



**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 III-  
REGULATIONS OF SPORTS & GAMES**

**No person shall upon or in connection with any property of the District;**  
**Section 1-Swimming.** Swim, wade or bodily enter the water at any time in any lakes, ponds, streams, sloughs or watercourses except at such place or places as may be designated by the District and then only in accordance with the rules, regulation and restriction promulgated and posted.

**Section 2-Watercraft.** Bring into, attempt to launch or use or navigate any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other watercraft upon the waters of any watercourse, lake lagoon, pond or slough, except at such place or places as may be designated by the District. Where allowed, watercraft shall be used in accordance with District rules, regulation and restrictions duly set forth and posted, as well as all applicable statues of the State of Illinois and the United States. Lake George is restricted to electric trolling motors only. However, District employees operating watercraft in carrying out official duties and personnel of cooperating agent or agencies operating watercraft as authorized by the District or the Department of Conservation may be exempt from boating regulation in this Section.

**Section 3-Engine Powered Models or Toys.** Start, fly or use any fuel-powered engine or jet type or electric-powered model aircraft, boat or rocket or like power toy or model, except at those areas or waters designated by the District for such use and then only in accordance with such rules, regulations and restrictions promulgated and posted by the District.

**Section 4-Horseback Riding.** Bring into, unload use or ride any horse except on those fields, lots arenas , areas, trails, paths or roadways designated by the District for horse use. Where allowed, horses shall be used in accordance with the rules, regulation and restrictions duly set forth as part of such permit or posted.

**Section 5-Bicycling.**

- a. ride a bicycle on any path, trail, roadway, or other area designated and posted prohibiting bicycles or on any path, trail or area designated and posted as begin a horse or equestrian trail or area by the District;
- b. fail to ride a bicycle as closely as possible to the right hand side of any road, trail, path as conditions shall permit;
- c. carry another on the handlebars, frame, fender or so ride on a bicycle except on a suitable seat attached to such bicycle for such purpose or to operate a bicycle in such a manner as to be reckless or to endanger pedestrians;
- d. ride a bicycle on any path or trail more than two abreast or on any roadway or road used by the public for regular motor vehicle access in any other manner than single file;

#### **Section 6-Sound or Energy Amplification.**

Play or operate any sound amplification devices including radio, television sets, public address systems, musical instruments and the like or operate any other energy amplification device in such a way as to be audible beyond the immediate vicinity of such device or musical instrument or in such a manner as to disturb the quiet of camps, picnic areas or other public gathering places, with out written permission of the District.

#### **Section 7-Winter Sports.**

- a. Sled, toboggan, ski or slide on any area posted by the District as being unsafe or hazardous or as being closed due to inadequate snow cover or other environmental conditions or upon being duly notified of such by the District;
- b. Enter on or upon any frozen waters to skate, fish, slide or walk or for any purpose whatsoever when such waters are posted “closed” or “unsafe” or “hazardous” by the District or when notified of such conditions by the District;
- c. Bring onto or upon the frozen waters of any lake, pond or watercourse any iceboat or wind-driven-like device or other vehicle;

#### **Section 8-Field and Team Sports.**

Play or engage in any team sport or game such as, but not limited to, baseball, football, field hockey, volleyball, lacrosse or horseshoes except in those areas designated by the District as athletic fields or, if none are available, only on those areas and for such period of time determined by, and permitted by, the ranger in charge of the area or preserve involved in order to insure the safe and equal use of the preserve by others.

#### **Section 9-Amusement contraptions.**

Bring in, set up, construct, manage or operate any amusement or entertainment contraption, device or gadget, without written permission of the District.

#### **Section 10-Aviation.**

Make any ascent in a balloon, airplane, glider, hang glider, kite or any decent in or from any balloon, airplane, glider, hang glider, kite or parachute, without written permission of the Board of Commissioners.

#### **Section 11-Gambling.**

- a. manage, operate or engage in gambling of any form;

- b. have in their possession any clock, wheel, tape machine, slot machine, pin machine or other machine or device for the reception of money or other thing of value on chance or skill or upon the action of which money is skated, bet hazarded, won, or lost. Any such machine or device shall be subject to seizure, confiscation and destruction by any duly sworn peace officer;

**Section 12-Camping Regulations and Restrictions.**

- a. camping will be permitted only in designated campgrounds in Preserves where camping is allowed. Camping is prohibited in any other area;
- b. a written permit is required to camp in any Preserve. Fees and regulations vary in campgrounds according to the facilities available. A responsible person from the camping party must register for the party and thereby acknowledge compliance to the rules and restrictions of the Preserve;
- c. visitors and guests of registered campers must leave the Preserve by the 10:00 PM closing time;
- d. time limits vary between preserves. No camper or his equipment is allowed to exceed the camping time limit. In addition tent campers must move their tent after a period of one week in order to prevent grass kill;
- e. campgrounds are not provide as location for large group gatherings or parties which are disruptive to the normal atmosphere of the campground. Such activities will not be permitted and violators who persist will be evicted;
- f. quiet hours shall prevail in campgrounds between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. No person shall allow music or any sound from any mechanical device or person to emit outside the individuals immediate campsite between the above hours that would be disturbing to other campers;