

CONDENSED RULES FOR KCCB PROPERTIES

04/1/26

1. It is unlawful to damage or remove any natural resources or man-made structures within county properties without the consent of the conservation board or its agent.
2. The speed limit within county areas is 5 miles per hour. Vehicles must park in designated lots only and operate only on designated roadways in compliance with local ordinances, and state and federal law.
3. Animals must be controlled at all times and may not be tethered to trees or other property in a manner which will cause damage.
4. The use of fireworks, or explosives is prohibited. The use of firearms is prohibited except in designated areas.
5. Littering and dumping of trash is unlawful in all county areas.
6. All persons shall vacate county parks between the hours of 10:30 P.M. - 4:00 A.M. This does not apply to authorized camping or legal fishing in areas provided for that purpose.
7. Camping is permitted only in designated areas from mid-April to October 31, weather permitting. Camping fees are: Smith Lake North- \$25/night, \$600/month or \$2,250 for the season. The camping rate for Smith Lake South, Siems Park and Burt Lake is \$20/night for electrical sites and \$10/night for non-electric. Camping at Smith Lake South Campground, Siems Park and Burt Lake all have a 2-week max stay limit with a 3-day vacancy during the time period of May 11 – September 14, 2026. Camping Unit(s) and Occupant(s) MUST physically leave for the 3-day vacancy period. Campsites can be reserved at Siems Park and Smith Lake South from May 11 – September 14, 2026. Reservations must be made online at <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Kossuth>. Pending no reservations, campsites may be used as a walk-in site. ALL RESERVATIONS WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE.
8. Shelter houses accepting reservations at Siems Park and Smith Lake Park can be made online at <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Kossuth>. Burt Lake and Michealsen Marsh Shelters may be reserved by calling the KCCB office at 515-295-2138. Pending no reservations, shelters are available at no cost on a first come first served basis.
9. Hunting and trapping are permitted in all county areas except Smith Lake Park, Siems Park, Smith Prairie, Daubendiek Prairie, Greenwood Marsh, and Buffalo Creek Nature Preserve. All state and federal laws apply to these activities.
10. All boats shall be operated and equipped in accordance with the laws of the State of Iowa and all operators shall be governed by the right-of-way rules set forth in the statutes of the state of Iowa. All state and federal laws must be followed when fishing on public lakes. A minimum length limit of 15 inches is imposed on all largemouth bass taken in public lakes. At Smith Lake the minimum length limit is 18 inches for largemouth bass.
11. Keg beer will be allowed only at the Water's Edge Nature Center Meeting Room as part of the conditions of the rental. An alcohol deposit of \$200 is required.
12. The conservation board and its agents reserve the right to refuse and rescind any or all area privileges to anyone found in violation of these rules or laws set by the state and federal government.

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KOSSUTH COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD**