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The following Royal Chitaur National Park Rules, 1974, framed by His Majesty's Government, are published for the information of the public.

Royal Chitaur National Park Rules, 1974

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 33 of the 1972 National Parks and Wild Life Protection Act, His Majesty's Government has framed the following rules:

1. Short Title And Commencement

- (1) These rules may be called the Royal Chitaur National Park Rules, 1974.
- (2) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions

Unless otherwise meant with reference to the subject or context, in these rules:

- (a) Act means the 1973 National Parks and Wild Life Protection Act.
- (b) Park or National Park means the Royal Chitaur National Park.
- (c) Warden means the Chief Officer of the National Park appointed by His Majesty's Government.

3. Boundaries Of National Park

The boundaries of the National Park shall be as declared by His Majesty's Government by notification in the Nepal Gazette under Section 3 of the Act.

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4. Entry Into Park

- (1) Any person desirous of entering into the Park shall pay the fees prescribed in Schedule 1. The person paying such fees shall be given a pass by the warden or any other employee designated by His Majesty's Government for the purpose.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-Rule (1), persons enjoying movement facility under Rule 19 shall not be required to pay any fees for movement through the Park with the consent of the concerned entry post.
- (3) The warden may grant free entry to teams of any educational or other institution desirous of making a study tour of the Park.

5. Entry Into Park To Be On Personal Responsibility

In case any person entering into the Park with or without a pass suffers any damage or loss, or sustains any injury, or dies within the Park, His Majesty's Government shall bear no liability to pay compensation for such damage, loss, injury or death.

6. Actions Prohibited Inside Park

No person shall perform any of the following actions inside the Park without the written permission of the warden or any other employee empowered by His Majesty's Government for the purpose:-

- (a) Construct or use houses, huts, shelters or any other structure of any type.
- (b) Occupy, reclaim or cultivate any land,
- (c) Graze or feed any domestic animal or bird.
- (d) Cut off, fell, remove, block or prune any tree, plant, bush or any other forest produce, or do anything that leads to their drying up, or set on fire or otherwise damage forest produce.
- (e) Spend nights or encamp at places other than those reserved for encamping.
- (f) Make a fire at places other than those reserved for encamping or those prescribed by the warden.

- (g) Carry or drive any domestic animal or bird through routes or places other than those specified under Rule 19.

7. Objects Possession Or Carriage Of Which Is Forbidden

No person shall possess or carry the following objects while entering into or remaining inside the Park, or moving through routes specified under Rule 19, without the written permission of the warden:-

- (a) Arms or ammunition,
- (b) Explosives or explosive devices,
- (c) Trophy or dry or fresh meat of any wild animal,
- (d) Bows and arrows, traps, nets or poison.

8. Liability

In case any person causes loss to plants, bushes or any other object within the Park by starting a fire from within or outside the Park, he shall be liable for such loss.

9. Prohibition To Hunt And Remove Or Destroy Bird's Nest

Except in circumstances in which permission has been received under the Act for the collection of samples for the purposes of work which is in the interest of the Park, or for the purpose of scientific research, no person shall hunt, kill, catch, chase, terrify or injure any wild animal or bird or remove, destroy or disturb the egg or nest of any bird within the park without the written permission of the warden.

10. Permission To Be Obtained For Fishing

- (1) Fishing may be allowed on the streams or ponds situated within the park only subject to the conditions stipulated by the warden or any other employee designated by His Majesty's Government for the purpose, and on payment of the fees prescribed in Schedule 1.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-Rule (1), persons living in the periphery of the Rapti, Narayani and Riu rivers which form the boundaries of the park may engage in fishing therein subject to the terms and conditions stipulated by the warden.

11. Prior Approval Of His Majesty's Government To Be Obtained

- (1) No person shall search for, excavate or remove earth, stone, sand or any other mineral within the park without the approval of His Majesty's Government.
- (2) In case any person desires to engage in any research work within the Park, he may do so with the approval of His Majesty's Government. In such case, he shall be required to submit one copy of his report regarding such research.

12. Prohibition To Affix Or Maintain Advertisements

No person shall display or maintain any sign-board, notice-board, advertisement, or any similar other poster within the Park other than at hotels, lodges, or other places of commercial activities opened within the Park under the Act.

13. Prohibition To Use Musical Instruments

Nobody shall switch on radios and tape-recorders or use any other musical instrument at any place within the Park other than at hotels, lodges, or similar other places established within the Park.

14. Prohibition To Throw Rubbish

No person shall make or throw rubbish inside the Park.

15. Prohibition To Throw Poisonous Substances

No person shall throw any poison or chemical which kill insects, intoxicants or poisonous substances inside or at the Park from outside, or drop the same on rivers, streams or any other source of water flowing through the Park, or otherwise place such poisonous substances in such a way that they reach the Park.

16. Conditions To Be Followed While Driving Inside Park

A person shall drive vehicles within the Park subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) The weight of the vehicle shall not exceed 5 tons.
- (b) The vehicle shall not be driven or parked in such a manner as to obstruct the movement of other means of transport, pedestrians or any other object.

- (e) The vehicle shall not be driven in excess of the prescribed speed limit, and the horn too shall not be sounded.
- (d) The vehicle shall not be driven through any route which has been closed to traffic under Sub-Rule (3) of Rule 19.

17. Signals To Be Obeyed

All drivers shall drive their vehicles within the Park according to the signals or directions given by the employee of the Park, or according to the billboards maintained as such signal or direction.

18. Restrictions On Movement

Nobody shall enter into or move through any place within the Park between 6.00: P.M. and 6.00: A.M. without the written permission of the warden, except in hotels, lodges or any prescribed camp.

19. Movement Facility

- (1) The facility of moving on foot or through means of transport within the Park through the routes prescribed in Schedule 5 shall be provided.
- (2) The routes mentioned in Sub-Rule (1) shall be used only through the places marked by the warden. In no circumstances shall any person deviate from such routes and use a different one without the written permission of the warden.
- (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-Sections (1) and (2), in case the warden deems it appropriate to close any such route at times of bad weather, he may do so till the weather improves.

20. Payment Of Fees

- (1) Fees as prescribed in Schedule 1 shall be paid in consideration of the following:-
 - (a) Driving.
 - (b) Encamping.
 - (c) Use of services of guides of the Park.
 - (d) Carrying domestic animals.

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- (2) Every person paying fees under Sub-Rule (1) shall be issued a receipt in the form indicated in Schedule 4.

21. Seizure Of Means Of Transport Or Animal

In case any person is found to have taken any means of transport or domestic animal through routes inside the Park other than those in respect to which facility has been granted under these rules, such means of transport or animal shall be seized by the Park's employee of the rank prescribed by the warden and handed over to the appropriate authority for necessary action.

22. Power To Arrest

- (1) The Assistant Warden, Forest Guards or other employees of the Park may, after obtaining warrants from the warden, arrest any person on the charge of having acted in contravention of the Act, or search his belongings or means of transport.
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in Sub-Rule (1), in case any accused person is likely to run away, he may be arrested or his belongings or means of transport may be searched, without any warrant.

23. Exemption In Case Of Entry For Official Purposes

Nothing contained in these rules shall be deemed to have affected the right of any employee of the National Park or of any other government office to enter into the Park at any time to carry out any official business according to the orders of his office.

24. Power To Amend Schedule

His Majesty's Government may, if it so deems necessary, effect amendments in the schedules to these rules by notification in the Nepal Gazette.

25. Authorities Competent To Hear Cases

- (1) The power to dispose of cases relating to offenses mentioned below shall vest in the Assistant Warden, where there is one, or else in the Ranger:
 - (a) Irregular removal, cutting or lifting of forest produce worth not more than Rs 100.00.
 - (b) Entry into the Park without pass or permission.

- (c) Grazing or feeding of domestic animals inside the Park.
 - (d) Overnight stay, encamping, or burning of fire at places other than those reserved for encampment or those prescribed by the warden.
 - (e) Taking of domestic animals through routes other than the prescribed ones.
 - (f) Fishing in contravention of Rule 10.
 - (g) Affixature or maintenance of any sign-board, bill-board, advertisement or poster in contravention of Rule 12.
 - (h) Playing of any musical instrument in contravention of Rule 14.
 - (i) Making of rubbish in contravention of Rule 14.
 - (j) Driving of vehicles, or exceeding the speed-limit, or disregarding signals in contravention of Rule 16.
 - (k) Entry into or movement within the Park between 6:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. without permission.
 - (l) Driving of vehicles in contravention of Rule 17.
 - (m) Movement through any route or place in contravention of Rule 19.
- (2) The power to dispose of cases relating to the following offenses shall vest in the warden:
- (a) Destruction, damage or removal or any other kind of loss to the boundaries, signs, fences, walls, sign-boards or notices of the Park.
 - (b) Action which contravenes Clauses (a), (b) and (c) of Rule 6, or cutting, felling, removal or lifting of or otherwise causing damage to any tree, plant or any other forest produce worth more than Rs 100.00.
 - (c) Taking any material inside the Park in contravention of Rule 7.

- (d) Causing damage to any plant or bush by setting it on fire inside or from outside the Park.
 - (e) Hunting of birds within the Park or removal, damage or destruction of eggs or nests in contravention of Rule 9.
 - (f) Digging any mineral or shifting or removing stone, sand, earth, boulders or similar other materials in contravention of Rule 11.
 - (g) Spraying, dropping or throwing insecticides or poisonous substances in contravention of Rule 15.
- (3) The power to dispose of cases relating to offenses other than those mentioned in Sub-Rules (1) and (2) shall vest in the Conservator of the Chitaur Forest Division Office.

Schedule 1

(Pertaining to Rules 4, 10 and 20)

(a) Fees For Entry Into The Park

	<u>Fees per entry for every person</u>
For Nepali citizens	Rs 5.00
For foreigners	Rs 20.00
For children aged between 5 and 12 years	Half of the above fees
For children aged below 5 years	Free

(b) Fees For Means of Transport (In the case of routes for which route facility is available or any other route)

Cars, jeeps	Rs 10.00
Lorries, buses, tractors and trucks of weight not exceeding 5 tons	Rs 15.00
Carts driven by buffaloes or bullocks	Rs 1.00

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(c) Camping Fee For Each Night

For Nepali citizens	Rs 2.50
For foreigners	Rs 10.00
For children aged between 5 and 12 years	Half of the above fees
For children below 5 years	Free

(d) Fees for guides' services

Rs 20.00 per day for every guide.

(e) Fees for carrying domestic animals through routes for which movement facility is available within the Park

Elephant	Rs 2.00 each
Buffaloes (both males and females), cows, oxen, horses and mules	Rs 0.25 each
Sheep, goats, dogs, pigs and similar other domestic animals	Rs 0.10 each

(f) Fishing fees

For Nepali citizens	Rs 5.00 per day
For foreigners	Rs 10.00 per day

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Schedule 2

(Pertaining To Rule 5)

His Majesty's Government

Royal Chitau National Park

National Park and Wild Life Protection Office

Ministry of Forests

Name and address:-

Serial No. ...

Age

Citizenship

Entry fee

Signature of the person
accepting the feeNote: Every person entering the Park shall comply with the 1974
Royal Chitau National Park Rules.Schedule 3

(Pertaining To Rule 10)

His Majesty's Government

Royal Chitau National Park

National Park and Wild Life Protection Office

Ministry of Forests

Permit

1. Name of recipient of permit

Serial No. ...

2. Address

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(a) Permanent

(b) Temporary

3. Nationality

4. Description of the stream or pond or block or portion thereof on which fishing is permitted

5. Day or period for which the permit is to be valid

6. Permit fee paid

Signature of authority issuing permit

Designation

Date

Note: The person obtaining this permit shall engage in fishing subject to the conditions prescribed by the warden or the employee designated by His Majesty's Government for the purpose.

Schedule 4

(Pertaining To Rule 20)

His Majesty's Government

National Park and Wild Life Protection Office

Royal Chitwan National Park

Receipt Against Payment of Fees For Vehicles and Domestic Animals

Name

Category of vehicle or domestic animal

Vehicle number

Fee

Signature of payer

Signature of receiver
of the fee

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Note: (1) This receipt shall be handed over to the ... or post at point of exit from the National Park.

- (2) Every person driving a vehicle or carrying any domestic animal through the Park shall comply with the 1974 Royal Chitaur National Park Rules.

Schedule 5

(Pertaining To Rule 19)

(a) Routes open for vehicles and pedestrians.

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| 1. Soraha | Jayamangala |
| 2. Ghatgai | Pauwa |
| 3. Dhrubaghat | Bankatta |
| 4. Bhosarghat | Lokhani |

(b) For pedestrians only:-

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| Bhimpur, Sisnethanti | Amuwa |
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By order,

Thir Bahadur Raimajhi,
Secretary to HMG.

Ministry of Forests

His Majesty's Government has prescribed the following authorities for the purposes of the following Sections of the 1973 National Park and Wild Life Protection Act.

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Section of ActAuthority

Section 4

Warden or any employee prescribed by him

Section 5

Warden

Section 24

Employees and police personnel of HMG assigned to protect and manage forests, wild life, national parks or sanctuaries.

By order,

Thir Bahadur Raimajhi,
Secretary to HMG.

Ministry of Finance

1. His Majesty's Government has announced that the 1962 Employees Savings Fund Act shall be applicable to the principal amount of savings deposited with the Fund by the employees of the following corporate and autonomous bodies and institutions with whom the Fund has entered into agreements under Sub-Section (1) of Section 16 of the said Act with the approval of His Majesty's Government, and to the interest thereon, with effect from the dates mentioned below:-

Name of Institutions And CorporationsDate of Enforcement

1. Gorkha District Panchayat Office

Shrawan 1, 2031
(July 16, 1964)

2. Kathmandu Town Panchayat

Baisakh 1, 2022
(April 13, 1965)

3. Nepal Red Cross Society

Ashwin 1, 2027
(September 16, 1971)

4. Insurance Board

Kartik 1, 2028
(October 15, 1972)

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| 5. Lamjung District Panchayat Office | Shrawan 1, 2029
(July 16, 1973) |
| 6. Nepal Children's Organization | do |
| 7. Dhading District Panchayat Office | Bhadra 1, 2029
(August 17, 1973) |
| 8. Royal Nepal Film Corporation | Falgun 1, 2029
(March 12, 1973) |
2. His Majesty's Government has decided that the 1962 Employees Savings Fund Act shall be applicable from Ashadh 1, 2029 (June 14, 1974) in respect to the principal of the amount of savings deposited by employees of the Ratna Recording Corporation, with whom the Fund has entered into an agreement under Sub-Section (1) of Section 16 of the said Act, and to the interest due thereon.
 3. In exercise of the power conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 9 of the 1962 Customs Act (as amended), His Majesty's Government has granted full customs exemption on one mini-bus purchased by the J.C. Bal Saden Pre-Primary School at Sikiyahi being operated by the Junior Chamber of Biratnagar, from Mrs. Diana Elizabeth Hill, a British citizen, for the purpose of transporting children.
 4. Full customs exemption has been similarly granted on a minibus purchased by the Amar Adarsha Vidyalaya of Baneshwar, Kathmandu from Terry Pridie, a Canadian national, for the purpose of transporting children.

Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Irrigation

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 3 of the 1961 Essential Commodities Control (Powers) Act, His Majesty's Government has lifted the restrictions imposed on stocks of mustard seeds and mustard oil according to a notification published in the Nepal Gazette, XXIII-41, Magh 15, 2030 (January 28, 1974), in all districts other than Banke.

By order,

Karnadhwaj Adhikari,
Acting Secretary to HMG.

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Ministry of Home and Panchayat

Rameshwar Pradhan, Chief District Officer of Kabhrepalanchok district, has gone abroad for training. Until his return, Akshat Man Pradhan, a Section Officer in the CDO Office of Kabhrepalanchok district, will function as Chief District Officer in an acting capacity with effect from Magh 19, 2030 (January 23, 1974).

(S.B. Maharjan).