

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 54 OF 2003

REGULATIONS

MADE by the Minister under Section 16(1) of the National Parks and Protected Areas Act, (Chap. 42:02).

(Gazetted 29th January, 2004).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Short title.

NATIONAL PARKS REGULATIONS, 2003

2. For the purpose of these Regulations -

Interpretation.

“authorized person” means the Director of National Parks, the Superintendent of Parks, Park Wardens, Forestry Officers and Police Officers.

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for the national parks system.

3. (1) A park or designated Eco-tourist site shall be open daily during such times as the Minister directs by notice.

Hours of opening for parks

(2) The Minister shall cause to be erected in a conspicuous place at the entrance to a park or designated Eco-tourist site a sign showing the times during which the park shall be open.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Minister may at any time direct that a park or eco-tourist site, or any part thereof be closed.

Prohibitions regarding
parks.

4. (1) No person shall
- (a) enter or leave a park or eco-tourist site except through a gate or other passage provided for that purpose;
 - (b) enter or remain in a park or eco-tourist site after the expiration of the time for the closing thereof;
 - (c) enter such park or eco-tourist site when it is closed in accordance with regulation 3.
- (2) No person shall in a park or eco-tourist site
- (a) ride a bicycle;
 - (b) drive a motor vehicle at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour;
 - (c) climb a tree or walk on a cultivated area;
 - (d) use or pollute any ornamental water or aquarium;
 - (e) disturb, ill-treat, injure or kill any mammal, amphibian, crustacean, reptile, bird or fish or damage any egg or nest thereof, as the case may be;
 - (f) unless licensed by the Director of National Parks, expose or offer for sale any article;
 - (g) unless he is a licensed tour guide, offer himself as a guide to a visitor;
 - (h) light a fire;
 - (i) discharge a firearm or any other missile;
 - (j) unless authorized in writing by the Director of National Parks hold a public meeting or exhibition, give a public display or deliver a public lecture;
 - (k) except in an area set apart for the purpose, play any game.

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- (3) No person shall
- (a) remove from a public park or eco-tourist site any plant, flower, leaf, seed, fruit or other object, creature or adornment.
 - (b) damage, or debark any tree;
 - (c) have in his possession any of the items specified in sub-paragraph (a) which is reasonably suspected of being removed from a park or eco-tourist site.

- (4) No person shall in a park or eco-tourist site
- (a) beg alms or in any way solicit contributions or donations;
 - (b) expose his person to abuse scurrilously or use any threatening, abusive or indecent language;
 - (c) abuse, insult, threaten, assault or in any way molest any authorized person or any person lawfully using a park or eco-tourist site;
 - (d) in any way damage or deface a structure or sign erected by the Minister or an authorized person.

(5) A person who within the precincts of a park or eco-tourist site

- (a) has in his possession a container or parcel; and
- (b) is reasonably suspected by an authorized person of having committed a breach of paragraph (3),

shall, if required by an authorized person, present the contents of the container or parcel for his examination.

(6) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (2) (b) and regulation 7, no person shall when prohibited by an authorized person, drive a vehicle or take any animal into a park or eco-tourist site.

Selling in parks.

5. (1) A person licensed to sell articles in a park -

First Schedule.

(a) shall sell only articles specified in the First Schedule;

(b) must be suitably attired when selling such articles;

(c) shall be subject to such conditions specified in the licence issued by the Director of National Parks.

(2) A license fee of one hundred dollars shall be paid by a person who is approved by the Minister to sell articles in a park.

Use of radio etc.

6. Any person who brings into a park or eco-tourist site a radio, CD players, tape recorders or television receiver or any musical instrument shall comply with the directions given by an authorized person regarding its use.

Dogs to be attached to leash and impounding of animals generally.

7. (1) A person who brings a dog into a park or eco-tourist site shall keep it attached to a lead or leash.

(2) An authorized person may impound any animal which he finds straying in a park or eco-tourist site and any person claiming such animal shall pay the fee specified in the Second Schedule before it is delivered to him.

Second Schedule.

(3) Where, after the expiration of fourteen days an animal impounded under paragraph (2) remains unclaimed, the Minister may cause it to be sold or destroyed.

Media use of National Parks and Protected areas

8. Any person or persons willing to shoot film, documentaries, commercials in National Parks or Ecotourist site shall require a permit from the Minister or Director of National Parks.

Offence and Penalty.

9. A person who contravenes any provision of these Regulations commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5 (1)).

**ARTICLES PERMITTED TO BE SOLD IN A PARK
WOULD INCLUDE:
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
CARIB CRAFT AND OTHER ARTS AND CRAFT
SOAPS
T-SHIRTS
PEPPER SAUCE
LOCALLY MADE JEWELLERY
FLOWERS
POTTERY
POSTCARDS
ETC.**

Articles allowed to be sold within the National Parks, Protected Areas and Ecotourist site will be on an individual basis and shall require a permit from the Minister or Director of National Parks.

(Regulation 7 (2))

SECOND SCHEDULE**IMPOUNDING FEES**

TYPE OF ANIMAL	FEE
Dogs	\$100
Goat	\$200
Sheep	\$200
Pig	\$200
Cow	\$250
Donkey	\$100

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