

Chapter 16

PARKS AND RECREATION*

* **Cross References:** Boats and waterways, Ch. 5; local laws relating to boats and waterways, App. A, Ch. 5.
State Law References: Authority to provide parks, playgrounds, etc., F.S. § 125.01(1)(f).

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ARTICLE I.

PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 16-1. Generally.

The purpose of this article is to establish general rules and regulations for the use of all county parks and other areas operated and maintained by the Lake County Parks and Recreation Division.
(Ord. No. 1982-14, 8-10-82; Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-2. Definitions.

When used within this article, the following definitions shall apply:

Director refers to the county manager or designee.

Division when used hereinafter is defined as the Lake County Parks and Recreation Division.

Division staff refers to any uniformed and identified employee of the parks and recreation division.

Parks and other areas owned and/or maintained by the Lake County Parks and Recreation Division are defined to mean parks, play grounds, recreation fields, museums, buildings, boat ramps, lakes, streams, canals, trails, play-channels, lagoons, waterways, water areas, submerged lands, shorelines and beaches therein, and all public service facilities located on or in grounds, waters, buildings, and structures in Lake County which are under the control of or assigned for upkeep, maintenance or operation by the parks and recreation division.

Park property when used hereinafter, is defined to cover all areas, buildings, locations and facilities described in the foregoing paragraph.

Park roads are defined as all areas designated for vehicular traffic, and passing through any legally defined park or recreational area or any part thereof. All other traffic ways, either paved or unpaved are classified as work trails, bridle paths, or simply trails and paths.

Parking area is defined to mean any designated part of any park road, drive or special area contiguous thereto that may be set apart for the standing or stationing of any vehicles.

Person shall be understood, as employed herein to mean any individual regardless of age or sex, or any corporation, company, association, firm, co-partnership, club or society, or any association of persons, or any agent or employee thereof.

Vehicle is defined to mean any wheeled conveyance (except a baby carriage or wheel chair) for the transportation of persons or materials whether (1) powered or drawn by a motor, such as an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or scooter or moped or (2) animal-drawn, such as a carriage, wagon or cart, or (3) self-propelled, such as a bicycle or tricycle, or (4) any trailer in tow or any size, kind or description. Exception is made as to any recreational or park transportation service on rails or otherwise, where especially authorized by the parks and recreation director. This definition does not include children's toys or ice coolers.

(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-3. Park operating hours.

(a) Parks that have been dedicated to or set aside for the county or established by the county by any lawful means, may be utilized by any person shall be open from dawn until dusk unless otherwise established by the director or designee. The unauthorized presence of any person in the parks at times other than those set herein unless otherwise established by the director or designee as open times shall be unlawful and punished as provided in section 1-6.

(b) Any section or part of any park area may be declared closed to the public by the director or designee at any time and for any interval of time, either temporarily or at regular and stated intervals (daily or otherwise) and either entirely or merely to certain uses.

(c) Permit for special night (or other off-hours) use of any park or recreation area may be granted to any group or persons if the proper application and permit criteria have been met and authorized by the director or his designee.

(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-4. Park roads and parking areas.

(a) *Traffic laws.* Applicable state vehicle laws shall apply in and about all park property and in addition thereto the following rules shall be applicable on roads and driveways within parks.

- (1) No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard for the surface, width, and condition of paving and traffic thereon. All vehicles shall give right-of-way to children or bicyclists. Maximum speed shall be five (5) miles per hour in

congested areas, adjoining park buildings, adjoining beach areas, adjoining picnic areas and adjoining play areas. In all other park areas, maximum speed shall be fifteen (15) miles per hour.

- (2) No driver or operator of any vehicle shall obstruct traffic or park or stop on any road or driveway except at places so designated or in case of an emergency. If so caused to stop or park for more than fifteen (15) minutes, the operator shall report such fact to a law enforcement officer or division staff.
 - (3) All law enforcement officers and division staff are hereby authorized and instructed to direct traffic whenever and wherever needed in the parks and recreation areas and on the highways, streets or roads immediately adjacent thereto in accordance with the provisions of these regulations and such supplementary regulations as may be issued. All persons shall comply with any lawful order, signal, or direction of such officer or staff.
 - (4) No person driving, operating, controlling or propelling any vehicle, shall use any other than the regularly designated paved or improved park roads or driveways, except when directed to do so by a law enforcement officer or division staff.
 - (5) Where a highway traverses a county park or recreation area and is available for public use at all times, said road shall be open to all through traffic permitted on any county road or highway, but such through traffic shall conform to park speed and traffic regulations, and vehicles otherwise not permitted to operate in park areas shall not stop therein except in case of emergency whereupon prompt report must be made by the driver to a law enforcement officer or division staff.
 - (6) No vehicle shall enter any county park, except through the designated park entrance gate, and upon payment of the required fee, if any, except those entering on park business.
 - (7) No person, except in emergencies, shall change any parts, repair, wash, grease or perform other maintenance on a vehicle on any park roadway, parkway, driveway, parking lot or other park property. Waxing and polishing is permitted in parks provided it is in an area open to vehicles and does not interfere with other park activities or traffic flow.
- (b) *Parking areas.*
- (1) No person shall park a vehicle any place on park property other than in regular designated facilities provided for that particular type of vehicle, unless directed otherwise by law enforcement officers or division staff.
 - (2) No person shall park or station any vehicle in any zone designated and marked "No Parking," or otherwise marked for restricted use except briefly for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers or freight, and in no case in excess of five (5) minutes for passengers and ten (10) minutes for freight.
 - (3) No person shall double-park any vehicle at any time on any road or parkway or parking

concourse, unless so directed by a law enforcement officer or division staff.
(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-5. Preservation of park property and wildlife.

Regulation of conduct with respect to protection of park property to prevent damage, removal or destruction, and park wildlife is necessary to preserve park and recreation areas for the use of future generations.

(1) *Park property.*

- a. No person shall dig, move, or remove from any park any beach sand whether submerged or not, or any soil, rock, stones, down timber or other wood or materials, or make any search, excavation by tool, equipment, metal detector, blasting, or other means or agency, or construct or erect any buildings or structures of whatever kind whether permanent or temporary in character, or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands unless the proper application and permit criteria have been met and authorized by the director or his designee. This provision does not prohibit children from playing on park property or from building sand castles. However, parents or guardians are responsible for making sure that any holes created by their children are filled in so as to prevent injury to other park users.
- b. Trees, shrubbery and lawns are property assets of the park and no person shall cut, carve, or injure the bark, or break off limbs or branches or mutilate in any way, or pick the flowers, fruits, seeds, or nuts of any tree or plant, nor shall any person pile debris or material of any kind on or about any tree or plant, or attach any rope, wire or other contrivance to any tree or plant, wherever temporary or permanent in character or use.
- c. No person shall build a fire except in designated areas or authorized containers, and no person shall forage for burning materials unless authorized by the director or their designee.
- d. Using the fountains, ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, bays, or any other bodies of water within the parks, or the tributaries, storm sewers or drains flowing into them as dumping places for any substance or matter or thing which will or may result in the pollution of said waters is prohibited.

(2) *Wildlife.*

- a. No unauthorized person shall molest, harm, frighten, kill, net, trap, snare, hunt, chase, shoot or throw or propel, by any means, missiles at any wildlife creature be it mammal, aquatic or marine life, bird or reptile roaming free about the park or in captivity in a cage, nor shall any unauthorized person remove or possess the young of any wild animal or the nest or eggs of any reptile or bird or to collect, remove, possess, give away, sell or offer to sell, buy or offer to buy, or accept as a gift any specimen dead or alive.

- b. In the event a minor child has violated the subsection (2)a., above, division staff shall issue a verbal warning to the party responsible for the minor child. If the responsible party allows the minor child to continue with the violation, the responsible party and minor child shall be asked to leave the park property.
- c. No person shall disobey posted notice prohibiting feeding mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians or fish.
- d. No person shall place, dump, abandon, or leave any fish, mammal, reptile or bird, either wild or domestic, on park property.
- e. This section is not intended to prohibit park users from protecting themselves or their personal property from nuisance animals.

(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-6. Permitted activities.

Swimming, boating, picnicking, sports and fishing shall be permitted in county parks unless specifically posted otherwise. The exclusive use of any sports field or court, pavilion, recreation building, or any part thereof will require an approved permit through the division. In all areas, trash and refuse will be discarded in appropriate containers, but if no containers are available, such trash and refuse will be removed from park property and disposed of elsewhere. The following regulations shall apply to specific park activities:

(1) *Swimming areas.*

- a. No person shall erect or cause to be erected any tent, shelter or structure on or in any beach, swimming or wading area in such a manner that a guy wire, rope, extension, brace or support connected or fastened from any such structure to any other structure, stake, rock, or other object is necessary, nor shall any structure, tent or shelter lack an unobstructed view of the interior from at least two (2) sides.
- b. No person shall carry, transport or cause to be transported any glassware, bottles, self-opening cans or any other potentially dangerous or sharp objects into any beach, wading or swimming areas.
- c. Beaches may be closed to the public and swimming therein may be prohibited at any time when in the opinion of the parks and recreation division such swimming is dangerous or otherwise inadvisable.
- d. No persons or pet shall wash or be washed with or without soap or other cleansers in swimming areas.
- e. The use of inflated inner tubes, rubber boats, life ring, cork or kapok belt, water wings, or any other device designed to artificially hold a person afloat shall be used at the persons own risk. Division staff shall have authority to order the removal of such items from

supervised swimming areas when the swimming areas are overcrowded and the use of such items endangers the safety of persons within the water.

(2) *Boating areas.*

- a. All persons navigating or operating a motor equipped boat shall comply with all established speed and navigation regulations.
- b. No motor equipped boat shall be operated within one hundred (100) feet of swimming areas or areas frequented by swimmers.
- c. No person other than a concessionaire licensed by the county to operate within a county park shall be permitted to rent, hire, or operate for charge, any kind of boat or water craft, whether powered or not, from park property. Persons operating such boats desiring to maintain a scheduled boat line, either annual or seasonal, may make formal written application to the director. This provision is not intended to prevent the rent, hire or operation for charge of boats or watercraft where such renting, hiring or operation is conducted from a private place of business, nor is it intended to prevent the landing on park property of any rented or hired boat.
- d. Boat docks and ramps must be kept clear of all equipment or gear.
- e. Use of docking and mooring space for an unreasonable amount of time to the exclusion of others will not be permitted. Docking and mooring space shall be used for loading and unloading only, unless otherwise authorized by the director or designee.
- f. Over night living on boats docked or moored to park property require that proper application and permit criteria have been met and authorized by the director or his designee.

(3) *Picnic areas.*

- a. Persons using picnic areas shall completely extinguish and properly dispose of all charcoal coals before leaving and shall place all trash such as boxes, papers, cans, bottles, garbage and other refuse in the disposal receptacles where provided. If receptacles are not available, refuse shall be carried away from the park and properly disposed of elsewhere.
- b. Use of individual grills/fireplaces, together with tables and benches, shall be available on a "first come, first served" basis.
- c. Picnic areas requiring reservations shall be designated with appropriate signage.

(4) *Fishing areas.*

- a. Commercial fishing from park property, or the buying or selling of fish caught from park

property is strictly prohibited.

b. Fishing shall be prohibited from any beach or swimming area.
(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-7. Prohibited activities.

The following activities are prohibited on park property unless authorized by the director or designee:

- (1) Scuba diving.
- (2) Hunting.
- (3) Gambling, including raffles, bingo games, card games for money.
- (4) Consumption of alcoholic beverages.
 - a. It shall be unlawful for any person to purchase, sell or offer for sale, have in his possession or consume any alcoholic beverages in or on any public playground, public recreation area or public park unless such sale, possession or consumption takes place at and during an event for which an alcoholic beverage permit has been issued by the director or designee. All persons entering upon park property shall consent to a search of the contents of any container which may contain an alcoholic beverage. Container shall mean any cooler, portable icebox, carrier, luggage, can, bottle, bag or box which may reasonably be used to contain alcoholic beverages. Purses, handbags and wallets are specifically exempted from the foregoing definition of "container."
 - b. Should a law enforcement officer or other person with authority to enforce this section observe a container over which no person apparently has possession, custody or control, then such officer may take such container into his possession and deliver it to park staff in charge, or his designee, to hold until claimed and properly identified, at which time such container shall be subject to an alcoholic beverage inspection and the claimant of the container may be cited for a violation of this section if the container is found to contain an alcoholic beverage.
 - c. Any person refusing to consent to such inspection of a container in his possession, custody or control shall be denied admittance to a county park. If such person is present in a county park at the time a demand for such inspection is made and refuses to consent to such inspection, such person shall be ordered to leave the county park forthwith. Should such person refuse to leave forthwith, such person shall be deemed in violation of this section.
 - d. In no event shall division staff attempt to search a container when the owner of such container has refused such inspection. Division staff shall have authority, however, to ask such person to immediately leave park property and upon refusal to leave park property,

division staff shall contact a law enforcement officer to trespass the person from park property.

- (5) Bicycles, tricycles, skateboards, rollerblades or similar equipment are prohibited on boardwalks, nature trails and sidewalks, unless so designated as an approved trail or trail connector.
- (6) Hitchhiking.
- (7) Camping.
- (8) No person shall utilize park property to engage in any private commercial activity, including the use of any vehicle carrying materials or merchandise for sale.
- (9) Non-recreation areas. No person or persons shall engage in rough or potentially dangerous games or practice for same, such as football, baseball, softball, horseshoes, quoits, tennis volleyball, badminton or any other games, practice or exercise involving thrown or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, shuttlecocks, Frisbees, model aircraft, roller skates or skateboards in those areas posted as non-recreation areas, or in those areas specifically restricted.

Any person violating this section may be ordered by a law enforcement officer or any other person having authority to enforce this section to leave the premises of the public playground, public recreation area or public park in which the violation occurs. Failure to comply with such order shall constitute a separate violation of this section.

(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-8. Animals and pets.

- (a) Where horseback riding is permitted, the animals used shall be thoroughly broken, properly restrained and attended. Horses shall not be hitched to any rock, tree, shrub or other park property not designated for such hitching. Owners may be required to produce proof of immunizations for horses brought into park property. Owners are responsible for properly disposing of solid excreta.
- (b) Dogs and other pets will be excluded from all parks except where specifically designated.
- (c) In parks where dogs are allowed, unrestrained dogs or other domestic animals shall not be permitted in any park area other than in enclosed or fenced areas as may be clearly marked for use by animals. Dogs in areas other than the designated enclosed or fenced area shall at all times be restrained or kept on a leash not more than six (6) feet in length. Dogs shall wear their county issued license tags at all times. Owners shall be responsible for properly disposing of all solid excreta.
- (d) This section shall not apply to:
 - (1) Horses or dogs used by a law enforcement officer or park ranger in the performance of their duties.

- (2) Guide dogs used by a visually handicapped or disabled person, provided that the dog is at all times kept under control.
- (3) Animals or fowl kept by the division or under its direction.
- (4) Animals used through the direction of the division by an individual for educational purposes.
(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-9. Permits required.

Applications for any permit required under this article shall be obtained from the division. The application shall contain the name, address and telephone number of the applicant and the duration, hours and location of the proposed activity. Permits shall be granted if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The requested activities will not interfere with the normal use of park property.
- (2) The requested activities will not require diversion of police or emergency services so as to unduly deprive other areas of their services.
- (3) The requested activities will not unreasonably create a risk of injury to persons or property or to promote disorderly conduct as defined in section 877.03, Florida Statutes.
- (4) Adequate sanitary facilities will be available.
- (5) The requested activity will not result in noise in a level inappropriate for the areas surrounding the location.
- (6) The requested activity will not interfere with other activities already permitted by the division.
- (7) The requested activity does not create a risk to the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lake County.
- (8) All applicable fees have been paid.
- (9) The applicant has acknowledged and signed a copy of the applicable rules and regulations.
- (10) Proof of liability insurance has been provided showing Lake County as an additional named insured, where required.
- (11) Proof that all other governmental approvals have been obtained, whether local, state or federal.
(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-10. Fees.

The board of county commissioners may, from time to time, by resolution, designate any or all of the county parks, as "fee parks," and may set a fee to be charged to the general public for the admission to, specific facility usage or rental of, program or activity instruction, special event participation, and/or sales of approved concessions. It shall be unlawful for any person to attempt or intentionally enter any fee park or activity without paying such fee. Any person violating this section may be ordered by division staff or any other person having authority to enforce this article to leave the premises of the public park in which the violation occurs. Failure to comply with such order shall constitute a separate violation of this article.
(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-11. Enforcement and penalties.

The provisions of this article may be enforced by any law enforcement officer having jurisdiction, the division of code enforcement and/or division staff where applicable. Any person found in violation of a provision of this article may be asked to leave the park property, issued a trespass warning or punished in accordance with section 1-6 of the Lake County Code.
(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 2, 11-6-01)

Secs. 16-12--16-20. Reserved.

ARTICLE II.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD*

* **Editors Note:** Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, adopted Oct. 17, 2006, amended Art. II, in its entirety, to read as herein set out. Prior to inclusion of said ordinance. Art. II was entitled, "Parks, Recreation and Advisory Board. See also the Code Comparative Table.

Sec. 16-21. Establishment.

The "Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board" is hereby established, hereinafter referred to as the "board."
(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-22. Purpose.

The purpose of the board is to consult with the Lake County staff and the municipalities within Lake County and advise and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on matters relating to recreation and open space needs.
(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-23. Membership.

(a) The membership of the board shall consist of the nine (9) members appointed by the board of county commissioners. A current commissioner of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners shall serve as liaison to this committee in non-voting position and shall not be considered a member of the committee.

(b) The membership of the board shall consist of the following:

(1) One (1) member from each county commissioner district.

(2) One (1) member from the Lake County League of Cities, or a designee.

(3) One (1) member from the Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Conservation and Control Authority, also known as the Lake County Water Authority, or a designee.

(4) One (1) member from the Lake County School Board, or a designee.

(5) One (1) member who is a resident in unincorporated Lake County.

(c) Members may be removed from membership on the board by the board of county commissioners at any time.

(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-24. Terms.

The term of office for all appointed members shall be two (2) years, with those representing the county commissioners' districts having a term beginning in odd numbered years, and all other members with a term beginning in even numbered years.

(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-25. Duties.

The duties of the board shall be as follows:

(1) Consult with county staff and the municipalities within Lake County, and advise and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners relating to the planning and implementation of leisure time programs and establishment of facilities for all of the resident of Lake County.

(2) Keep the board of county commissioners and city commissioners informed of the status and progress of recreational and parks services, plans, and activities.

(3) Advise and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners regarding the promotion of the citizen participation in recreation and park programs and distribution of information about leisure activities offered by Lake County.

(4) Advise and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on coordination between county, state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over recreation and open space programs and facilities.

(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-26. Organization.

The members of the board shall meet and organize immediately after their appointments. The board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman. The term of office for the chairman and vice-chairman of the board shall be one (1) year. Officers may be elected for successive terms.
(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-27. Quorum.

A majority of the then appointed voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-28. Bylaws, rules, regulations.

The board shall meet and adopt bylaws, rules, and regulations for its own guidance. "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised," shall be the final authority on all questions of parliamentary procedure.
(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-29. Compensation.

There shall be no compensation for serving as a member of the board. Expenses incurred by members in performing their duties as board members shall be reimbursed by the county.
(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Sec. 16-30. Meetings.

(a) The board shall meet at regular intervals as determined by the Lake County Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board.

(b) All meetings shall be held in a public place and shall be open to the public.

(c) All meetings shall be noticed and minutes recorded.

(d) The Lake County Parks and Trails Division shall serve as staff to the committee.
(Ord. No. 2006-106, § 2, 10-17-06)

Secs. 16-31--16-39. Reserved.

ARTICLE III.

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM*

* **Editors Note:** Ord. No. 1996-35, §§ 1--6, adopted April 9, 1996, did not specifically amend the Code; hence, inclusion herein as Art. III, §§ 16-41--16-46, was at the discretion of the editor. See the Code Comparative Table.

Sec. 16-41. Adopt-a-park program established.

There is hereby established the Lake County Adopt-a-Park Program. The adopt-a-park program shall be administered by the senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements or a designee under the supervision of the county manager. The purpose of the adopt-a-park program shall be to involve the public in an effort to keep Lake County parks free of litter by enlisting civic-minded volunteer organizations and individuals to adopt a Lake County park. Through adoption of a county park, an organization shall have the responsibility for picking up any litter which may accumulate within that county park.

(Ord. No. 1996-35, § 1, 4-9-96; Ord. No. 1997-1, § 1, 1-21-97)

Sec. 16-42. Office of facilities and capital improvements to have primary responsibility.

The Lake County office of facilities and capital improvements shall, through the senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements or a designee, have responsibility for the administration, coordination, permitting, and record keeping activities associated with the adopt-a-park program. The senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements or a designee shall:

- (1) Explain the adopt-a-park program to interested organizations or individuals.
- (2) Issue permits to qualifying adopting organizations or individuals.
- (3) Schedule the litter removal to be accomplished by the adopting organization or individual, consistent with the provisions of this article, and the rules and regulations of the adopt-a-park program, which may be promulgated by the board of county commissioners.
- (4) Schedule pickup of bagged litter by Lake County personnel.
- (5) Provide approved trash bags and safety literature to organizations or individual members.
- (6) Provide and erect an adopt-a-park sign at each adopted county park. Each adopt-a-park sign shall display the permitted organization or individual's name or acronym. Permitted organizations or individuals which are sponsored by businesses may have the name of the business displayed on the sign in block letter, but no business logo or trademark shall be displayed.
- (7) Provide analysis and reports to the county manager and the board of county commissioners as required.

(Ord. No. 1996-35, § 2, 4-9-96; Ord. No. 1997-1, § 2, 1-21-97)

Sec. 16-43. Conditions of participation.

The senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements shall ensure that organizations or individuals participating in the adopt-a-park program shall abide by the following conditions:

- (1) Any Lake County community organization or individual, such as a civic, social, or school organization or individual, as well as businesses, and individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older, may be issued a permit by the senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements or a designee to adopt a park. Participants shall have approved permit applications on file with the senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements prior to issuance of a permit, and prior to participation in any cleanup effort. The senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements or a designee shall assist the permitted organization or individual in the selection of the county park to be adopted.
- (2) The members of any participating organization or an individual shall obey and abide by all laws, ordinances and regulations relating to safety and other matters as may be required by the senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements. The senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements or a designee shall have authority to require adherence to special regulations in relation to county parks which may offer unusual problems or safety.
- (3) The permitted organization or individual shall be responsible for furnishing adequate supervision by one (1) or more adults for participants who are fifteen (15) years of age or younger.
- (4) Each permitted organization or individual shall conduct at least one (1) safety meeting per year.
- (5) Participants who are sponsored by permitted organizations or individuals shall be required to attend a safety meeting conducted by the permitted organization or individual before participating in the cleanup of the adopted park.
- (6) Each permitted organization or individual shall adopt one (1) county park for a minimum period of two (2) years.
- (7) Each permitted organization or individual shall pick up litter a minimum of twelve (12) times each year, with the year measured from the date the permit is issued. The senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements or a designee may require a greater number of minimum pickups based upon the location and volume of litter on a county park. The senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements or a designee may grant an exception to the minimum number of pickups where fewer litter pickups are necessary in order to maintain cleanliness.
- (8) Each permitted organization or individual shall obtain supplies and materials from the office of facilities and capital improvements at a designated location during regular business hours.
- (9) Participants shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages while participating in the litter pickup.
- (10) Each permitted organization or individual shall ensure that a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water are available to participants during litter pickup.
- (11) Each permitted organization or individual shall ensure that litter collected is placed in trash bags

furnished by the office of facilities and capital improvements to be collected by and disposed of by the office of facilities and capital improvements.

- (12) No permitted organization or individual shall subcontract or assign its duties to any other organization or individual. Each permitted organization or individual shall act as an independent contractor in picking up litter, and shall not be subject to the control of the office of facilities and capital improvements, provided that the provisions of this chapter are complied with.
- (13) Each permitted organization shall elect a chairperson to represent the organization in the conduct of its affairs with the office of facilities and capital improvements. An individual shall designate a person to represent himself or herself.

(Ord. No. 1996-35, § 3, 4-9-96; Ord. No. 1997-1, § 3, 1-21-97)

Sec. 16-44. Unusual circumstances.

Once a county park has been adopted by a permitted organization or individual pursuant to the terms of this chapter, the office of facilities and capital improvements shall be responsible only for removing litter from the adopted county park under unusual circumstances, such as to remove large, heavy, or hazardous items.

(Ord. No. 1996-35, § 4, 4-9-96; Ord. No. 1997-1, § 4, 1-21-97)

Sec. 16-45. Permit.

The senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements shall be authorized to issue adopt-a-parks permits after a complete application has been submitted and approved. The form of the permit shall be developed by the senior director of the office of facilities and capital improvements.

(Ord. No. 1996-35, § 5, 4-9-96; Ord. No. 1997-1, § 5, 1-21-97)

Sec. 16-46. Liberal construction.

The provisions of this article shall be liberally construed in order to effectively carry out the purposes of the article in the interest of the public health, welfare, and safety of the citizens and residents of Lake County, and the State of Florida.

(Ord. No. 1996-35, § 6, 4-9-96)

Secs. 16-47--16-49. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPECIFIC PARKS

Sec. 16-50. Lake Dalhousie public boat ramp.

In addition to the requirements of article I above, the following shall apply:

- (1) *Legal description.* For purposes of this section, the Lake Dalhousie public boat ramp shall mean

the real property in unincorporated Lake County legally described as: Commence at a point 2,412.75 feet north 87 degrees, 54 minutes 40 seconds west of the northeast corner of Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, thence run north 87 degrees, 54 minutes 40 seconds west 175 feet more or less, to the waters of the Lake Dalhousie; commence again at the point of beginning and run thence south 2 degrees, 05 minutes 20 seconds west 175 feet; thence run north 87 degrees, 54 minutes 40 seconds west 120 feet more or less to the water of Lake Dalhousie; thence run in a northwesterly direction along the water's edge of Lake Dalhousie to intersect the first line described above in Lake County, Florida.

As well as the following described property:

Commence at a point 1,324.40 feet north 87 degrees 54 minutes 40 seconds west of the northeast corner of Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, thence run north 87 degrees 54 minutes 40 seconds west 1,088.35 feet; thence run south 2 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds west 50 feet; thence run south 87 degrees 54 minutes 40 seconds east 1,088.35 feet; thence run north 2 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds east 50 feet to the point of beginning, in Lake County, Florida.

- (2) *Uses prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person other than authorized personnel of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, authorized personnel employed by Lake County, or law enforcement personnel, to utilize the Lake Dalhousie public boat ramp and the parking area and access road to the boat ramp for any purpose not related to or involved with the actual launching or retrieval of boats. Parking of vehicles related to the launching or retrieval of boats shall be permitted. Swimming, sunbathing and picnicking on the public boat ramp and the public area contiguous to the boat ramp are specifically prohibited.

(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 3, 11-6-01; Ord. No. 2008-29, § 2, 5-20-08)

Sec. 16-51. Sylvan Shores Park.

In addition to the requirements of article I above, the following shall apply:

- (1) *Legal description.* For the purposes of this section, the Sylvan Shores Park shall mean the real property in unincorporated Lake County legally described as: Sylvan Shores Park, as shown in Plat Book 9, Page 56, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida.
- (2) *Uses prohibited.* The following uses are specifically prohibited: swimming, launching of boats and retrieval of boats. This prohibition shall not apply to non-motorized canoes or kayaks and shall not apply to authorized personnel of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, authorized personnel employed by Lake County, or law enforcement personnel.

(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 3, 11-6-01; Ord. No. 2008-29, § 3, 5-20-08)

Sec. 16-52. Lake Joanna Park.

In addition to the requirements of article I above, the following shall apply:

- (1) *Legal description.* For purposes of this section, the Lake Joanna Park shall mean the real property

in unincorporated Lake County legally described as: Joanna Park, according to the plat of Lake Front Layout for Belleaux Estates, incorporated as Lake Joanna Estates as recorded in Plat Book 8, Page 51, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

- (2) *Uses prohibited.* No parking of vehicles shall be permitted in the public right-of-way adjacent to the park.

(Ord. No. 2001-138, § 3, 11-6-01)

Sec. 16-53. Lady Lake Preserve.

The regulations of Article I above do not apply to the Lady Lake Preserve. There shall be no public access to the preserve.

- (1) The legal description of the park is as follows:

The East $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, Lake County, Florida, less the West one hundred fifty (150) feet of the South three hundred (300) feet thereof

AND

The Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, Lake County, Florida, less the West five hundred (500) feet of the North eight hundred (800) feet thereof.

Containing approximately sixty-five (65) acres.

- (2) The Lady Lake Preserve shall be used for conservation purposes only and maintained by a county management plan. Prior to authorization of any other use, a public hearing shall be held to determine whether the additional use is appropriate. Notice of the public hearing will be sent to adjoining property owners.

(Ord. No. 2007-47, § 2, 10-2-07)