



## Alpena County Parks Ordinance

An ordinance to establish rules and regulations for Alpena County parks and park facilities, to establish violations of those rules and regulations as municipal civil infraction violations, to establish penalties therefore, and to provide for the enforcement thereof.

THE COUNTY OF ALPENa, STATE OF MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

### **Section 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish rules and regulations for parks and park facilities under the jurisdiction of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners and the Alpena Parks and Recreation Commission, as permitted by MCLA 46.11, as amended and MCL 46.351(4) et seq; to further provide that violations of such rules and regulations shall be misdemeanors; to provide penalties for the violation thereof; and to further authorize the enforcement of said ordinance by employees of the Alpena County, Alpena County Parks and Recreation and by deputies of the Alpena County Sheriff's Office or other law enforcement officers.

### **Section 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Alpena County Board of Commissioners adopts the following rules and regulations for the use, protection, management and preservation of parks and park facilities owned and operated by Alpena County.

### **Section 3. DEFINITIONS**

"Commissioners" shall mean the Alpena County Parks and Recreation Commission.

"County" shall mean the County of Alpena

"Park Property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property administered by the Alpena County Parks and Recreation Commission/department as park areas.

"Director" shall mean the Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, County Administrator, County Maintenance Superintendent, or Parks Director.

"Designee" shall mean Maintenance Supervisor, Parks Manager, or other County staff as designated by the Commissioners or Director.

"Person" shall mean individuals, male or female, singular or plural, or any group or gathering of individuals.

"Camping" shall mean the establishment of overnight lodging or a sleeping site for any person on the ground or in any other manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, hammock, trailer, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, boat, or in any other conveyance erected, parked, or placed on County Park premises or water.

"Written Permission" shall mean a park permit, a written note, email, or letter signed by the Director or designee. Written permission for an exception to a rule will be issued in special circumstances or for the benefit of the County or the parks in general only.

"Posting" shall mean the display of a sign or other device which is of size, shape, and wording as to convey a clear message to reasonable people.

#### **Section 4. PARK HOURS AND PUBLIC USE**

1. No person shall:
  - a. Enter a County Park Property except during park hours unless prior permission is obtained from the County or its Designee.
  - b. Willfully remain on County Park Property outside of park hours unless prior written permission is obtained from the County or its Designee.
  - c. Re-enter County Park Property once expelled for reason of rule violation for a period of time determined by the County or its Designee.
  - d. Enter or use a County Park or portion thereof which has been closed by the County or its designee and posted as such.
  - e. Any person may only use specific areas or facilities within County Park Property to the exclusion of others by making application per established County procedures and being granted a permit by the County or its designee.
2. Park hours are as follows:
  - a. 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. from May 15 through October 15;
  - b. Long Lake Park, Beaver Lake Park and Sunken Lake Park are closed October 16-May 14;
  - c. Or as posted.

#### **Section 5. FEES AND CHARGES**

1. No person, while on County Park Property, shall:
  - a. Use any facility, land, area, or service for which a fee or charge has been established by the County without payment of such fee unless prior written permission has been obtained.
  - b. Fail to display or affix a valid permit in the manner established by the County when entering or using a County Park Property requiring such a permit.

#### **Section 6: CAMPING**

1. No person, while on County park property, shall:
  - a. Engage in the activity of camping unless prior written permission is obtained from the County or its Designee.
  - b. Establish a camp or other lodging place, or erect a tent, shelter, shack, or other temporary lodging in any County park, or to remain in any County park overnight or any time outside the posted hours of operation, unless authorized to do so by written permit from the Parks Department.
  - c. Be issued a camping permit in any County park unless 18 or older, or, accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or other adult authorized by a parent or legal guardian.
  - d. Make, cause, or create any noise or disturbance which is a hindrance to the peace and quiet of a campground between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.
  - e. Wash dishes at pumps, sinks, or drinking fountains, or in tubs or other vessels carried into County park service buildings or restrooms.
  - f. Fail to clean camp sites daily, disposing of litter, trash and garbage in the appropriate containers.