



# COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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WELCOME TO COLUMBIA COUNTY PARKS!

THIS PARK IS MAINTAINED AND OPERATED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE PARK AND THE RIGHTS OF OTHER PARK VISITORS, WE ASK THAT PARK VISITORS ADHERE TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS LISTED BELOW.

WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY AND COME BACK TO SEE US AGAIN!

### Columbia County Park Rules and Regulations (Effective January 1, 2015)

1. Columbia County parks are open to the public. All park users should take precautions to safeguard their personal property. The County will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property, or for the personal safety of campers or other visitors. Park users should notify the park host of suspicious persons or activities, or call 911 in case of an emergency. Individual or group security and safety is not the responsibility of the County. Due to poor cell phone coverage, an emergency phone is available at Camp Wilkerson.
2. For overnight camping parks, campers may check in at or after 2:00 p.m. Campers must check out by 12:00 p.m. on the day of departure.
3. Overnight camping is limited to seven (7) nights in any ten (10) day period unless prior permission is given by the Director of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Board of County Commissioners, or their designee.
4. Visitors and campers shall pay all applicable fees at reservation confirmation. First come, first serve campers shall pay all applicable fees upon entering the park, unless otherwise directed by the Park Host. In all cases, however, no person shall leave the park without paying all applicable fees. (15-20 minutes is allowed to view the park without charge.) Group Camping Fees (equal to one night's stay) are non-refundable. A five-day advance cancellation notice is required for other camping deposit refunds. Wedding packages are non-refundable. A \$10.00 handling fee will be deducted from all refunds. Day use parking passes are revokable without a refund if rules and guidelines are not followed. Day use parking passes do not include shower fees.

5. At all hours, especially during quiet hours (10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.), all park users shall respect the rights of others to peace and quiet.
6. No vehicle, device, instrument or noise-producing machine of any type may be used in any manner that is disturbing to other park visitors or area residents.
7. Group use of any recreational area shall be limited to a maximum of 50 persons without prior approval of the Director of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Board of County Commissioners, or their designee.
8. Motor vehicles are not to exceed five (5) miles per hour in the park unless otherwise posted.
9. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND OTHER INTOXICANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN COUNTY PARKS** unless a **FACILITY USE APPLICATION & AGREEMENT** has been signed both by the sponsor of the event and by County personnel authorized to sign such an Agreement by the Board of County Commissioners, and the sponsor has complied with the insurance requirements.  
**MARIJUANA IS PROHIBITED IN COUNTY PARKS.**
10. Fires are permitted in authorized camp stoves, fireplaces or fire rings only. No fire shall be left unattended or be permitted to cause damage to park facilities or areas. Every fire shall be extinguished before its users leave the park area.
11. At the discretion of the State Forestry Department, fires normally permitted in park areas may be restricted or prohibited due to high fire hazard conditions.
12. No person shall endanger the public health, safety and/or welfare of another visitor or a Park Host, and no person shall harass or intimidate another park visitor or Park Host. Persons violating this rule are subject to immediate eviction from the park.
13. No person within a park area shall possess any loaded firearm or discharge any firearm, pellet gun, bow and arrow, slingshot or other weapon capable of injuring any person or wildlife.
14. Possession, discharge or the causing to be discharged of any firecrackers, explosives, rockets, fireworks or other substances which could be harmful to park visitors, neighbors or resources is prohibited.
15. Trapping, and/or hunting of animals and destruction of animal habitat is prohibited in the parks. Hanging of game may be allowed in designated camping areas of Big Eddy and Scaponia parks only.
16. Mutilation, destruction, damage, defacing or removal of any flora or fauna, including but not limited to trees, shrubs, reed-grass, snake grass, mushrooms, squirrels, birds, deer, elk, etc.; or park structures, including but not limited to buildings, signs, fences, tables, benches, fountains, etc.; is prohibited. Fishing is permitted subject and according to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations.
17. Moving tables from other campsites/day-use areas is prohibited. If additional tables are needed, contact the Park Host. A \$25.00 deposit may be applied for damage and/or failure to return tables to the original position.

18. Horses are allowed in designated areas of Camp Wilkerson and designated areas of Asbury Park only. There may be additional designated areas in the future. Until then, horses and other large animals are not allowed in any other park without the written permission of the Director of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Board of County Commissioners, or their designee. Horses at Camp Wilkerson, dogs, and other small animals are permitted subject to Rule #19, below.
19. All animals (horses, dogs, cats, birds, etc.), must be in a pet container or on a leash/lead line (one end attached to the animal, the other end attached to a human or man-made stationary structure), which restricts the animal to the site where the owner is camping, picnicking, etc. No animal shall be allowed to infringe upon another visitor. Infringement includes loud and/or repetitive noise being made by the animal, especially during the "quiet hours" of 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Owners are responsible for picking up their pets' waste immediately after each occurrence. Livestock droppings will need to be picked up in camp area and trail riders will be expected to spread the livestock's droppings. Animals are not allowed in the restrooms and showers. (Except for identified service animals.)
20. All bottles, cans, ashes, waste, paper, garbage, and other rubbish shall be placed in proper designated receptacles. Park receptacles are to be used by park visitors for rubbish generated at the park only.
21. Visitors and campers shall leave all park restrooms and grounds in a clean and tidy condition after use.
22. Vehicles may only be parked in authorized parking areas. Day-use camp users and visitors may not park in the camping area without authorization from the Park Host. Abandoned vehicles, or those not parked in authorized areas, may be towed at the owner's expense.
23. Motorized vehicles are allowed on designated roads only.
24. Washing of vehicles in the park is prohibited.
25. County equipment is not available for towing of park visitor/camper vehicles.
26. No all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), dirt bikes or other off-road vehicles may be operated in the park (except 4-wheel drive vehicles fully equipped and licensed for legal use on public streets, roads and highways). A special daily or annual pass may be granted by the Director of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Board of County Commissioners, or their designee, for those supplying documentation of a physical/medical condition, necessitating motorized mobility.
27. Operation of concessions are not allowed except by special permit from the Board of County Commissioners.
28. Public address systems may not be used without prior permission from the Director of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, the Board of County Commissioners, or their designee.
29. Nudity is prohibited within the park, except by children under three (3) years of age, in restrooms, or in private accommodations (i.e., tents, trailers and recreational vehicles).

(For the purpose of this rule, nudity means the uncovered, or less than opaquely covered, human genitals, pubic areas, buttocks or the human female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola.)

30. The Adirondack areas at Camp Wilkerson are posted and designated for group use. When all of the Adirondacks are rented, the area is not meant for general public use. The County is not responsible for assuring that the general public does not enter into these group use areas. If additional markings are necessary, the group shall provide such markings and remove them prior to leaving the park. Children must be accompanied by a sufficient number of adults to assure the adequate supervision and safety of the children.

31. Prescott Beach Park hours of public use are as follows:

November 1st through the last day of February:	5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
March 1 <sup>st</sup> through May 31 <sup>st</sup> :	5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
June 1 <sup>st</sup> through August 31 <sup>st</sup> :	5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
September 1 <sup>st</sup> through October 31 <sup>st</sup> :	5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING AT PRESCOTT BEACH PARK WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR ITS DESIGNEE.**

32. For each boat using the boat launch at Beaver Boat Ramp, a two dollar (\$2.00) day use parking fee shall be paid prior to launch. If County Park personnel are not collecting the fee, then fees shall be paid into a collection box located next to the boat launch, or as otherwise instructed by Park personnel or official notice.

33. Beaver Boat Ramp yearly day use parking passes for are available for purchase at the Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation Department, 1054 Oregon Street, St. Helens, Oregon 97051. Yearly passes must be clearly visible in the towing vehicle during each boat launch or a \$2.00 day use parking fee shall be paid.

34. There shall be no diving from County docks, boat ramps, tie-ups, walkways or other boat dock facilities.

35. There shall be no swimming within fifty (50) feet of County docks, boat ramps, tie ups, walkways, or other boat dock facilities.

36. Anglers must yield to boats and other water vessels under way that are utilizing or attempting to utilize County docks, boat ramps, tie-ups, walkways or other boat dock facilities. Persons violating this rule are subject to immediate eviction from boat dock facilities.

37. Fishing lines and equipment, camping gear, and other similar items may not block or interfere with boats or other water vessels during launches or retrievals at County boat ramps, approaches to or moorings at docks or tie-ups, or the use by boats or other water vessels of any other County boat dock facilities, or block foot traffic on County boat dock facilities.

38. No person may place any written, printed or painted advertisement, bill, notice, sign, picture, card or poster, in any property under the authority of the Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation Department, without the prior written permission from the Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation Department. A Columbia County Forest, Parks and Recreation official may lawfully

remove or destroy, without resort to legal proceedings, any advertisement, bill, notice, sign, picture, card or poster placed in violation of this rule.

39. In addition to these rules and regulations, visitors and campers at the park shall obey all federal and state statutes, administrative rules and regulations, County ordinances, orders, resolutions, rules and regulations, including those governing fishing.
40. You must be at least 18 years old to make park reservations.
41. Reservations can be made up to 365 days in advance of the arrival date.

The above rules and regulations will be enforced by the Director of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, his/her designee, and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and any other person authorized by the Board of County Commissioners. Any person violating any of the above rules may be instructed to leave the park by a park caretaker (Park Host), the Director of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, or his/her designee, any on-duty Oregon State Police Officer, any Columbia County Sheriff's deputy, or Columbia County Commissioner, according to the Columbia County Forests, Parks and Recreation Ordinance No. 94-9 as amended. Failure to abide by the rules and regulations set forth herein may result in penalties under the Columbia County Enforcement Ordinance, and other criminal penalties as provided for under state and federal law.