

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Recreation Committee has the obligation of regulating the occupancy and use of developed recreational sites within the County Veteran's Memorial Park which is located on Lake Metonga near Crandon, Wisconsin, and
WHEREAS, the Forestry and Recreation Committee determined that it is necessary and desirable that an ordinance be adopted regulating the use and occupancy of the County's Veteran's Memorial Park to prohibit certain activities from taking place therein, and
WHEREAS, the Forestry and Recreation Committee has determined that the passing of such an ordinance is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of those persons engaging in recreational activities as well as to protect county lands, buildings, and structures.
WHEREAS, the Forestry and Recreation committee has reviewed the present Ordinance and has recommended the following modifications be adopted.
THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FOREST DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: SANITATION – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Depositing in any toilet, toilet vault, or plumbing fixture, any bottle, can, cloth, rag, metal, wood, stone, flammable liquid or other substance which could damage or interfere with the operation or maintenance of the fixture.
2. Possessing or leaving refuse, debris or litter in an exposed or unsanitary condition.
3. Placing in or near a stream, lake or other water any substance which does or may pollute a stream, lake or other water.
4. Failing to dispose of all garbage, including any paper, can, bottle, sewage, waste or material, or rubbish either by removal from the site or area, or by depositing it into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes.
5. Dumping or leaving in a refuse container, dump, or similar facility, refuse, debris, or litter brought as such from private property.
6. Cleaning or washing any personal property, fish, animal, or food at a hydrant or at a water faucet not provided for that purpose.
7. Depositing any body waste except into receptacles provided for that purpose.

Section 2: OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Placing a vehicle or other object in such that it is an impediment or hazard to the safety or convenience of any person.
2. Failing to stop a vehicle when directed to do so by a Park Worker or County officer.
3. Blocking, restricting, or otherwise interfering with the use of a road, trail or gate.
4. Operating or parking a motor vehicle or trailer except in places developed for this purpose.
5. ATV's and UTV's are prohibited within the campground.
6. Operating a vehicle in violation of posted speed limitation.
7. Operating a vehicle carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any person, or in a manner that endangers or is likely to endanger any person or property.
8. Parking or leaving a vehicle outside a parking space assigned to one's own camp unit.
9. Parking a vehicle and/or using an area for purposes other than that for which it was designed or designated.

Section 3: FIRES – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Building, attending, maintaining, or using a fire outside of a fire ring or grill provided by the County for such purpose or outside of a stove or grill.
2. Burning or depositing garbage, debris or anything other than clean wood in fire ring.

Section 4: CAMPING REGULATIONS

1. Occupying between 10 PM and 6 AM a place designated for day use only.
2. Failing to remove all camping equipment or personal property when vacating the area or site.
3. Placing, maintaining, or using camping equipment except in a place specifically designated or provided for such equipment.
4. Camping within a developed recreation site for a period longer than 14 days except as otherwise posted.
5. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof when posted closed.
6. Occupying a developed recreation site with unsightly or inappropriate structures or equipment.

Section 5: DESTRUCTION OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Cutting, killing, destroying, girdling, chipping, chopping, boxing, injuring, or otherwise damaging or removing any tree or other forest product.
2. Mutilating, defacing, removing, disturbing, injuring, or destroying any natural feature or any property of Forest County.
3. Entering any building or structure owned or controlled by Forest County when such building or structure is not open to the public.

Section 6: BEHAVIOR AND CAMPING DECORUM – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Engaging in fighting, or in threatening or abusive behavior.
2. Inciting or participating in a riot.
3. Making unreasonable noise.
4. Being publicly nude.

Section 7: USE AND MAINTENANCE OF PETS AND ANIMALS – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Bringing in or possessing an animal, other than a service animal, unless it is crated, caged, or upon a leash not longer than eight feet, or otherwise under physical restrictive control.
2. Bringing in or possessing a saddle, pack or draft animal.
3. Leaving an animal unattended at anytime
4. Allowing an animal along the beach or in the designated swim area
5. Allowing an animal in any building or playground area,
6. Allowing an animal to deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of an area by others.

7. Failing to promptly remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, any feces left or deposited by an animal

Section 8: REGULATION OF AUDIO DEVICES

1. Operating or using in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over an adjacent body of water without permit, any device which produces noise, such as a radio, television, musical instrument, motor or engine in such a manner and at such a time so as to unreasonably disturb any person.
2. Operating or using a public address system, whether fixed, portable, or vehicle mounted, in or near a campsite, developed recreation site, or over an adjacent body of water without a permit.

Section 9: FIREWORKS AND FIREARMS – PROHIBITED ACTS

1. Discharging or igniting a firecracker, rocket or other firework, or explosive.
2. Firearms are prohibited within the campground.

Section 10: INTERFERING OR OBSTRUCTING PARK OR COUNTY OFFICER

1. Threatening, resisting, intimidating, or interfering with any Park Worker or Law Enforcement Officer engaged in or on account of the performance of his official duties in the protection, improvement, or administration of the County Park.
2. Rules and regulations may be made governing the use and enjoyment of all lands, structures and property owned, leased or administered by the County and under the management, supervision and control of the Forestry and Recreation Committee. Any person who shall violate such rules or regulations, or who refuses to subject himself thereto, may be excluded from the use of such facility.
3. No person shall knowingly obstruct any park worker or law enforcement officer while the park worker or law enforcement officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority. Obstruct includes without limitation knowingly giving false information with intent to mislead the park worker or law enforcement officer in the performance of duty including the issuance of any citation.

Section 11: REGULATION OF SOLICITING BUSINESS

1. Selling or offering for sale any merchandise or conducting any kind of business enterprise within the limits of the park unless prior authorization is obtained from the Forest County Board of Supervisors or its duly authorized agents.

Section 12: REGULATION OF BOATS

1. Possessing a boat, including every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water are prohibited within the limits of any swimming beach area as defined by regulatory buoys and or signs.

Section 13: FAILURE TO PAY FEES

1. Failing to pay any fee established for admission on entrance to, or use of site, facility, equipment, or service within the park.

Section 14: PENALTIES

1. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1000.00 for each offense not including the costs of prosecution and restitution. Should any person convicted under the terms of this ordinance default in payment of such forfeiture and costs, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail until the same is paid for a period of time not to exceed sixty (60) days, or until otherwise discharged pursuant to law.

Section 15: VALIDITY

1. If any section, clause provision or portion of the Ordinance is deemed unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 16: CONFLICT

1. Any Ordinance or Resolution in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent such conflict exists.

Section 17: EFFECTIVE DATE


1. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 18th day of February, 2025.

(SIGNATURES OF COUNTY BOARD)


Ron Skallerud, County Board Chairman

Attest:


Nora Matuszewski, County Clerk