enter into or upon any preserve or waters or areas thereof or structure closed or posted against trespass, without written permission of the District; these structures or areas may be, but not limited to , employee residences or their immediately surrounding area, construction areas, work safety zones, equipment or material storage structures or areas, workshops or stations, tree nurseries or areas undergoing intensive reforestation or other soil or vegetative treatment or areas hazardous to public safety or health;
- f. tamper with in any way , climb or enter upon, damage or remove anything from, any District vehicle, watercraft, machine or implement, without written permission of the District;

- g. misuse any refuse container or receptacle by depositing into it any hot coals or any other hot or burning substances; or by depositing into it any garbage, trash, refuse or other unwanted material that was not generated on the site in the course of normal, lawful use of Forest Preserve facilities.

**Section 2-Destruction or Misuse of Natural Resources.** No person shall upon or in connection with any property of the District;

- a. cut, remove uproot or wantonly destroy any tree, sapling, seeding, bush, shrub, flower or plant, whether alive or dead or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree, shrub or bush or break or remove any branch or foliage thereof or pick or gather any seed or any tree or other plant, without written permission of the District;
- b. remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth humus, downed timber, wood chips, peat, rock, sand or gravel or remove or cause to be removed any other natural material of the forest floor or earth, without written permission of the District;
- c. hunt, pursue, trap, capture, catch, molest, poison, wound or kill or attempt to hunt, trap, capture, catch, molest, poison, wound or kill any invertebrate animal, mammal or bird, reptile or amphibian, disturb, molest or rob the nest of any mammal, bird, insect, reptile or amphibian or the lair, den or burrow of any mammal, bird, insect, reptile, or amphibian, without written permission of the District;
- d. fish in any waters of the District posted against fishing or by using a bow and arrow, spear or sling-shot; or with any device using more than two hooks per line; or any net; seine or trap; or with attended or unattended lines during the hours that Forest Preserves are closed as defined by provisions this ordinance or in violation of any applicable laws of the state of Illinois as administered by the Conservation Department thereof in violation of any regulations or restrictions posted by the District controlling the size, species and number of fish that can be taken from a designated body of water;
- e. release or cause to be released any wild, domestic or pet animal, bird, fish or reptile or bring in or plant or distribute the seeds or spores of any flowering or non-flowering plants brought into or upon district lands, or waters from any outside source whatsoever, without written permission of the District;
- f. use or cause to be used any chemical or biological pesticide or any other substance, measure or process designed to alter the anatomy or physiology of any organism for the purpose of directly manipulating their populations, without written permission of the District and then only in compliance with all applicable law of the State of Illinois and the United States;
- g. drive or cause to be driven or allow to enter on District property, any livestock to graze or browse, without written permission of the District;
- h. deposit, dump, throw, cast, lay or place, nor cause to be deposited, dumped, thrown, cast, laid or placed any ashes, trash, rubbish, paper, garbage, refuse, debris, or junk;

### **Section 3-Contraband**

All animals, plants, birds, fish or reptiles, or parts thereof, killed, captured, trapped or taken or brought, sold or bartered or had in possession contrary to any provision of this ordinance or applicable laws of the State of Illinois shall be, and are

hereby declared contraband and as such, shall be subject to seizure by an ranger, ranger police, caretaker or employee of the District or by any duly sworn peace officer.

**Section 4-Destruction by Misuse of Fire.** No person shall upon or in connection with any property of the District;

- a. set fires, or cause to be set on fire, any tree, forest, brush land, grassland, meadow, prairie, marsh, slash, refuse, refuse container or structure;
- b. build a fire anywhere, for any purpose, except in provided fireplaces or provided or privately owned fire receptacles without written permission from the District;
- c. build a fire or cause a fire to start in or out of a receptacle close to or in any structure whatsoever or close to any tree or other plants in such a way as to deface damage or destroy that structure or scar, injure or destroy any tree or plants or their foliage;
- d. drop, throw away or scatter any burning, lighted or hot coals, ashes, cigarette, cigar, firecrackers or match;
- e. build any fire whatsoever for any purpose in or out of a receptacle or fireplace and leave it unattended, unless such fire is properly extinguished. For the purpose of this ordinance, a fire shall be deemed properly extinguished when its ashes, residue, coals and unburned substance is cold to the human touch;