

# LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

## NRD PARKS REGULATIONS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

### 001 General Regulations Governing the Administration and Use of District Recreation Area Property.

Under the provisions of Sections 2-3202, 39-612, 39-663, 39712.01 and 39-602, Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and *LB 861* of the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature of Nebraska, the following rules and regulations are adopted and promulgated by the Little Blue Natural Resources District to govern the administration, use, maintenance and protection of all District parks, and recreation areas under the ownership or control of said District. These rules and regulations are effective July 1, 1986.

The rules and regulations contained in this section shall apply to all persons entering, using, residing in, visiting or who are otherwise within the boundaries of any District owned or controlled park, or recreation area administered by the District. The special regulations contained in this section also apply to all persons entering, using, residing in or visiting the areas for which such special regulations are adopted.

#### Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to all regulations contained in this section.

- a) District shall mean the Little Blue Natural Resources District.
- b) Manager shall mean the General Manager of the Little Blue Natural Resources District.
- c) Law Enforcement Officer shall mean any duly constituted and credentialed law enforcement officer, local, state or federal, including Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Conservation Officers.
- d) Recreation Area shall mean all District owned or controlled parks, recreation areas, administered by the District.

#### 001.01 Abandoned Property

**001.01A** Abandonment of any vehicle or other personal property is prohibited and such property may be impounded by the Manager or Law Enforcement Officer.

**001.01B** Leaving any vehicle or other personal property unattended for longer than seventy-two (72) hours, without prior permission of

the Manager is prohibited and any property so left may be impounded by the Manager or Law Enforcement Officer. In the event unattended property interferes with the safe or orderly management of the park area, it may be impounded at the expense of the owner.

**001.02 Aircraft and Powerless Flight**

**001.02A** 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 bathing beaches, boat docks, piers, ramps, or within one (1) mile of water control structures is prohibited.

**001.02B** 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 District is prohibited.

**001.02C** The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to aircraft, engaged on official business of the Federal or State government or the District, or used in emergency rescue, or forced to land due to circumstances beyond the control of the operator.

**001.02D** The operation of aircraft shall be in accordance with current regulations of the Federal Aviation Agency.

**001.02E** The launching or landing of sailplanes, gliders, balloons, body kites, hang gliders, ultra lights, and other devices designed to carry persons or objects through the air in powerless flight is prohibited without a written permit from the District specifying the conditions under which such launching or landing is to be conducted.

**001.03 Audio Devices**

**001.03A** The operation or use of any audio devices including a radio, television set, musical instrument, or a device producing noise such as an electric generating plant, a motor vehicle, a motorized toy, or other equipment driven by a motor or engine in such a manner or at such time so as to unreasonably annoy or endanger persons in campgrounds, picnic areas or at other public places or gatherings is prohibited.

**001.03B** The operation or use of a public address system, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted, on lands, waters, or highways, is prohibited, except when such use or operation is in connection

with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued.

**001.04 Begging and Soliciting**

**001.04A** Begging is prohibited.

**001.04B** Hitchhiking or the soliciting of transportation is prohibited, except in emergencies and cases of vehicle breakdown.

**001.04C** Commercial soliciting of any kind is prohibited: Provided that this section shall not apply to transactions with authorized concessionaires.

**001.05 Camping**

**001.05A** Camping is defined as the temporary lodging out-of-doors for outdoor recreational purpose and presupposes occupancy of a shelter designed for such purpose (i.e. sleeping bag, tent, trailer or other recreational vehicle).

**001.05B** Camping and the use of trailers or other camping units are permitted only at designated locations. Within designated locations, the pitching of tents or parking of trailers or other camping units is permitted only at designated sites.

**001.05C** Camp sites are provided on a first come, first served basis.

**001.05D** Handicapped campers have first preference to handicapped camper pad sites, and non-handicapped campers will be required to forfeit the site to a handicapped camper.

**001.05E** Only one camper unit is permitted per camper pad and all associated vehicles and trailers should be contained within the confines of that camper pad area. Driving and parking on the grass is prohibited.

**001.05F** Daily camper hookup fees, and the payment and enforcement of such fees will be established by Board Policy.

**001.05G** Camping is permitted for a maximum of fourteen (14) consecutive days on any single area during any thirty (30) - day period. The installation of permanent camping facilities is prohibited.

**001.05H** The digging or leveling of ground at any campsite is prohibited except with permission of the Manager.

- 001.05I** Camper units may not exceed eight (8) feet in width and forty (40) feet in length as defined by *Statute 39-602, R.R.S.N.*
- 001.05J** Camping equipment must be completely removed and the sites cleaned prior to departure.
- 001.05K** Quiet shall be maintained in all campgrounds between the hours of ten (10) p.m. and six (6) a.m.
- 001.05L** Where indicated by appropriate sign at the entrance to a designated camping area, permission to enter or occupy such area is reserved to campers between the hours of ten (10) p.m. and six (6) a.m. No other persons shall have permission to enter or occupy such areas unless specifically authorized by the Manager.

**001.06 Closures**

- 001.06A** The District may establish a reasonable schedule or visiting hours for all or portions of a park area and close to public use all or any portion of a park area 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 closure.
- 001.06B** All persons shall observe and abide by officially posted signs designating closed areas and visiting hours.

**001.07 Dogs, Cats, Other Pets and Livestock**

- 001.07A** Dogs, cats and other pets are prohibited unless they are crated, caged, or on a leash or otherwise under physical restrictive control at all times.
- 001.07B** Pets are prohibited in public eating places and food stores, public buildings, and on designated swimming beaches. This paragraph shall not apply to guide dogs.
- 001.07C** Dogs, cats or other pets running at large and observed by an authorized person in the act of killing, injuring or molesting humans or wildlife may be disposed of in the interest of public safety and protection of the wildlife.
- 001.07D** In park areas where hunting is permitted, the use of hunting dogs is allowed provided the area is open to hunting and the dogs' owners or handlers accompany and have control of such dogs and is responsible for the actions of such dogs.
- 001.07E** Grazing or ranging domestic animals or poultry is prohibited without prior written authorization by the District.
- 001.07F** Horseback riding and the use of pack animals is permitted only on roadways and on designated areas.

- 001.07G** Riding or hitching horses, or other saddle or pack animals in campgrounds or picnic areas, or within the immediate vicinity of trail shelters, eating or sleeping establishments or other areas of public gatherings, except where trails and facilities are provided for such use, is prohibited.
- 001.07H** Riders shall slow their horses to a slow trot or walk when passing persons on foot or bicycle.
- 001.07I** Pedestrians on trails shall remain quiet when horses or pack animals are passing.

**001.08 Explosives and Fireworks**

- 001.08A** The use or possession of explosives is prohibited except upon written permission of the District.
- 001.08B** The use or possession of fireworks is permitted only in areas or portions of areas designated for such use by appropriate District posting. No permission is granted for the use or possession of such fireworks in other than designated areas and such possession and use shall conform to applicable laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 001.08C** Organized fireworks displays open to the general public without charge and sponsored by a responsible agency or organization may be permitted by written authorization by the District and the State Fire Marshall.

**001.09 Fires**

- 001.09A** The kindling of any fire is permitted only: In designated camping and picnic grounds when the fire is confined in a fireplace provided for the use of visitors, or in grills, or in locations specified by the Manager; or in stoves or lanterns using gasoline, propane, butane gas or similar fuels.
- 001.09B** Fires must be kindled in such manner that no tree, shrub, grass or other combustible matter will be set on fire or caused to be set on fire.
- 001.09C** When no longer needed, the fire shall be completely extinguished. Leaving a fire unattended is prohibited.
- 001.09D** Throwing or dropping a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe heel, match or other burning material is prohibited.
- 001.09E** The kindling of fires on park lands owned or controlled by the District may be prohibited by the Manager by posted signs when the fire hazard makes such action necessary.

- 001.09F** The Manager, during such periods of time as he may prescribe, may prohibit smoking on any park lands, including roads and trails, by the posting of appropriate signs.
- 001.09G** The kindling of fires or the use of any type of cooking device is expressly prohibited on any designated swimming beach.

**001.10 Fishing, Hunting, Trapping**

- 001.10A** Fishing is permitted on all park lands subject to general fishing regulations and to specific local regulations.
- 001.10B** Any area or portion of area may be closed to all or any form or method of fishing by posting of appropriate signs.
- 001.10C** Fishing from or within twenty (20) yards of any public boat ramp, boat dock, mooring area or swimming beach is prohibited.
- 001.10D** Fishing from motor road bridges is prohibited.
- 001.10E** Hunting or the use of firearms, bow and arrow or other projectile devices is prohibited on District recreation areas with the following exceptions:
  - 001.10E1** District Recreation Areas or portions thereof are open to hunting subject to general hunting regulations from the first Tuesday following Labor Day to April 1, unless prohibited or restricted by appropriate signs or specific area regulations. Hunting is prohibited within one hundred (100) yards of any public-use facility or activity area, including picnic areas, campgrounds, private cabin and concession areas, boat ramp and parking lots.
  - 001.10E2** District Park Areas or portions thereof open to hunting in accordance with general hunting regulations and special area regulations.
  - 001.10E3** Firearms used by law enforcement officers in performance of their duties.
  - 001.10E4** Firearms used in training sessions by law enforcement personnel or firearms or other projectile devices used in exhibitions authorized by the District.
  - 001.10E5** Firearms or other projectile devices authorized for use by the public on designated ranges.
- 001.10F** Trapping of furbearers on District owned or controlled lands is authorized only by special permit and only at such times as when

the Manager determines sufficient depredation is occurring to warrant the removal of surplus furbearers.

**001.10G** Applications for depredation trapping permits shall consist of a letter directed to the District requesting such a permit to trap at a specific area or areas. Applications shall be filed not later than August 31 of each year.

**001.11 Ice Fishing, Hunting Blinds, Digging and Seining**

**001.11A** Temporary portable shelters can be erected on District-owned waters. These shelters must be removed daily. Permanent type shelters are prohibited.

**001.11B** Ice fishing is prohibited after February 10.

**001.11C** The door to any fish shelter shall be constructed so that it can be opened from the outside at all times when in use and the shelters may be locked when not in use. The District shall remove, burn or otherwise destroy or dispose of such structures found on the ice after February 10 each year.

**001.11D** Hole size made for ice fishing on any area under jurisdiction of the District shall not exceed ten (10) inches in diameter.

**001.11E** Daily waterfowl hunting blinds may be installed and used on District recreation areas, provided that no blinds may be installed and used on areas posted as closed to such activities.

**001.11F** Waterfowl hunters installing and using daily blinds on District recreation areas shall be responsible for removing such blinds and other personal property from the area at the close of hunting each day. Waterfowl hunters installing seasonal blinds shall obtain written permission from the District before doing so. Waterfowl hunters installing floating blinds shall secure it so drifting of the blind is prevented.

**001.11G** Hunting blinds and other personal property remaining on a District recreation area following close of hunting shall be impounded in accordance with Section 001.01.

**001.11H** No person shall enter upon any area, or portion of any area, which is temporarily closed to general public access and which is posted with appropriate signs.

**001.11I** Digging or seining for any purpose on District-owned or controlled areas is prohibited.

**001.11J** No publicly-owned personal property may be removed from any area or be moved from its general location without specific permission from the Manager.

**001.11K** Management personnel are specifically authorized to remove structures and facilities in accordance with applicable regulations.

**001.11L** Failure by the permittee to remove his ice shelter by the dates specified and in the manner stipulated in these regulations shall be cause to revoke such permit and to restrict the permittee for future consideration of such permits.

**001.12 Intoxication: Consumption of Alcohol**

**001.12A** Consumption of alcoholic beverages on parklands owned or controlled by the District is prohibited.

**001.12B** Presence in a park area when under the influence of alcohol, or drugs, to a degree that may endanger oneself, or another person, or property, or may cause unreasonable interference with another person's enjoyment of a park area is prohibited.

**001.13 NRD Lands Managed by Nebraska Game and Parks Commission**

**001.13A** Upon completion of a recreation area constructed by the District and managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, State Park Regulations, as administered by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, shall apply.

**001.14 Permits, Special Occasion**

**001.14A** Sports events, pageants, reenactments, regattas, entertainments and the like, characterized as public spectator attractions or participant activities, and are prohibited unless written permission therefore has been given by the District. Such permits shall be issued only after a finding that the issuance of such permit will not be inconsistent with the purposes 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 public use thereof.

**001.14B** Public meetings, assemblies, gatherings, demonstrations, parades, weddings, religious services and other expressions of views are prohibited unless written permission therefore has been given by the District in accordance with District policy.

**001.14C** The filming of still or motion pictures of lands and facilities owned or controlled by the District for commercial purposes is prohibited unless written permission therefore has been given by the District.

**001.14D** Applications for a Special Occasion Permit shall be received by the District not later than ten (10) 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 therewith.

**001.14E** As a condition of the permit issuance, the District may require the filing of a bond with satisfactory surety payable to the District, to cover costs such as restoration, rehabilitation and cleanup, of the area used, and other costs resulting from the permittees' activity. In lieu of a bond, a permittee may elect to deposit cash equal to the amount of the required bond.

**001.15 Preservation of Public Property**

**001.15A** The possession, 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 or other 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 without prior permission of the Manager is prohibited.

**001.15B** The gathering or possession for personal consumption or use of only such fruits and berries as the Manager may designate is permitted. All such fruits and berries shall be picked only by hand. The gathering or collecting of such objects for the purpose of sale is prohibited.

**001.15C** The destroying, digging, removing, or possession of any tree, shrub or plant is prohibited; provided that the collection and possession of dead wood found on the ground for use as fuel in campgrounds or picnic areas is permitted except as posted by appropriate signs.

**001.15D** Dead timber which has been cut down and stockpiled for removal from the park area by authority of the Manager may be further cut and removed from the area by the public with the permission of the Manager for personal consumption at home. The removal for the purpose of sale is prohibited.

**001.15E** Entering, climbing upon, or tampering with District or District Contractors" motor vehicles and motorized or power equipment is prohibited.

**001.16 Sanitation**

**001.16A** All garbage, papers, cans, bottles, waste materials and rubbish of any kind must be deposited in places or containers designated for the disposal thereof, or removed from the area.

**001.16B** Draining or dumping refuse or wastes from any trailer, or other vehicle except in places or receptacles provided for such use is prohibited.

**001.16C** Cleaning food, fish or fowl or washing clothing, vehicles, campers, or articles of household use at campground hydrants is prohibited.

**001.16D** Polluting or contaminating in any manner any watershed, water supplies or water used for drinking purposes is prohibited.

**001.16E** Fish entrails or other inedible parts of fish may be disposed of by placing in a trash receptacle provided. Placing into fresh waters or onto public land is prohibited.

**001.16F** Depositing any body 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.

**001.16G** Urinating or defecating other than at the places provided therefore is prohibited.

**001.16H** Using District refuse containers or other refuse facilities for dumping household or commercial garbage or trash brought as such from private property is prohibited.

**001.17 SCUBA Diving**

**001.17A** SCUBA Diving is defined as swimming with the aid of self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (air tanks) and shall not apply to snorkeling.

**001.17B** SCUBA Diving is prohibited within two hundred (200) feet of the limits of designated swimming, boat mooring and boat-docking areas.

**001.17C** The International Divers Flag must be displayed whenever engaged in SCUBA diving. The SCUBA diver must stay within one hundred fifty (150) feet of his flag.

**001.17D** SCUBA diving is permitted in all waters owned or controlled by the District except in waters and at times where such activity is prohibited in the interest of public safety or health, which excepted waters shall be designated by regulation and/or posted signs.

**001.18 Skating, Skateboards**

**001.18A** The use of roller skates and skateboards is prohibited except in locations designated by the Manager by the posting of appropriate signs.

**001.19 Snowmobiles**

**001.19A** Control Generally

Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall operate any snowmobile within areas of the District recreation area unless such snowmobile has been registered in accordance with applicable state law.

**001.19B** Definitions

- Person:** Any individual, partnership, corporation, the state and its agencies and subdivisions, and any body of persons, whether incorporated or not;
- Snowmobile:** A self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice steered by skis or runners, and supported in part by skis, belts, or cleats;
- Owner:** A person, other than a lien holder, having the property in or title to a snowmobile entitled to the use or possession thereof;
- Operate:** To ride in or on and control the operation of a snowmobile;
- Operator:** Every person who operates or is in actual control of a snowmobile;
- Register:** The act of assigning a registration number to a snowmobile;
- Roadway:** That portion of a highway or park interior road, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel;

**001.19C** Registration Requirements

All snowmobiles **MUST** be registered.

Applications for registration of snowmobiles should be made to the County Treasurer in your county of residence.

**001.19D** Out-of-State Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles from a state other than Nebraska may be operated within the District recreation areas providing said snowmobiles are properly registered in accordance with the laws of their home state.

**001.19E** Required Equipment

No snowmobile shall be operated within areas of the District's Park System unless equipped with the following equipment:

At least one headlamp and one tail lamp, each of minimum candle-power as prescribed by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A minimum of sixteen (16) square inches of reflective material mounted on each side forward of the handlebars.

Brakes, each of which shall conform to standards prescribed by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

A muffler in good working order which blends the exhaust noise into the overall snowmobile noise and is in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noise. The exhaust system shall not emit or produce a sharp popping or crackling sound.

**001.19F** Operation

No snowmobile may be operated within the District's park areas on other than designated trails, roadways, and parking areas. Snowmobiles may also be operated during specified hours on the frozen lake surface unless otherwise posted.

The Manager and his designated representatives reserve the right to temporarily close any District park area or portion thereof to snowmobile activities for the following reasons: Insufficient snow cover (less than four (4) inches), insufficient lake ice (less than eight (8) inches), safety, weather, resource protection, civil emergencies or other management considerations at the sole discretion of the District.

The operation of snowmobiles on designated lake surfaces is at the sole risk of the operator. The District assumes no responsibility for safety of said operation.

Snowmobile operators are responsible for inspecting frozen lake surfaces for sufficient ice thickness (minimum eight (8) inches)

and for possible hidden hazards prior to any such operation. Snowmobile operators are cautioned to be alert for soft ice caused by flowing springs, streams, and rivers, and also caused by variations in temperature.

Snowmobiles shall not be operated within any portion of a designated area which has been marked off or otherwise posted as closed to snowmobile operation by the District.

Snowmobiles shall not be operated in a manner intended to or reasonably be expected to harass, drive or pursue any wildlife.

Snowmobiles shall not be operated at speed exceeding that which is safe and reasonable when passing with thirty (30) yards of any property, ice fishing shelter, trail head, boat ramp, immobile snowmobile, or person walking on or fishing through the ice. In no case, shall any person or persons operate a snowmobile so as to cause discomfort, hazard or damage to the person or property of others.

Snowmobiles may be operated within the District's park areas only between the hours of one-half (½) hour before sunrise and 9:00 p.m. or as posted.

**001.19G** Who May Operate

No person under the age of twelve (12) years may operate a snowmobile on District park lands unless accompanied by a parent, guardian or other person over eighteen (18) years of age.

No persons over the age of twelve (12) years and under the age of sixteen (16) years shall operate a snowmobile on District park lands unless such person holds a valid snowmobile safety certificate or is accompanied by a person fourteen (14) years of age or over who holds a valid snowmobile safety certificate, or is accompanied by a person over the age of eighteen (18) years.

**001.19H** Unlawful Acts

It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile in the following unsafe or harassing way:

At a rate of speed greater than reasonable or proper under existing conditions;

In a careless, reckless, or negligent manner so as to endanger the person or property of another or to cause injury or damage thereto;

While under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics or habit-forming drugs;

Without a lighted head and tail lamp when required for safety;  
and;

In a tree nursery or other area of new plantings in a manner  
which damages or destroys growing stock.

**001.19I** Special Events

The Manager may issue special temporary permits to persons and organizations desiring to conduct organized group outings, trail rides, rallies, and other similar events. In permitting such events, the Manager may prescribe such restrictions or conditions as he may deem advisable.

**001.19J** In Case of an Accident

The operator of a snowmobile involved in a collision, accident, or other casualty shall give his name, address, and the number of such snowmobile in writing to any injured person and to the owner of any property damaged in such collision, accident, or casualty.

When a collision, accident, or casualty involving a snowmobile results in death or injury to a person or damage to property in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100), the operator of such snowmobile shall file with the Department of Motor Vehicles a report of same prescribed by D.M.V. regulations.

**001.20** **Swimming and Wading**

**001.20A** Swimming and wading area permitted in designated areas only.

**001.20B** The use of flotation devices within designated swimming areas is prohibited, except such devices as are approved by the United States Coast Guard.

The use of surfboards and similar devices, and the throwing of Frisbees, balls and other similar devices within designated swimming areas are prohibited.

**001.20C** Swimming from vessels underway is prohibited.

**001.20D** Swimming or wading within twenty (20) yards of a boat ramp, boat dock or mooring facility is prohibited.

**001.21** **Traffic**

**001.21A** It shall be unlawful to park, tow or otherwise operate any motor vehicle, trailer or cabin trailer within the confines of a park area which does not bear valid license plates and is not registered in

accordance with applicable state laws. All such vehicles not properly licensed and registered shall be in violation and may be impounded by the Manager or law enforcement officer.

**001.21B** It shall be unlawful for any person not possessing a valid motor vehicle operator's license to operate a motor vehicle of any type within the confines of a park area.

**001.21C** It shall be unlawful to park, tow or otherwise operate any motor vehicle, trailer or cabin trailer on other than those areas or portions of areas, roadways, campgrounds, beaches and parking areas as may be designated by the District for such operation.

**001.21D** All traffic laws and District park regulations governing operation of motor vehicles on roadways of the state park system shall further apply to motor vehicle operation on those off-road portions of park areas, including but not limited to campgrounds, beaches and parking areas, as may be designated by the District for motor vehicle operation.

**001.22 Vending**

**001.22A** The vending, including mobile vendors, of various goods and services, products and commodities, is permitted on park lands with the prior written authorization of the District. The vending of any such goods and services, products and commodities without written authorization of the District is prohibited.

**001.22B** No park area shall be used as a headquarters or residence by any person or group engaged in commercial or professional activities without prior written authorization of the District.

**001.22C** The sale or distribution of printed matter is permitted within the park areas provided a permit to do so is issued in advance by the District.

**001.22D** Persons engaged in the sale or distribution of printed matter shall not obstruct or impede pedestrians or vehicles, harass park visitors with physical contact or persistent demands, misrepresent with purposes or affiliations of those engaged in the sale or distribution or misrepresent whether the printed matter available without cost or donation.

**001.23 Water Skiing**

**001.23A** Boating is permitted on all Little Blue Natural Resources District recreational areas subject to restrictions as posted on each area or as specific in State boating regulations or as specified in special area regulations. The towing of persons on water-skis, surfboards and similar devices by vessels is permitted on areas

posted as open to such activities except on those portions of water surface restricted by buoy markers or signs, provided such activity is conducted in accordance with appropriate regulations.

**001.24 Water Sports – General**

**001.24A** Areas on which water-related recreational activities are permitted may be zoned to separate or define activities. Such zoning may prescribe the area in which the public may engage in such activities, or may limit the hours during which the public may engage in any such activities. Such zoning shall be clearly indicated by such signs, markers, buoys, or other appropriate devices in widespread and common use for such purposes.

**001.24B** The number of participants engaging in any of the above-mentioned water-related recreation activities on any area owned or controlled by the District may be limited by management personnel of the District when conditions warrant such limitations in the interest of public health, safety or welfare.

**001.24C** Management personnel of the District are herewith specifically authorized and empowered to declare emergencies and to require the participants in any or all of the water-related activities mentioned in the foregoing on any such areas, to cease such activity and to temporarily vacate the water area, or a portion of the water area, in the event of a water accident, severe weather, or similar emergency. No person shall have permission to engage in any such activity in any such area or portion thereof during such declared emergency.

**001.24D** Watercraft shall not be left unattended in or near waters owned or controlled by the District except at designated mooring, anchoring or beaching locations.

**001.24E** 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.

**001.25 Winter Sports**

**001.25A** Skiing, sledding, tobogganing, snowshoeing, skating, and similar winter sports are permitted except upon roads and parking areas when such roads and parking areas are open to motor vehicle traffic and in other places where these activities are prohibited by appropriate regulations and/or posted signs.

**001.25B** The towing of persons on skis, sleds or other sliding devices by a motor vehicle or snowmobile is prohibited.

**001.25C** The operation and use of snowmobiles shall be in accordance with appropriate regulations and state laws.

**001.26 Standards of Regulations**

**001.26A** The standards established in these regulations are in furtherance of the preservation and protection of the natural scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values and provide for the enhancement of the recreation values of the park area.

**001.26B** Use of property will be in conformance with applicable Federal, State and Local laws, regulations and ordinances.

**001.27 Exceptions to Regulations**

**001.27A** Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed as prohibiting the Little Blue Natural Resources District or their duly appointed agents or employees from the conduct of their assigned duties in the administration, maintenance and development of areas owned or controlled by the District.

**001.27B** In the event of natural disaster, state or national emergency, civil disorder, accident, or other situation wherein the conduct or activities otherwise permitted under these regulations may constitute a hazard to the public health, safety or welfare, or inhibit rescue, recovery, post-disaster or development operations, management personnel of the District area herewith specifically empowered and directed to take such measures at their disposal to preserve the public health, safety and welfare and to expedite rescue, recovery and operations, to include the temporary suspension of any or all activities contemplated in these regulations or any area or portion of any area owned or controlled by the District and the temporary closure and/or evacuation of any such area.

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## NRD PARKS REGULATIONS (Updated: September 2010)

Under the authority of, and in compliance with *LB 861*, as passed by session laws, State of Nebraska, 1984, the following regulations are prescribed by the Little Blue Natural Resources District and are effective July 1, 1986 until revoked or amended. Therefore, all public use of the Recreation Areas of the Little Blue NRD is regulated by the NRD General Park Regulations (001) as well as the following Special Regulations.

### **002**      **Buckley Creek Recreation Area**

Located: Northwest Quarter (NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), Section Ten (10), Township One (1) North, Range One (1) East of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) P.M. in Jefferson County, Nebraska; one (1) mile east and one-half (1/2) mile north of Reynolds, Nebraska.

#### **002.01**      **Permitted Activities**

- 002.01A**      Camping, picnicking, and hiking is permitted in the areas designated, as per attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.05. Daily camping fees are required. (See current fee rates schedule)
- 002.01B**      The kindling of fires and use of grills is permitted in the areas designated, as per the attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.09.
- 002.01C**      Fishing is permitted in accordance with General Regulation 001.10 and 001.15.
- 002.01D**      Boating and Canoeing are permitted with the limitation of a five (5) m.p.h. speed limit. The use of motors is restricted to small trolling motors only. Boating and canoeing will be in accordance with General Regulation 001.24.
- 002.01E**      The use of snowmobiles is permitted in designated areas, as per the attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.19.
- 002.01F**      Skiing sledding, tobogganing, snowshoeing, ice skating and similar winter sports are permitted in accordance with General Regulation 001.25.
- 002.01G**      Unsupervised swimming and wading are permitted in designated areas in accordance with General Regulation 001.20.

**002.01H** An area designated for golf, as per the attached map, shall be developed by the Buckley Creek Recreation Association under a Lease Agreement with the District. (Adopted October 24, 1994)

**002.02 Prohibited Activities**

**002.02A** Water Skiing is not permitted.

**002.02B** The use or operation of unlicensed mini-bikes, and mini-cycles, trail bikes and similar two, three, or four-wheel miniature vehicles is prohibited.

**002.02C** The use of all forms of vehicles or cycles outside of the designated roadways and areas, as per attached map, is prohibited.

**002.02D** Hunting and trapping of fur-bearers is prohibited, as this area has been designated a wildlife preserve.

**003** **Roseland Lake (32-Mile Creek "D")**

Located: Northwest Quarter (NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) Section Twenty-Nine (29), Township Seven (7) North, Range Eleven (11) West of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) P.M. in Adams County, Nebraska; one (1) mile south, four and one-half (4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) miles west, and one and one-fourth (1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) miles south of Juniata, Nebraska.

**003.01** Permitted Activities

**003.01A** Camping, picnicking, and hiking is permitted in the areas designated, as per attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.05.

**003.01B** The kindling of fires and use of grills is permitted in the areas designated, as per the attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.09.

**003.01C** Fishing is permitted in accordance with General Regulation 001.10 and 001.11.

**003.01D** Boating and Canoeing are permitted with the limitation of a five (5) m.p.h. speed limit. The use of motors is restricted to small trolling motors only. Boating and canoeing will be in accordance with General Regulation 001.24.

**003.01E** Water fowl and upland game hunting as well as trapping of fur-bearers will be allowed at Roseland Lake during the allowable hunting and trapping season as set by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission with portable blinds to be removed each day and in accordance with General Regulations 001.10 through 001.11. (Adopted October 27, 1992)

**003.02** Prohibited Activities

**003.02A** Water Skiing is not permitted.

**003.02B** The use or operation of unlicensed mini-bikes, and mini-cycles, trail bikes and similar two, three or four-wheel miniature vehicles is prohibited.

**003.02C** The use of all forms of vehicles or cycles outside of the designated roadways and areas, as per attached map, is prohibited.

**004** Prairie Lake (32-Mile Creek "H")

Located: Northwest Quarter (NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), Section Thirty-One (31), Township Seven (7) North, Range Ten (10) West of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) P.M. in Adams County, Nebraska; three (3) miles south and one (1) mile east of Juniata, Nebraska.

**004.01** Permitted Activities

**004.01A** Camping, picnicking, and hiking is permitted in the areas designated, as per attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.05.

**004.01B** The kindling of fires and use of grills is permitted in the areas designated, as per the attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.09.

**004.01C** Fishing is permitted in accordance with General Regulation 001.10 and 001.11.

**004.01D** Boating and Canoeing are permitted with the limitation of a five (5) m.p.h. speed limit. The use of motors is restricted to small trolling motors only. Boating and canoeing will be in accordance with General Regulation 001.24.

**004.01E** The use of snowmobiles is permitted in designated areas, as per the attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.19.

**004.01F** Skiing, sledding, tobogganing, snowshoeing, ice skating and similar winter sports are permitted in accordance with General Regulation 001.25.

**004.01G** Water fowl and upland game hunting as well as trapping of fur-bearers will be allowed at Prairie Lake during the allowable hunting and trapping season as set by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.10 through 001.11.

**004.01H** An area shall be designated for the public use as an archery range, as per the attached map and posted signs, in accordance with General Regulations 001.10E and 001.10E5. (Adopted October 24, 1994)

**004.02** Prohibited Activities

**004.02A** Water Skiing is not permitted.

**004.02B** The use or operation of unlicensed mini-bikes, and mini-cycles, trail bikes and similar two, three, or four-wheel miniature vehicles is prohibited.

**004.02C** The use of all forms of vehicles or cycles outside of the designated roadways and areas as per attached map is prohibited.

**004.02D** Any activities listed in 004.01A through 004.01G shall not be allowed in the area designated and posted as an archery range. (Adopted October 24, 1994)

**005** **Bruning Dam & Wildlife Management Area**

Located: Southeast Quarter (SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Five (5) North, Range Two (2) West of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska; two (2) miles east, one (1) mile north, and one (1) mile east of Bruning, Nebraska.

**005.01** Permitted Activities

**005.01A** Camping, picnicking, and hiking are permitted in the areas designated, as per attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.05.

**005.01B** The kindling of fires and use of grills is permitted in the areas designated, as per the attached map, and in accordance with General Regulation 001.09.

**005.01C** Fishing is permitted in accordance with General Regulation 001.10 and 001.11.

**005.01D** Boating and Canoeing are permitted with the limitation of a five (5) m.p.h. speed limit. The use of motors is restricted to small trolling motors only. Boating and canoeing will be in accordance with General Regulation 001.24.

**005.01E** Water fowl and upland game hunting as well as trapping of furbearers will be allowed at Bruning Dam & Wildlife Management Area during the allowable hunting and trapping season as set by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and in accordance with General Regulations 001.10 through 001.11.

**005.02** Prohibited Activities

**005.02A** Water Skiing is not permitted.

- 005.02B** The use of operation of unlicensed mini-bikes, and mini-cycles, trail bikes and similar two, three, or four-wheel miniature vehicles is prohibited.
- 005.02C** The use of all forms of vehicles or cycles outside of the designated roadways and areas, as per attached map, is prohibited.

**006**      **Liberty Creek Recreation Area**

Located: South Half (S½), Section Thirty-Five (35), Township Four (4) North, Township Nine (9) West of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) P.M., Webster County, Nebraska; Two (2) miles west, two (2) miles south, one-half (½) mile west of Lawrence, Nebraska.

**006.01**      **Permitted Activities**

- 006.01A** Camping in tents, sleeping bags, and trailer or recreation vehicles is permitted in designated areas, with the exception that only camping in sleeping bags or tents will be permitted in the area behind the dam. Vehicular campers will not be allowed behind the dam. Daily camping fees are required. (See current fee rates schedule)
- 006.01B** Picnicking will be allowed throughout the area and is encouraged in areas provided for such activities.
- 006.01C** Hiking is allowed throughout the area. Marked hiking trails will be provided.
- 006.01D** The kindling of fires and use of grills is permitted only in the areas designated and in facilities provided or in camping stoves and lanterns which are tended by the camper.
- 006.01E** Pets of all kinds must be crated, caged, or on a leash at all times except that hunting dogs may be used in areas designated for hunting when under the supervision of their master. Horseback riding is allowed on roadways and designated areas.
- 006.01F** Fishing is permitted in the entire lake area with exception that no fishing may occur within twenty (20) yards of the boat ramp or anywhere within the designated beach and swimming area.
- 006.01G** Hunting of small upland game will be allowed, the taking to occur by shotgun only and in accordance with the Game and Parks Commission seasons and daylight restrictions. Hunting is prohibited within one hundred (100) yards of any public-use facility or activity area. The use of rifles in this area is prohibited.

- 006.01H** Trapping of furbearers is authorized by special permit issued by the Little Blue NRD Manager and only when it is determined that sufficient depredation is occurring to warrant trapping.
- 006.01I** Snowmobiling is allowed in areas designated for such activities by the District.
- 006.01J** Swimming and wading are permitted only within the area designated and marked for such activities by a buoy line. These activities are "at your own risk." No life guards on duty. The District is not responsible for any accidents or loss of life.
- 006.01K** Boating and Canoeing are permitted throughout the lake except that no boats will be allowed in the marked swimming area. The use of motors is restricted to small trolling motors only. A speed limit of five (5) m.p.h. ("no wake") will be enforced for all boats supporting motors. Boating and canoeing will be in accordance with General Regulation 001.24.
- 006.01L** Winter sports such as skiing, sledding, and skating will be permitted in areas except those open to vehicular traffic or otherwise posted.

**006.02**    **Prohibited Activities**

- 006.02A** The consumption of alcoholic beverages and drugs is prohibited.
- 006.02B** Presence in the park while under the influence of alcohol or drugs to a degree that may endanger oneself, other persons, or property or may cause annoyance to other persons' enjoyment of the park is prohibited.
- 006.02C** Begging and soliciting are prohibited.
- 006.02D** The use of rifles for hunting or target practice is prohibited.
- 006.02E** Water skiing is prohibited.

**007.0**    **Lone Star Recreation Area**

Located: West Half (W½), Section Twelve (12), Township Five (5) North, Township One (1) West of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) P.M., Fillmore County, Nebraska; Four (4) miles east of Ohiowa, Nebraska.

**007.01**    **Permitted Activities**

- 007.01A**      Camping in tents, sleeping bags, and trailer or recreation vehicles is permitted in designated areas. Daily camping fees are required. (See current fee rates schedule)
- 007.01B**      Picnicking will be allowed throughout the area and is encouraged in areas provided for such activities.

**007.01C** Hiking is allowed throughout the area. Marked hiking trails will be provided.

**007.01D** The kindling of fires and use of grills is permitted only in the areas designated and in facilities provided or in camping stoves and lanterns which are tended by the camper.

**007.01E** Pets of all kinds must be crated, caged, or on a leash at all times. Horseback riding is allowed on roadways and designated areas but prohibited on any concrete walkways.

**007.01F** Fishing is permitted in the entire lake area with exception that no fishing may occur within twenty (20) yards of the boat ramp or anywhere within the designated beach and swimming area.

**007.01F1** Special length limits will be enforced for:

Largemouth Bass – 21” minimum length

**007.01G** Trapping of furbearers is authorized by special permit issued by the Little Blue NRD Manager and only when it is determined that nuisance activities or sufficient depredation are occurring to warrant trapping.

**007.01H** Swimming and wading are permitted only within the area designated and marked for such activities by a buoy line. These activities are "at your own risk." No life guards on duty. The District is not responsible for any accidents or loss of life.

**007.01I** Boating and Canoeing are permitted throughout the lake except that no boats will be allowed in the marked swimming area. The use of motors is restricted to small trolling motors only. A speed limit of five (5) m.p.h. ("no wake") will be enforced for all boats supporting motors. Boating and canoeing will be in accordance with General Regulation 001.24.

**007.01J** Winter sports such as skiing, sledding, and skating will be permitted in areas except those open to vehicular traffic or otherwise posted.

**007.02** **Prohibited Activities**

**007.02A** The consumption of alcoholic beverages and drugs is prohibited.

**007.02B** Presence in the park while under the influence of alcohol or drugs to a degree that may endanger oneself, other persons, or property or may cause annoyance to other persons' enjoyment of the park is prohibited.

- 007.02C** Begging and soliciting are prohibited.
- 007.02D** All hunting is prohibited in this recreation area.
- 007.02E** The use of all firearms for target practice is prohibited.
- 007.02F** Water skiing is prohibited.
- 007.02G** The operation and use of ATVs and snowmobiles is prohibited on the premises.