

16.30.001 Purpose. This chapter shall prescribe rules and regulations for the establishment, protection, development and management of county parks and forest so as to provide a sustained yield of forest products for commercial use and the associated benefits of soil and water conservation, scenic value, recreational benefit and fish and game resources; all in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources. (Ord. 154-2, Sec. 34, 2010; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.002 Scope. Except as provided otherwise herein, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to all lands, structures, and property owned, leased or administered by Eau Claire County for forest, park, wayside and special use purposes under the management, supervision and control of the committee. (Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981)

16.30.005 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter:

- A. "All-Terrain Vehicle" shall be defined pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 340.01(2g).
- B. "Campground" means any tract of land designated by the county exclusively for camping purposes.
- C. "Camping" means the use of any shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bed roll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.
- D. "Camping party" means any individual, family, unorganized group, or juvenile group occupying a campsite.
- E. "Camping season" means that period from May 15 to September 15 at Harstad Park and May 1 to September 15 at Coon Fork.
- F. "Camping unit" means a single shelter used for camping by a camping party, except those used exclusively for dining purposes.
- G. "Campsite" means a portion of a campground, which is designated for use by a camping unit.
- H. "Canoe campground" means a campground along a waterway for use by persons traveling by water.
- I. "Class 1 e-bikes" Class 1 e-bikes are bicycles with electric pedal-assist only and do not come with a throttle. Class 1 e-bikes are limited to a top speed of 20 mph using pedal assist.
- J. "Closed shelter" means any building or structure capable of being closed to public access and reserved for public or private group activities.
- K. "Committee" means the committee on parks and forest.
- L. "County forest" means all lands owned or leased by the county that are managed under Wis. Stat. ch. 28.
- M. "Department" means the county parks and forest department.
- N. "DNR" means Department of Natural Resources.
- O. "Emergency" means a state of exigency, which requires that immediate action be taken to protect life or property.
- P. "Family" means a parent or parents with their unmarried children and not more than two lineal relatives or two guests.
- Q. "Group campground" means a campground, which is designated for use by organizational groups
- R. "Independent camping unit" means a camping unit, which contains at minimum, a water storage facility and toilet facility that discharges to a liquid waste holding tank that is an integral part of the unit or to a sewage disposal system.
- S. "Juvenile group" means a group composed of juvenile members of an established organization and under the leadership of at least one competent, mature adult for each ten juveniles in the group.

T. "Park" includes all lands and water heretofore and hereafter acquired by the county for park or recreational purposes and placed under the jurisdiction of the committee and includes parks on county land managed under Wis. Stat. § 28.

U. "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, and association of persons, both singular and plural.

V. "Primitive campground" means a campground or area with minimal or no improvements, where camping may be permitted, accessible by hiking or by watercraft.

W. "Special use area and wayside" includes all lands and waters, other than parks, heretofore and hereafter acquired by the county for special recreational or other purposes.

X. "Unorganized group" means a camping party composed of a group of five or less persons.

Y. "Trail, All-Terrain Vehicle" shall be defined pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code NR 64.02(3).

Z. "Trail, Hybrid (Troute)" shall be defined pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code NR 64.02(9m).

AA. "Utility-Terrain Vehicle" shall be defined pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 23.33 (1)(ng).

BB. "Winter season" means the period from December 1 to April 1 annually.

CC. "Watercraft" includes boats, jet skis, canoes, kayaks and inflatable rafts exceeding 6 feet in length. (Ord. 167-17, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 162-8, Secs. 1. & 2., 2018; Ord. 157-48, Secs. 1. & 2., 2014; Ord. 145-89, Secs. 1&2, 2002; Ord. 145-30, 2001; Ord.142-48 Sec.3, 1999; Ord. 134-03 Sec.44, 1990; Ord. 132-75 Secs.1&2, 1989, Ord. 129-81 Sec.2, 1986; Ord. 128-26 Sec.1, 1984; Ord. 80-81/457 Sec.2 (part), 1981).

16.30.010 Designation of park, special use area and wayside boundaries and lands subject to this chapter.

A. The boundaries of all parks, special use areas and waysides shall be designated by the board which shall maintain a legal description of each such parcel in the department office.

B. The parks subject to this chapter are:

1. Lake Altoona Park;
2. L. L. Phillips Park;
3. Big Falls Park;
4. Harstad Park;
5. Lake Eau Claire Park;
6. Coon Fork Park;
7. Lowes Creek Park.

C. The special use areas subject to this chapter are:

1. Tower Ridge Recreation Area;
2. Lion's Club Youth Pond Area;
3. Eau Claire National Rifle Club Range;
4. Countywide Snowmobile Trail;
5. Fairchild All-Terrain Vehicle Trail/Route Corridor;
6. Channey Road Hybrid Trail from ATV trail intersection #19 to ATV trail intersection #15;
7. Hamilton Falls River Hybrid Trail in T26N, R5W, and T27N, R5W designated by Hybrid Trail Signs;
8. Forest Road 3 Hybrid Trail from CTH H to ATV trail intersection #16;
9. County forest ATV trail system as shown on ATV trail map maintained by the parks and forest office.