

Parks and Trees Regulations

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Parks and Trees Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“carpark” means any area that is within or adjacent to a national park, nature reserve or public park and is designated as a carpark by the Commissioner, and includes any access road to such an area;

“dangerous fireworks” has the same meaning as in the Dangerous Fireworks Act (Cap. 72);

“explosive” has the same meaning as in the Arms and Explosives Act (Cap. 13);

“park”, in relation to a vehicle, means to bring the vehicle to a stationary position and cause it to wait for any purpose;

“parking lot” means any space within a carpark marked out for the parking of any single vehicle;

“reserved parking lot” means any space within a carpark marked out for the parking of any specific vehicle authorised by the Commissioner;

“tout” means to solicit any person in connection with any trade or business, whether or not carried on by the person so soliciting;

“trap” means any contrivance, device or thing by means of which any animal can be captured.

PART II

MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF NATIONAL PARKS, NATURE RESERVES AND PUBLIC PARKS

Division 1 — Prohibited activities

Entry, etc., into national parks, nature reserves and public parks

3.—(1) No person shall —

- (a) enter any national park, nature reserve or public park or any part thereof that is closed to the public;
- (b) enter or leave any national park, nature reserve or public park or any part thereof except at designated points of entry to or exit from, as the case may be, the national park, nature reserve or public park; or
- (c) enter or leave any part of a national park, nature reserve or public park that is reserved for the use of particular persons or bodies or for a particular sector of the public unless the person is a person, or belongs to a body or sector of the public, for whose use it is reserved.

(2) No person shall, except with the approval of the Commissioner and in accordance with the terms and conditions of such approval, enter or remain in any national park, nature reserve or public park or any part thereof outside of the days and beyond the times of admission specified by the Commissioner in notices posted at every entrance to the national park, nature reserve or public park.

Prohibited acts within national parks, nature reserves and public parks

4.—(1) No person shall, within a national park, nature reserve or public park —

- (a) cause any lake, pool or other body of water to be fouled;
- (b) throw, deposit or leave behind any refuse, litter, object or article except in a litter bin provided for that purpose;
- (c) soil or deface any building, structure, furniture, ornament, equipment or other property;

- (d) gamble or assist in gambling;
- (e) beg, tout or solicit;
- (f) appear nude or be clad in such manner as to offend against public decency;
- (g) behave in a disorderly or an indecent or offensive manner;
- (h) enter or attempt to enter any public restroom designated for use by the opposite sex;
- (i) bathe or wash in any body of water; or
- (j) use any facility, utility or amenity for a purpose other than that for which it is provided.

(2) Where the Commissioner has, by means of notice displayed in, or at the boundary of, a national park, nature reserve or public park or part thereof to which the notice relates, or by means of written notice issued to a user of the national park, nature reserve or public park —

- (a) prohibited the use of any musical instrument or sound equipment in the national park, nature reserve or public park or that part thereof; or
- (b) prohibited the carrying on of any activity which, in the Commissioner's opinion, may endanger or cause discomfort or inconvenience to other users of the national park, nature reserve or public park,

a person shall not use such instrument or equipment, or carry on that prohibited activity, in the national park, nature reserve or public park or the part to which the notice relates.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(g), a person does not conduct himself in an offensive manner as referred to in that paragraph merely by using offensive language.

Prohibited acts within public parks

5. No person shall carry out any activity within any public park which he knows or ought reasonably to know —

- (a) causes or may cause alteration, damage or destruction to any property, tree or plant within the public park; or
- (b) causes or may cause injury to, or the death of, any animal or any other organism within the public park.

Smoking in nature reserve prohibited

6.—(1) No person shall smoke within any part of a nature reserve.