
Appendix D

DCR RULES AND REGULATIONS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Conservation and Recreation

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350 CMR 2.01; Government and Use of the Reservations and Parkways Under the Care and Control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

(1) Definition of Reservations and Parkways

Reservations and Parkways shall include all boulevards, roadways, driveways, bridges, structures, land, beaches, ponds, lakes, rivers and other waters under the care and control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

(2) Rules and Regulations

- (a) Entrance on and exit from reservations, parkways or waterways by vehicular traffic shall be made over designated areas only.
- (b) No person is allowed on DCR Reservations except during the hours from dawn to dusk unless specified otherwise at the site, or by permit. Use of Parkways and bridges is not restricted.
- (c) The DCR may post rules restricting recreational activity to designated areas and times.
- (d) Cookouts shall be allowed only in places designated: and the use of grills, hibachis, and other apparatus for cooking is permitted subject to the direction of an Authorized Police Officer or DCR Ranger. Picnics are allowed except in those areas where expressly prohibited. Open fires are prohibited except by permit from the Commissioner or his designee.
- (e) Drunkenness, breach of peace, profanity, amplified sound, or disorderly conduct offensive to the general public are strictly forbidden. Possession of alcoholic beverages is forbidden, except when authority has been granted by the Commissioner in writing.
- (f) No person shall willfully obstruct the free passage of vehicles or persons.
- (g) No person shall cause or permit any animal owned by him or in his custody or under his control, except a dog when restrained by a leash not exceeding seven feet in length to roam or be at large in, on, or through any reservation or parkway, or to be hitched or tied to a fence, tree, bush, shrub, or any object or structure except as otherwise provided, nor ride or drive a horse or animal not well broken and under proper control and then only on such roadways or bridle paths where authorized; nor neglect to refuse to stop, place, change, or move the position of said horse or animal as directed by an Authorized Police Officer or DCR Ranger. Owners are required to properly dispose of their dog's animal waste.
- (h) The use of bicycles, or other means of transportation including in line skating may be prohibited in areas so designated on a site by site basis.

- (i) No person, except in an emergency, shall bring, land, or cause to descend within any reservation or parkway any airplane, parachute or other apparatus of aviation except by written permit from the Commissioner or his designee.
- (j) No person shall injure, deface, destroy, remove or carry off any sign, structure, facility, tree or any other property or equipment, real or personal, under the care and control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- (k) Parades, games, fairs, carnivals, bazaars, gifts or solicitations for raising or collecting funds shall not be permitted without written Commissioner approval.
- (l) Lotteries, raffles, gambling and games of chance are prohibited; and no person shall have possession of machinery, instruments or equipment of any kind for use for these purposes on DCR property.
- (m) Public assemblies of more than 25 persons shall not be allowed without a written permit from the Commissioner or his designee.
- (n) No person shall engage in any business, sale or display of goods or wares without a written permit from the Commissioner or his designee.
- (o) All signs and advertising are prohibited on DCR property without a written permit from the Commissioner.
- (p) No person, unless authorized by law or permit, shall have possession of or discharge any weapon, firearm, fireworks or other explosive.
- (q) Hunting or trapping of animals or birds shall not be permitted unless specifically authorized by law, including the Colonial Ordinances of 1641-47, or by the Commissioner. Injuring or otherwise disturbing animals or birds or their habitat is prohibited.
- (r) No person shall drop, throw, or place and allow to remain any litter, garbage, or other effuse, except in the receptacles provided; nor throw a lighted match, cigarette butt or any other burning substance on the ground or in said receptacles; nor bring or cause to be brought within any reservation or parkway any garbage, refuse or material for the purpose of dumping, or deposit same within said receptacles.
- (s) No person shall drop, throw or place any litter, garbage or refuse in any of the rivers or waters under the care and control of the DCR, or in any other way pollute or contribute to the pollution of such rivers and waters.
- (t) No person shall refuse or neglect to obey any posted regulatory sign or the lawful directions of an Authorized Police Officer, DCR Ranger or person in charge.