

FORESTRY COMMISSION BYELAWS

Extracts from Forestry Commission Byelaws 1982 (revised 1994)

3. (3) Nothing in these byelaws shall make unlawful anything done with the written authority of the Commissioners.
(4) Nothing in these byelaws shall prejudice or be in derogation of any right, power or duty vested in, or imposed on, the Verderers of the Forest of Dean by virtue of any enactment or otherwise.

Acts prohibited on the lands of the Commissioners.

5. No person shall in or on the lands of the Commissioners:-

- (i) enter any area on or near which there is displayed by the Commissioners a notice prohibiting entry thereon;
- (ii) enter any building, structure or mine unless there is a notice displayed thereon by the Commissioners permitting or implying access thereto;
- (iii) leave open or obstruct any gate or moveable barrier giving access to any enclosed plantation or other enclosed area;
- (iv) light any fire or stove or leave any lighted match, tobacco, cigar or cigarettes;
- (v) remove or damage any building, wall, gate, stile, fence, railing post, chain, seat, drain, pipeline, notice board, receptacle for rubbish, or any other thing belonging to the Commissioners;
- (vi) display any notice, placard or bill;
- (vii) dig up, remove, cut or injure any tree, shrub or plant, whether living or not, or remove the seeds therefrom, or dig up or remove any soil, turf, leaf mould, moss, peat, gravel, slag, sands or minerals of any kind;
- (viii) disturb or remove archaeological or historical remains;
- (ix) operate a metal detector;
- (x) set up or place any caravan, tent, booth, stall or erection of any kind, including equestrian equipment;
- (xi) turn out to graze or feed or allow to remain thereon any animal or fowl; (Note: This does not apply to the New Forest or to the Forest of Dean)
- (xii) permit any animal in his charge to be out of control;
- (xiii) except in the New Forest or on bridleways, which are public bridleways or bridleways specified by the Commissions, ride or lead any horse;

- (xiv) permit a dog for which he is responsible to disturb, worry or chase any bird or animal or, on being requested by an officer of the Commissioners, fail to keep the dog on a leash;
- (xv) ply for hire with, or let out for hire, any mechanically-propelled or other vehicle or any horses or other animal;
- (xvi) sell or distribute anything or offer or expose anything for sale;
- (xvii) set up beehives;
- (xviii) wilfully disturb, injure, catch, net, destroy or take any bird, fish, reptile or animal, or attempt to do so, or take the eggs of any birds;
- (xix) catch or net for the purpose of any collection any butterfly, moth or dragonfly;
- (xx) wilfully disturb, damage or destroy the burrow, den, set or lair of any wild animal;
- (xxi) carry or use any firearm, shotgun, bow or missile weapon, or any ammunition or missile for use therewith;
- (xxii) dam or obstruct or restrain the flow of water in any watercourse or break the banks thereof, or open or close any sluice belonging to the Commissioners;
- (xxiii) operate any aircraft, glider, hot air balloon, boat, raft or craft of any kind, or any model aircraft, boat or car;
- (xxiv) play or practise any game or sport in such a manner as to disturb the peaceful use of such lands or endanger the public or animals;
- (xxv) play any musical instrument or operate any radio receiving set or any other apparatus for the production or emission by electrical or mechanical means of sound, speech or images in such a manner as to cause annoyance to any person lawfully in or on such lands;
- (xxvi) wilfully obstruct, disturb or annoy in any manner any person lawfully in or on such lands;
- (xxvii) wilfully break any bottle or glass object;
- (xxviii) place or leave on such lands (except in receptacles provided for the purpose by the Commissioners or by any other competent authority) any litter, rubbish, filth or refuse of any kinds;

- (xxix) direct or discharge or cause to be directed or discharged, whether by means of a pipe, stream or excavation or in any other manner, any sewage or other noxious substance or any dangerous chemicals in such a manner as to constitute a nuisance;
- (xxx) deliver any public speech, lecture, sermon or address, or hold or take part in any public meeting, procession, exhibition or festival of any kind;
- (xxxi) wilfully evade payment or any charge or tolls levied by the Commissioners for the use of car parks or forest roads;

6. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this byelaw no person shall bring or cause to be brought on to the lands of the Commissioners any vehicle other than a perambulator or wheelchair drawn or propelled by hand or by electrical power and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.

7. No person shall on the lands of the Commissioners,

- (i) drive a motor vehicle as a learner drive;
- (ii) use or operate a motor vehicle without an efficient silencer;
- (iii) park or leave unattended a motor vehicle between the hours of sunset and sunrise except by the side of a highway for a stop of reasonable duration for refreshment or other reasonable cause.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Forestry Commissioners is hereunto affixed on 5 May 1982

P J Clarke

Secretary to the Forestry Commissioners

Note (1) Copies of the Forestry Commission Byelaws 1982 (S1 1982 No 648) may be obtained from The Stationery Office. Copies can also be seen at the offices of any of the Forestry Commission's regional offices.

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