

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL BYELAWS FOR THE REGULATION OF BUCHAN COUNTRY PARK

Adopted 5th December 2013

The West Sussex County Council in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 41 of the Countryside Act 1968 and Section 90 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (a) in accordance with Section 235 of the Local Government Act 1972 (b) hereby makes the following byelaws for the protection of Buchan Country Park in the Parish of Colgate in the County of West Sussex. The attached map shows as nearly as may be the area covered by these byelaws.

1. In these byelaws:

- (a) "The Country Park" shall mean the pieces or parcels of land contained in the whole 69 hectares or thereabouts and situated in the Parish of Colgate in the County of West Sussex and declared to be managed as a Country Park in 1980. The Country Park is for the purposes of identification shown as nearly as may be on the map, annexed hereto, and thereon edged with a broken green line;
- (b) "The Council" shall mean the West Sussex County Council;
- (c) "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in Section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968;
- (d) "Personal Watercraft" shall mean a small recreational craft, propelled by a directionally controlled water jet or other mechanical means of propulsion and steered either:
 - (i) by means of a handlebar operated linkage system (with or without a rudder at the stern); or
 - (ii) by the person or persons riding the craft using their body weight for the purpose; or
 - (iii) by a combination of the methods referred to respectively in (i) and (ii) above; and
- (e) "Vessel" shall mean any vessel, ship, lighter, keel, barge, boat, raft, pontoon, hovercraft, hydrofoil vessel and craft of any kind howsoever navigated, propelled or moved and any seaplane on the surface of the water and regardless of whether any craft is separately referred to in these byelaws.

2. Within the Country Park the following acts are hereby prohibited except in so far as they may be authorised by special permission given by the Council in accordance with Byelaw 3, or are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council;

Damage to or disturbance of things in the Country Park

- 2(1) No person shall intentionally kill, injure, take, disturb, displace or molest any animal, bird, fish or any other living creature, plant or fungus within the Country Park;
- 2(2) No person shall engage in any hunting, shooting, fishing, setting any trap or net, using any lamp or other instrument, or the laying of any snares for the taking, injury or destruction of any animal, bird, fish or any other living creature within the Country Park;
- 2(3) Byelaw 2 (ii) shall not prohibit any fishing within the Country Park which may be authorised by special permission of the Council;
- 2(4) No person shall remove from or displace on the land within the Country Park any stone, soil, turf, water, or the whole or part of any living creature, plant, shrub, tree or fungus;

Bringing animals and plants into the Country Park

- 2(5) No person shall intentionally or knowingly bring, or permit to be brought, into the Country Park any living creature, or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or any other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such a thing shall reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch or such seed will germinate;
- 2(6) No person shall intentionally or knowingly bring, or permit to be brought, or permit to remain within the Country Park, any animal unless it is kept under proper control;

Areas of water

- 2(7) No person shall bathe or swim in any water comprised in the Country Park, except in an area where a notice exhibited by the Council permits bathing and swimming;
- 2(8) No person shall intentionally, carelessly or negligently foul or pollute any water comprised in the Country Park;
- 2(9) No person shall obstruct the flow of any drain or watercourse comprised in the Country Park;
- 2(10) No person shall engage in Water skiing, wakeboarding, windsurfing, kitesurfing (on land or water), snorkelling or the use of any Personal Watercraft of any kind on any water comprised in the Country Park, other than in an emergency;
- 2(11) No person shall engage in sailing model boats;
- 2(12) No person shall operate or sail on any waterway comprised in the Country Park any Vessel of any kind howsoever navigated propelled or moved on the surface or through the water, other than in an emergency;

Use of vehicles and horses

- 2(13) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park ride or lead a horse;
- 2(14) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park drive, ride, propel or leave any mechanically propelled vehicle (including motorcycle or quad bike) elsewhere than in a place designated as being available for that purpose;
- 2(15) No person shall leave any vehicle overnight within the Country Park;
- 2(16) The use of invalid carriages as defined by and in accordance with the Use of Invalid Carriages on Highways Regulations 1988 is not prohibited by these Byelaws;

Use of certain equipment

- 2(17) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park use any apparatus or equipment for the transmission, reception, reproduction or amplification of sound by electrical or mechanical means to cause or permit to be made any noise which is so loud or so continuous or repeated as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to other persons on the land comprised in the Country Park, except that this byelaw does not apply to apparatus designed and used as an aid to defective hearing and apparatus used in a vehicle so as not to produce sound audible by a person outside the vehicle and mobile phones or equipment generating sound only audible to one person at a time;
- 2(18) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park, use any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the Country Park other than where this may be authorised by the special permission of the Council;

Use of firearms etc

- 2(19) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park be in possession of a firearm or discharge a firearm or light a firework;
- 2(20) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park project any missile, including bow and arrow, manually or by artificial means;

General prohibitions

- 2(21) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park intentionally obstruct, disturb, interrupt or annoy any other person in the proper use of the Country Park
- 2(22) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park fly a kite where it may cause disturbance or become a nuisance to wildlife or people;
- 2(23) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park erect any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, building or other structure;
- 2(24) No person shall neglect to leave any gate as it was found and to keep closed any gate already closed by the means provided;
- 2(25) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park affix any notice or advertisement other than where this may be authorised by special permission of the Council;
- 2(26) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park sell or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity, article or service other than where this may be authorised by special permission of the Council;
- 2(27) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park hold any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports event other than where this may be authorised by special permission of the Council;
- 2(28) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park intentionally or recklessly remove, damage or displace any structure, lifesaving equipment, notice board, notice exhibited by order of the Council, apparatus, wall, boundary bank, fence, barrier, railing, post or hedge;
- 2(29) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park light any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing a fire except in designated areas permitted by the Council;
- 2(30) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park let fall or throw any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire;

- 2(31) No person shall intentionally leave items in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for the disposal of litter and refuse;
- 2(32) No person shall on the land comprised in the Country Park erect, occupy or use a tent or any vehicle, including a caravan, or any other structure for the purpose of camping other than where this may be authorised by special permission of the Council;

Interference with a duly authorised officer

- 2(33) No person shall intentionally obstruct any officer of the Council or any person, or the servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council in the proper execution of their duties (which duties shall include the enforcement of these byelaws) or in the execution of any works including research or scientific work connected with the laying out, maintenance, protection or management of the Country Park, its habitat and wildlife.

Permits

3. The Council may give special permission authorising an act or class of acts within the Country Park or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under the byelaws.

Byelaws

4. Nothing in or done under any of the provisions of these byelaws shall in any respect prejudice or injuriously affect the exercise:
- (a) by a person of:
 - (i) a right vested in him as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Country Park;
 - (ii) any easement or profit a prendre to which he is entitled; or
 - (iii) any public right of way;
 - (b) of any functions of a local authority or statutory undertaker; or
 - (c) by a police officer or police employee or a member of the armed forces or of any Fire and Rescue, or Ambulance Service, or Environment Agency officer of the performance of his duty.

Penalty

5. Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

Revocation

6. The byelaws made by the Council on 1st day of October 1980 and confirmed by the Secretary of State on 4th day of March 1981 relating to the land comprised in the Country Park are hereby revoked.

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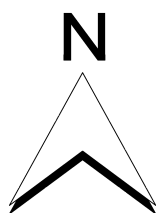
- Buchan Country Park
- Pond

The map displays Buchanan Country Park, outlined by a green dashed line. Within the park, several ponds are marked with blue hatched patterns. These include a large pond in the upper right, a smaller pond in the center, and several smaller ponds in the lower right. The map also shows surrounding areas such as Spruce Hill, Buchanan Hill Forest, and various roads and paths. A legend in the top left corner identifies the green dashed line as Buchanan Country Park and the blue hatched pattern as a Pond.

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