

# **Parks and Trees Rules 1997**

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### **THE SCHEDULE**

PARKS AND TREES ACT  
(CHAPTER 216)

PARKS AND TREES RULES 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the Parks and Trees Act, the Minister for National Development hereby makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

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

**Definitions**

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

“animal” means any member of the animal kingdom including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and every kind of vertebrate and invertebrate and the eggs and young thereof;

“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);

“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);

“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;

“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 a public park except through an entrance or exit provided for that purpose;
- (b) enter or remain within a public park while under the influence of a controlled drug or in a state of intoxication;
- (c) set up any shrine, idol or religious artifact for the purpose of worship in a public park;
- (d) throw, deposit or dump any household refuse or industrial waste in a public park;
- (e) throw, deposit or leave behind any refuse, litter, object or article in a public park except in a litter bin provided for that purpose;
- (f) bathe or wash in any body of water in a public park;
- (g) cause any body of water in a public park to be fouled; or
- (h) where the Commissioner has, by notice, prohibited any activity or the use of any musical instrument or sound equipment in any part of the public park, carry out such activity or use such instrument or equipment in that part of the public park.

### (2) No person shall in any public park —

- (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 public park;
- (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 public park 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 Commissioner**

4.—(1) No person shall, without the permission of the Commissioner, in any public park —

- (a) collect, remove, cut or displace any plant or part thereof;
- (b) prospect, mine, quarry, excavate or remove any soil, sand, laterite, clay, stone, any earth substance or water;
- (c) clear, break up, dig or cultivate any land;
- (d) drop or deposit any dirt, sand, gravel, clay, loam, manure, refuse, sawdust, shavings, stone, straw or any other matter or thing;
- (e) disturb or take the nest of any animal or feed, kill, injure, capture or molest any animal;
- (f) spread, set or use any net, trap or other instrument for the capture, destruction or injury of any animal;
- (g) sell, let, offer or display for sale or hire any thing, or perform or offer to perform any service for reward;
- (h) kindle or cause any fire;
- (i) discharge any dangerous fireworks, explosive or weapon;
- (j) climb any wall, fence, barrier, railing, hedge, tree, post or other structure;
- (k) erect any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, stall or other structure;
- (l) remove or displace any seat, barrier, railing, post, structure, ornament or any implement used in the laying out or maintenance of the public parks;
- (m) wade in any lake, reservoir, pond, stream or fountain;
- (n) hang or affix any light, bill, placard, notice or other thing on any plant, tree or structure; or