Chapter 352-20 WAC

USE OF MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES IN STATE PARKS—PARKING RESTRICTIONS—VIOLATIONS

WAC 352-20-005 Definitions. Whenever used in this chapter, the following terms shall be defined as indicated herein:

(1) "Motor vehicle" shall mean any self-propelled device capable of being moved upon a road, and in, upon, or by which any persons or property may be transported or drawn, and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, motor scooters, jeeps, or similar type 4-wheel drive vehicles, and snowmobiles, whether or not they can legally be operated upon the public highways.

(2) "Trail" shall mean any path or track designed for use of pedestrians or equestrians and which is not of sufficient width, nor graded or paved with concrete, asphalt, gravel, or similar substance, so as to permit its use by standard passenger automobiles; or any other right of way specifically designated and posted for nonvehicular use.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 79A.05.030, 79A.05.035, 79A.05.070, 79A.05.165, 79A.05.605, and 79A.05.610.]

WAC 352-20-010 Stopping, standing or parking prohibited in specified areas. (1) No operator of any automobile, trailer, camper, boat trailer, or other vehicle, shall park such vehicle in any state park area, except where the operator obtains and properly displays the required state parks’ permit and the vehicle is parked in a designated parking area.

(2) No person shall park, leave standing, or abandon a vehicle in any state park area after closing time, except when camping in a designated area, or with permission from the ranger.

(3) No person shall park, leave standing, or abandon a vehicle used for commercial purposes in any state park area without written permission from the ranger.

(4) Any vehicle found parked in violation of subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this section may be towed away at the owner’s or operator’s expense.

(5) In any infraction involving stopping, standing or parking of vehicles, proof that the particular vehicle described in the notice of infraction was stopping, standing or parking in violation of any such provision of this section together with proof that the person named in the notice of infraction was at the time of the violation the registered owner of the vehicle, shall constitute in evidence a prima facie presumption that the registered owner of the vehicle was the person who parked or placed the vehicle at the point where, and for the time during which the violation occurred.

(6) Except as provided in WAC 352-20-070, any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.51.040 and 43.51.180(7). WSR 92-19-098, § 352-20-010, filed 9/17/92, effective 10/18/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.51.040. WSR 90-07-062, § 352-20-010, filed 3/20/90, effective 4/20/90; Order 9, § 352-20-010, filed 11/24/70; Rule filed 8/24/67.]

WAC 352-20-020 Motor vehicles on roads and trails. (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle on a trail in any state park area unless such trail has been specifically designated and posted for such use.

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, no person shall operate a motor vehicle within the boundaries of a state park area except on roads, streets, highways, parking lots, parking areas, ATV areas or snowmobile trails and areas.

(3) Except as provided in WAC 352-20-070, any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.


WAC 352-20-030 Speed limits. No person shall drive a motor vehicle within any state park area at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the traffic on, and the surface and width of the road, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons, property, or wildlife: Provided, however, That in no event shall a vehicle be driven at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour in camp, picnic, utility, or headquarters areas, or in areas of general public assemblage; And provided further, That in no event shall a vehicle be driven at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour in any other area except designated ATV areas and trails. In no event shall a person operate a vehicle in a designated ATV area or trail at a speed which is not reasonable and prudent for the activity and existing conditions. The commission, however, upon finding that the safety of persons and the condition of the road and the traffic thereon so warrants, may

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establish lower speed limits and shall post the same in the area where so established. Except as provided in WAC 352-20-070, any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.

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**WAC 352-20-040 Vehicles in snow areas.** All vehicles operating upon roads within the boundaries of any state park area when such roads are covered with snow or ice, and so posted, shall be equipped with approved snow tires or chains. Roads and conditions will be posted and traffic permitted only at the discretion of the ranger. Except as provided in WAC 352-20-070, any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.51.040 and 43.51.180(7). WSR 92-19-098, § 352-20-040, filed 9/17/92, effective 10/18/92; Order 9, § 352-20-040, filed 11/24/70.]

**WAC 352-20-050 Trucks and commercial vehicles.** No person shall cause a truck or other vehicle while being used for commercial purposes to enter upon, use, or traverse any portion of any state park area or any park road therein except in the service of the commission at the request of an employee or concessionaire of the commission, or by express permission of the director for a special activity not inconsistent with state park use: Provided, That the provisions of this section shall not apply to county roads or state highways.

Any vehicle in violation of this section may be towed away at the owner's or operator's expense. Except as provided in WAC 352-20-070, any violation of this section is an infraction under chapter 7.84 RCW.

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**WAC 352-20-070 Penalties.** Any violation designated in this chapter as a civil infraction shall constitute a misdemeanor until the violation is included in a civil infraction monetary schedule adopted by rule by the state supreme court pursuant to chapter 7.84 RCW.

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