



**THE STATE FORESTS PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS
NOTICE 1975**

PURSUANT to the Forests Act 1949, the Minister of Forests hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—This notice may be cited as the State Forests Parks and Recreation Areas Notice 1975, and shall come into force on the 1st day of March 1975.

2. Interpretation—In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Act” means the Forests Act 1949:

“Conservator”, in relation to any park, means the Conservator of Forests for the conservancy in which the park is situated or (if the park is situated in more than one conservancy) a Conservator of Forests for a conservancy in which a part of the park is situated, which Conservator shall be designated by the Director-General:

“Park” means any State forest park proclaimed by the Governor-General under section 63A of the Act; and includes a recreation area set apart by the Minister under section 63D of the Act:

“Recreation area” means any area set apart by the Minister under section 63D of the Act:

Other expressions defined in the Act have the meaning so defined.

3. Parks open to the public—Subject to the provisions of this notice parks shall be open to the public at all times except during such periods as the Conservator shall determine.

4. Periods during which parks to be open—(1) Except as provided by Part II of the State Forest Park Regulations 1969,* the Conservator may from time to time by notice in any newspaper circulating in the area or by notice displayed at any park specify the period or periods during which any particular park shall be open to the public.

(2) If the Conservator shall specify such period or periods in respect of any park in the manner provided in the preceding subclause, no person shall be in, or upon, remain in, or enter such park otherwise than during such period or periods.

5. Notices—(1) Any notice in any park which bears the symbol of the New Zealand Forest Service or otherwise indicates that it is given by the Conservator of Forests shall be deemed a lawful authority or instruction to any person in any park.

(2) No person shall displace, damage, or otherwise interfere with any sign, notice, or marker erected by the Forest Service in or near any park.

6. Fires—(1) No person shall light any fire in any park except at camping sites or picnic places.

(2) No person shall kindle or light any fire as in (1) above except in places provided or in a specially prepared open place on rocks or earth cleared of all combustible material in and around the fire area.

(3) No person lighting any fire as in (1) or (2) above shall leave any fire unattended or fail to completely extinguish that fire upon leaving the camping or picnic site.

7. Firearms—Except pursuant to a permit or other lawful authority no person shall enter any park with any firearm, bow and arrow, or a device capable of propelling a projectile, or any firework or explosive.

8. Spotighting—Except pursuant to a permit or other lawful authority no person shall use any spotlight to hunt animals in any park.

9. Traps, snares, and poisons—Except pursuant to a permit or other lawful authority no person shall enter any park with any trap, snare, or poison or use any trap, snare, or poison for the taking of animals.

10. Animals—No person shall take any dog or cat or other animal into any park except pursuant to a permit or other lawful authority, or abandon in any park any dog, cat, or animal.

11. Wildlife—No person may pursue or injure or take any bird, animal, or fish in any park except where he is the holder of a valid licence or permit or other lawful authority to enter for that purpose.

12. Vehicles—Except pursuant to a permit or other lawful authority no person shall enter, travel in, or leave any park in or with any vehicle other than by roads or routes designated by the Conservator or stand any vehicle in any part of a park other than at parking places designated by the Conservator.

13. Boats—Except pursuant to a permit or other lawful authority no person shall enter any park with or in any boat.

14. Aircraft—Except pursuant to a permit or other lawful authority no person shall hover any helicopter above the park or land any aircraft on any land or water within any park.

15. Misbehaviour—(1) Within any park no person shall wilfully obstruct, disturb, or interfere with any other person in the use or enjoyment of the park or use foul, abusive, indecent, or obscene language, or be intoxicated, noisy, or riotous, or in any way misbehave.

(2) No person shall interfere with or damage or destroy or remove any natural feature or any sign, building, structure, or machinery or vehicle within any park.

(3) No person shall post any placard, bill, poster, notice, or sign within any park without the prior written permission of the Conservator.

(4) No person shall leave litter within the limits of any park except in the litterbins provided, or where no litterbins are provided, leave without ensuring that all litter is either buried or burned.

16. Collection of gemstones—Except pursuant to a permit or other lawful authority, no person shall take more than 4.54 kg (10 lb) of any gemstone, mineral, rock, or other similar forest produce during any one consecutive 2-day visit; or more than 2.27 kg (5 lb) on any single day; provided that the Conservator may vary these conditions as he deems fit.

17. Commercial activities—No person may engage in any commercial business, practise any trade, or offer or undertake any service for payment of a fee or other reward in any park without the prior written permission of the Conservator who may lay down such conditions and make such charges and fees as he deems fit.

18. Pollution—No person may in any manner pollute directly or indirectly any waterway in any park.

19. Forest officer's authority—Any forest officer shall have the right to order any person to leave any park, whether or not that person has a permit or other authority to be on any particular park, where the forest officer in the exercise of his duty has reason to believe that the actions, behaviour, or intentions of the person concerned are or may be prejudicial to forest management, public safety, or likely to insult, offend, or annoy the public within the limits of any park.

20. Forest officers—The prohibitions contained in this notice shall not apply to any forest officer or workman, when legitimately engaged in the performance of his regular duties.

21. Penalty—Every person who commits a breach of any provision of this notice commits an offence and is liable accordingly to the penalty prescribed in section 63E of the Forests Act 1949, namely, a fine not exceeding \$100.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of February 1975.

BASIL ARTHUR, for Minister of Forests.

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