

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**

**CHAPTER 0400-02-01  
GENERAL**

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**0400-02-01-.01 APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE.**

Tennessee State Parks and natural areas belong to the people of the State and are for the recreational use of the public and require protection and preservation. All visitors are welcome. To prevent abuse and misuse of the privileges and facilities provided, the following rules and regulations governing public use are adopted. The following rules and regulations apply to all state parks and state natural areas. If there is a conflict between these rules and a Natural Resource Rule in Chapter 0400-06-02, the more stringent rule shall apply.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108 and 11-14-104. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed June 14, 2010; effective September 12, 2010.

**0400-02-01-.02 RESERVED.**

**Authority:** T.C.A. §11-1-108. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed June 14, 2010; effective September 12, 2010.

**0400-02-01-.03 DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) The following definitions shall apply to these regulations:
  - (a) The term "Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.
  - (b) The term "Assistant Commissioner" shall mean the Director of the Division of State Parks.
  - (c) The term "Park Manager" includes any official in charge of a park area, or his authorized representative.
  - (d) The term "Authorized Person" includes any person authorized to enforce the provisions of these regulations.
  - (e) The term "Park Area" includes all state-owned or controlled lands administered by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Parks and Recreation.
  - (f) The term "Natural Area" includes all natural areas which are designated as natural areas by the Legislature.
  - (g) The term "Cultural Area" includes all those park areas which due to their cultural significance are determined to be on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

(Rule 0400-02-01-.03, continued)

- (h) The term "Recreational Area" includes all State lakeshores, scenic riverways, recreational areas, and all other park areas administered by the Division of State Parks primarily for the purpose of public recreation.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 11-1-108 and 11-3-101. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 24, 1974. Amendment filed August 24, 1987; effective October 8, 1987. Amendment filed June 14, 2010; effective September 12, 2010.

#### **0400-02-01-.04 PENALTIES.**

Any violation of these rules and regulations for the care and management of such properties as may be made under the authority of T.C.A. §11-1-108 shall be a misdemeanor and punishable under the general laws relating to misdemeanors.

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