

# **National Parks Regulations 1997**

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### **THE SCHEDULE National Parks with Special Prohibitions**

NATIONAL PARKS ACT 1996  
(ACT 22 OF 1996)

NATIONAL PARKS REGULATIONS 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 40 of the National Parks Act 1996, the National Parks Board, with the approval of the Minister for National Development, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Parks Regulations 1997 and shall come into operation on 6th April 1997.

**Definitions**

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

“boat” means any vessel constructed or adapted for operations on water;

“controlled drug” means a controlled drug within the meaning of the Misuse of Drugs Act (Cap. 185);

“dangerous fireworks” means dangerous fireworks within the meaning of the Dangerous Fireworks Act (Cap. 72);

“designated lands” means the lands designated as national parks or nature reserves in the Fifth Schedule to the Act;

“explosive” means explosive within the meaning of the Arms and Explosives Act (Cap. 13);

“industrial waste” means industrial waste within the meaning of the Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 95);

“invalid carriage” means a carriage the weight of which unladen does not exceed 254 kilograms and which is specially designed and constructed and not merely adapted for the use of persons suffering from some physical defect or disability and is used solely by such persons;

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

“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;

“vehicle” means a vehicle, whether mechanically propelled or otherwise, but does not include a perambulator, a child’s toy vehicle used solely by a child or an invalid carriage;

“weapon” means any instrument capable of being used to kill or injure any animal.

## **Prohibited acts**

### **3.—(1) No person shall —**

- (a) enter or leave any fenced, hedged or walled area of the designated lands except through an entrance or exit provided for that purpose;
- (b) enter or remain within the designated lands while under the influence of a controlled drug or in a state of intoxication;
- (c) throw, deposit or dump any household refuse or industrial waste in the designated lands;
- (d) throw, deposit or leave behind any refuse, litter, object or article in the designated lands except in a litter bin provided for that purpose;
- (e) bathe or wash in any body of water in the designated lands;
- (f) cause any body of water in the designated lands to be fouled; or
- (g) where the Chief Executive has, by notice, prohibited any activity or the use of any musical instrument or sound equipment in any part of the designated lands, carry out such activity or use such instrument or equipment in that part of the designated lands.

### **(2) No person shall in the designated lands —**

- (a) gamble or assist in gambling;
- (b) beg, tout, solicit or commit a nuisance;
- (c) undress or be in an undressed state so as to be indecently exposed to the view of the public;
- (d) enter or attempt to enter or look into a public convenience provided for the opposite sex except in the course of a lawful duty;
- (e) soil, deface, damage or destroy any building, structure, park furniture, ornament or equipment;

- (f) use any obscene, indecent or offensive language;
- (g) disturb or create a nuisance to another person in his lawful use of the designated lands;
- (h) throw or discharge any stone or projectile or do any act likely to cause injury to any person or animal, or damage to any plant or property;
- (i) participate in any game or perform any activity likely to disturb or to create a nuisance to another person in his lawful use of the designated lands or to damage any plant or property;
- (j) wash any car, clothing, object, article or material or hang, spread or deposit any linen or other fabric for drying or bleaching; or
- (k) use any facility for a purpose other than that for which the facility is provided.

#### **Acts prohibited except with permission of Chief Executive**

4.—(1) No person shall, without the permission of the Chief Executive, in the designated lands —

- (a) sell, let, offer or display for sale or hire any thing, or perform or offer to perform any service for reward;
- (b) kindle or cause any fire;
- (c) discharge any dangerous fireworks, explosive or weapon;
- (d) climb any wall, fence, barrier, railing, hedge, tree, post or other structure;
- (e) erect any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, stall or other structure;
- (f) remove or displace any seat, barrier, railing, post, structure, ornament or any implement used in the laying out or maintenance of the designated lands;
- (g) wade in any lake, reservoir, pond, stream or fountain; or
- (h) hang or affix any light, bill, placard, notice or other thing on any plant, tree or structure.

(2) No person shall, without the permission of the Chief Executive —

- (a) enter or remain in the designated lands outside the days and times of admission specified by the Chief Executive and posted at every entrance to the designated lands to which they apply;