

# SIBLEY COUNTY

## Article 520 “Sibley County Parks Ordinance” of the Code of Ordinances of the County of Sibley

**ARTICLE 520. SIBLEY COUNTY PARKS ORDINANCE**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS WITHIN SIBLEY COUNTY PARKS**

**SECTION 520.1 PURPOSE**

SUBD. 520.1.1 The Board of Commissioners of Sibley County adopts this ordinance in order to provide for the public enjoyment of Sibley County Parks in a way that will leave them unimpaired and minimize conflicts among users

**SECTION 520.2 HOURS**

SUBD. 520.2.1 Sibley County Parks will be open each day of the year from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except during emergencies and unless otherwise posted or closed.

SUBD. 520.2.2 The Sibley County Director of Public Works may close any Sibley County Park seasonally and may close any Sibley County Park at any time at his discretion.

SUBD. 520.2.3 After 10:00 p.m. and until 6:00 a.m., no person shall enter or remain within the County Park unless he is a member of a camping party which has given camp notification.

**SECTION 520.3 PERSONAL CONDUCT**

SUBD. 520.3.1 No person shall use a public address system, amplifier or power equipment, or otherwise make noise with volume tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in other park users, without prior permission of the Sibley County Director of Public Works.

SUBD. 520.3.2 A person's possession and use of drugs shall be in accordance with State laws.

**SECTION 520.4 PUBLIC SAFETY; HUNTING**

SUBD. 520.4.1 While in a Sibley County Park, it is unlawful to:

520.4.1.1 Possess explosives of any kind;

520.4.1.2 Possess a firearm, including an air gun, unless the firearm is unloaded both in barrel and magazine, and completely contained in a gun case expressly

made for that purpose, which is fully enclosed by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied or otherwise fastened, or unless unloaded and contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed;

520.4.1.3 Possess a bow and arrows, unless either unstrung or completely contained in a case or contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed;

520.4.1.4 Use or display any other type of weapon, including but not limited to sling shots, switchblade knives and traps.

SUBD. 520.4.2 No person shall, either directly or indirectly, hunt, trap, molest, harass, pursue, capture or kill any of the wildlife species within the Sibley County Parks.

### **SECTION 520.5 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

SUBD. 520.5.1 The environment is for the enjoyment of all. Therefore, no person shall disturb, destroy, injure, damage, molest or remove any county property, including but not limited to wild flowers or vegetation of any kind, dead or alive, ruins, wildlife, geological formations, signs or facilities. Collections for scientific and educational purposes may be made with the written consent of the Sibley County Director of Public Works.

### **SECTION 520.6 FIRES AND REFUSE**

SUBD. 520.6.1 It is unlawful to build a fire which creates a hazard or danger to the area or to others.

SUBD. 520.6.2 The Sibley County Director of Public Works may limit or ban fires when he declares that a forest fire emergency exists. Such declaration will be posted conspicuously at the entrance of the affected area.

SUBD. 520.6.3 Minnesota Statutes Section §85.20, Subd. 6, and Section 609.68, forbidding littering, are incorporated in rule by reference.

SUBD. 520.6.4 Where refuse receptacles are provided, they shall only be used for refuse generated at the area. Refuse is to be removed from the areas where receptacles are not provided.

### **SECTION 520.7 CAMPING**

SUBD. 520.7.1 Camp Notification. No person shall camp or remain overnight in any Sibley County Park without first giving notice of intentions to camp by calling the Sibley County Sheriff's Office. The maximum stay is ten (10) days.

SUBD. 520.7.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to install or affix in a permanent manner any camping facility, equipment or structure. Campers may not leave camping vehicles or equipment unattended overnight.

SUBD. 520.7.3 The placement of tent stakes or anchors in the ground for the erection of tents is permitted. Digging or excavating is prohibited.

SUBD. 520.7.4 A water craft used for shelter or sleeping which is tied on water frontage constitutes camping and is subject to these rules.

SUBD. 520.7.5 In camping areas, the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. are for outdoor solitude, and it shall be unlawful to make noise at a level above that of a quiet conversation.

### **SECTION 520.8 BOATING; ACCESS AREAS**

SUBD. 520.8.1 No person shall leave, store, abandon or otherwise cause to remain on any Sibley County access site any fish house, shelter or dark house.

SUBD. 520.8.2 No person shall leave, store, or moor on or directly in front of any Sibley County Park area, any boat, pontoon, or water craft, after such person has left the lake area, or cause such water craft to remain on the county access site overnight.

### **SECTION 520.9 MOTOR VEHICLES**

SUBD. 520.9.1 No vehicle shall be parked in such a manner as to obstruct any avenue of ingress or egress to the area, except for the purpose of unloading and loading boats and other equipment. If a park has designated spaces for parking, then vehicles shall be parked in the designated spaces. If the park does not have designated spaces for parking, then vehicles shall be parked in an orderly way, subject to maintaining avenues of ingress and egress.

SUBD. 520.9.2 Motor vehicles may be operated only on designated roads. They may not be driven on roads which are posted, chained or gated prohibiting motor vehicles.

SUBD. 520.9.3 The motor vehicles shall not be operated in excess of posted speeds, nor in any reckless or careless manner.

### **SECTION 520.10 SNOWMOBILES AND OFF ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

SUBD. 520.10.1 No person shall operate a snowmobile in a County Park unless in an area designated for such use, under conditions of snow cover considered adequate for the protection of the park by the Director of Public Works.

SUBD. 520.10.2 The following areas are designated snowmobile areas: High Island Park and Rush River Park.

SUBD. 520.10.3 No person shall operative an off road recreational vehicle in a County Park unless in an area designated for such use, under conditions considered adequate for protection of the park by the Director of Public Works.

SUBD. 520.10.4 The following areas are designated off road recreational vehicle areas: None.

SUBD. 520.10.5 Within County Parks, no snowmobile or off road recreational vehicle shall be operated before 8:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.

### **SECTION 520.11 PETS; LIVESTOCK**

SUBD. 520.11.1 Pets are permitted, provided no person shall allow a cat, dog or other pet animal to enter any building or beach; or permit any dog, cat, or other pet animal to be unrestrained. Such animal shall be personally attended, and shall not deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by other person.

SUBD. 520.11.2 No person shall permit livestock in any Sibley County Park area; except that horses are allowed in the Rush River and High Island County Parks, provided they are personally attended to and not allowed to run free.

SUBD. 520.11.3 Persons with pets or horses shall collect and properly dispose of the animal's feces which is deposited in areas of the parks frequented by pedestrians, including camping sites, picnic areas, playground areas, and trails.

### **SECTION 520.12 PROTECTION FROM PEDDLING AND SOLICITING**

SUBD. 520.12.1 It is lawful for any person to engage in or solicit business of any nature, whatsoever, from visitors, without the prior written consent of the Sibley County Director of Public Works.

### **SECTION 520.13 PENALTIES**

SUBD. 520.13.1 Any person violating all or a part of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SUBD. 520.13.2 Any member of the Sibley County Sheriff's Department may revoke the camping privileges of any person found in violation of this ordinance.

**SECTION 520.14 SAVINGS CLAUSE**

SUBD. 520.14.1 If any one provision of this ordinance shall be declared illegal or unconstitutional, then that provision alone shall be void and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.