

## Placer County Code

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### Article 12.24 PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS

#### 12.24.010 General.

A. The Placer County department of facility services is authorized to adopt and enforce rules and regulations consistent with this article. Behavior in conflict with the regulations specified herein is unlawful.

B. The enforcement official shall be the director of the Placer County department of facility services for county owned or managed public recreation areas (PRA), or the person designated by the governing body of non-county owned PRAs. The enforcement official may designate an individual to discharge specific duties herein.

C. The board of supervisors, by resolution, shall designate PRAs to be subject to the provisions of this article. This article shall also apply to public recreation areas owned and/or managed by public agencies other than the county of Placer when requested or supported in writing by that public agency, and as specified by resolution of the board of supervisors. (Ord. 5781-B § 1, 2015)

#### 12.24.020 Prohibitions.

##### A. Motorized Vehicles.

1. No person shall operate a motorized vehicle of any type outside designated roadways or parking areas in any PRA. Parking, driving or stopping any vehicle on turf areas is prohibited at all times unless approved by the enforcement official.

2. No person shall park a motor vehicle in areas designated for equestrian parking, except those vehicles transporting horses.

B. Littering Prohibited. No person shall leave or deposit rubbish, litter or trash of any kind, except in receptacles provided for said purposes. Receptacles in public recreation areas are intended solely for the purpose of park generated trash or rubbish. Under no circumstances may any person bring rubbish or trash into a PRA for the purpose of disposing into PRA receptacles.

##### C. Protection of Resources.

1. No person shall damage or remove any artifacts or items; or cultivate, remove or kill vegetation in a PRA without prior written approval of the enforcement official.

2. No person shall willfully destroy, damage, vandalize, steal, or misuse any improvements or natural features in a PRA.

3. No person shall feed, disturb, harm, or kill any wildlife, unless hunting is authorized in a specific PRA by the enforcement official. Fishing is permitted pursuant to relevant codes of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

D. Designated Travelways and Access.

1. Visitors or users of any designated PRA may only travel upon areas that are open to the public. No person shall create unauthorized trails, enter trails that have been closed, cut switchbacks, damage vegetation, or cause erosion by traveling on foot, horseback or bicycle in areas outside of established trails in any PRA.

2. PRAs may only be accessed through designated public entrances, unless specifically permitted by the enforcement official.

E. Applicability of Laws. The Vehicle Code and Penal Code of the State of California shall be enforceable in all PRAs.

F. Overnight Camping.

1. Overnight camping is only allowed in areas specifically designated for such purposes by resolution of the board of supervisors. No overnight camping is allowed in any other PRA, unless prior written authorization is granted by the enforcement official.

2. In any public recreation area where overnight camping is authorized:

a. Camping is permitted only in designated areas.

b. No person shall occupy a campsite without having paid the required camping fee. The enforcement official shall have the authority to forcibly evict any person occupying a campsite who has not paid the required fee.

c. There shall be permitted a maximum of eight people per family campsite in county operated campgrounds.

d. There shall be permitted a maximum of two vehicles per family campsite in county operated campgrounds. The second vehicle shall require a fee as specified elsewhere in this article.

e. The maximum length of stay in any county operated campground shall be a maximum of seven consecutive days and a maximum of fourteen (14) days in any one calendar year.

f. There are two group campsites at the Bear River Campground. The maximum number of campers allowed in a group campsite is fifty (50) people. The maximum number of campers allowed in both of the campsites is one hundred (100) people. The maximum number of vehicles permitted in either group campsite is eighteen (18) vehicles.

G. Mining. No person shall operate motorized mining equipment in a PRA.

H. Weapons. No person shall possess a weapon unless possession is authorized under the California Penal Code. No person may shoot, discharge, or fire any bullet, arrow, or other projectile into, over, or on any PRA. The provisions of subsection B of Section 9.20.020 of this code shall be applicable to this subsection.

I. Dogs.

1. While within the boundaries of any PRA, dogs must be on a leash no longer than six feet at all times, or on a retractable leash secured to a position no longer than six feet when in the presence of other users.

2. Service dogs are exempted from leash requirements if a leash would interfere with the animal's work or the individual's disability prevents use of a leash; however, off-leash service dogs must be controlled at all times through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

3. Dog feces must be cleaned up and properly disposed into a trash receptacle.

4. Dogs (excepting assistance dogs) and all other domestic animals or birds, excepting horses, are not allowed at any time in the Traylor Ranch Bird Sanctuary and Nature Reserve. Cattle, sheep or goats shall only be allowed in the Traylor Ranch Bird Sanctuary and Nature Reserve under the terms of a duly approved grazing lease.

5. No dogs (excepting assistance dogs) or horses are permitted within the boundaries of any PRA in the Lake Tahoe Basin, unless specifically authorized by the enforcement official.

6. At the Bear River Campground dogs are limited to two dogs per family campsite, and four dogs per group campsite.

J. Horses.

1. Horses are not allowed on grass, sports fields, or synthetic turf in any PRA.

2. Horse droppings must be picked up and properly disposed of except when on natural surface trails in any PRA.

K. Fires and Smoking.

1. Fires are only allowed in county established fire ring/barbecue structures, provided the land around such camp or cooking fire, cooking grill or barbecue device is cleared of all flammable material within a radius of at least ten (10) feet and at any camp or cooking fire, cooking grill or barbecue device. There shall be at least one able-bodied person in actual attendance of such fire at all times.

2. During periods of high fire danger, as determined by the county, open fires, fires in fire rings and barbecues are prohibited. Signs shall be posted advising the public of the high fire danger periods. Cooking food with cook type propane stoves and use of lanterns is allowed during the high fire danger periods.

3. Burning wood pallets. or trash Is prohibited within any PRA.

4. No smoking, fires or barbecues are allowed at any time in any PRA specifically designated by resolution.

L. Sound Amplification and Quiet Hours.

1. No person shall operate any sound amplification device in such manner that it will be audible at a distance in excess of one hundred (100) feet from the sound amplifying equipment, unless an “amplified sound permit” is first obtained from the enforcement official.

2. This section shall not apply to persons who have obtained specific authority from the enforcement official, to conduct an outdoor concert, festival, or other activity where such noise levels are exceeded.

3. No person, in any instance, shall operate a sound amplification device in such a manner that the volume is unreasonably loud, raucous, jarring, disturbing, or a nuisance to persons or domestic animals within any area of audibility.

4. Bear River Campground observes quiet hours between ten p.m. and seven a.m., during which time no amplified sound is permitted.

M. Observance of Signs Required.

1. All signs, including closure, warning, regulatory, and road markings, placed by order of the enforcement official shall be observed and adhered to by all users of a PRA.

2. Sports fields and other PRA amenities shall not be used when posted closed.

N. Skateboarding. Skateboarding is prohibited in any PRA, unless specifically designated for this purpose and clearly posted.

O. Alcoholic Beverages in Designated Areas Prohibited. Possessing or consuming an alcoholic beverage or possessing any can, bottle, or other receptacle containing any alcoholic

beverage is prohibited at the following PRAs: Moondunes Beach, Speedboat Beach, and Secline Beach.

P. Storage of Personal Belongings Prohibited.

1. No person shall store personal property in any PRA, except as otherwise approved in writing by the enforcement official.

2. For the purposes of this section, “storage of personal belongings” means accumulating or putting aside belongings in a PRA, or any personal property that is left unattended in any PRA after the posted time of closure, or for more than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours, whichever occurs first.

3. The enforcement official shall establish rules and regulations for the receiving and safekeeping of personal belongings found unattended and coming into his or her possession. Such rules and regulations shall include reasonable provisions for making efforts to identify the owner; providing an owner with notice of the locations where the personal belongings may be retrieved; a minimum length of time such belongings shall be kept; and provisions for the disposal of such property in the event it remains unclaimed for longer than the established storage period.

Q. Reservation System. The enforcement official may establish a reservation system for the use of parking spaces or facilities at any PRA.

1. The areas subject to use by reservation shall be established pursuant to resolution of the board of supervisors, and such areas shall have signs informing the public of the need for reservations and the process for making reservations.

2. If a reservation system is in place, any person occupying a parking spot, court, or any other area subject to such reservation without a valid reservation shall be in violation of this section. Such a violation shall be punished as an infraction pursuant to Section 1.24.010 of this code. (Ord. 5871-B § 2, 2017; Ord. 5781-B § 1, 2015)

**12.24.030 Fees.**

A. Fee Resolution. The board of supervisors, by resolution, shall adopt a fee schedule for Placer County PRAs. Other agencies included in this article may establish a fee schedule independently for those areas within their jurisdiction.

B. Cleaning/Damage/Security Deposit in County Owned and Managed PRAs.

1. The enforcement official may establish a refundable cleaning/damage/security deposit for use of county owned and managed PRAs including special events, group BBQs and

events in recreation halls. The amount of the cleaning/damage/security deposit may vary depending on the scope of the event.

2. Deposits may be withheld for direct or indirect costs associated with an event to cover the county costs for administration, supervision, maintenance, utilities and other related costs including, but not limited to: leftover trash, damage, repairs, utilities, and security issues. Placer County reserves the right to recover expenses that exceed this deposit.

C. Private Business Activity. Prior written approval from the enforcement official is required in order to practice, carry on, conduct, or solicit for trade, occupation, business, or profession in a PRA. A fee, as determined by the enforcement official, shall be charged to cover the costs for administration, supervision, maintenance, utilities and other related costs.

D. Reserving PRA for Private Functions. Approval from the enforcement official is required to reserve any PRA or part of a PRA for a wedding, exhibition, show, performance, concert, lecture, oration or place of amusement. Special security patrols may be a condition of use for the above functions. A fee, as determined by the enforcement official, shall be charged to cover all costs for the use, administration, supervision, maintenance, utilities and other related costs. (Ord. 5781-B § 1, 2015)

#### **12.24.040 Hours of operation.**

A. No person shall enter or remain in any PRA when such PRA is closed to the public except:

1. Peace officers or employees of public agencies when engaged in official business.
2. Permitted campers and persons lawfully engaged in fishing at the Bear River Campground.
3. Persons who have received prior written authorization of the enforcement official.
4. Persons who necessarily enter or remain because of an emergency, but only so long as the situation requires, as determined by the enforcement official.

B. Except as otherwise posted or specified below, county PRAs are closed to the public from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.

1. At Ronald L. Feist Park, park hours may be adjusted by the enforcement official in order to minimize traffic issues. Signs will be posted at the park showing the hours of operation.

2. At Foresthill Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park, the lighted ball field hours extend to 11:00 p.m. for users permitted by enforcement official.

3. At Sheridan Park, Stewart Community Hall hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

4. At the Green Valley Trail Head vehicles may be parked for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) consecutive days.

5. Any PRA may be closed to the public at any time, for any duration of time, by order of the enforcement official for operational or safety reasons. Signs shall be posted indicating any such closure.

C. Signs shall be posted at PRAs stating the hours of operation as deemed necessary by the enforcement official. Such signs may include exceptions and other information or regulations. (Ord. 5781-B § 1, 2015)

#### **12.24.050 Violations—Penalty.**

The commission of any act prohibited or declared to be unlawful in this article shall be punishable pursuant to Section 1.24.010 of this code. (Ord. 5871-B § 3, 2017; Ord. 5781-B § 1, 2015)