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PARK DIRECTIVE 2205

**RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC USE OF THE SEARCH AREA  
OF THE CRATER OF DIAMONDS STATE PARK**

The following rules and regulations were formulated with each visitor's safety and welfare in mind and have been established to assure all visitors equal opportunity to enjoy the search area and to enhance the protection of the park's valuable natural resources.

1. No motor operated or battery-operated equipment may be used on the diamond mine. Wheeled equipment may not be used to transport equipment or mineral material onto or off of the search area. All diamond hunting equipment must be capable of being hand-carried through the Visitor Center and be of such size that it will easily pass through a standard single door opening (32" x 81"). Exceptions to this rule shall provide for the utilization of reasonable means of transportation for persons permanently or totally and/or 100 percent disabled (written proof of disability may be required). Reasonable means of transportation will be determined by the park superintendent or his/her representative on a case-by-case basis.
2. Equipment used for searching must be carried onto and removed from the search area and park property on a daily basis. Exceptions to this policy will be campers storing their equipment at their campsite on an overnight basis or searchers who rent park provided storage facilities in the mine area.
3. Tents, umbrellas, tarpaulins, etc., may be erected and must be removed on a daily basis.
4. All searching activity (surface searching, digging, etc.) will be confined to the plowed field. The boundaries of the search area will be clearly marked with yellow boundary markers. Digging, setting up equipment to process ore, or utilizing the area beyond the marked boundaries is strictly prohibited.
5. No area, excavated hole, or portion of the search area may be guarded, claimed, or in any way reserved. Any portion of the field is available to anyone who purchases a ticket to the search area.

6. Any hole dug in a way considered unsafe by park personnel will be filled at the discretion of authorized park employees. All holes or trenches dug by visitors will be filled by visitors before closing time each day. Holes may be dug to any depth; however, any hole or trench over four (4) feet deep shall be shored up either by hydraulic jacks and the proper size lumber or the sides shall be sloped to the angle of repose of the excavated material but in no case less than 2:1. All excavated material must be at least two (2) feet from the edge of the hole or trench.
7. Non-processed kimberlite (diamond bearing ore that has not been run through screens or sorting devices - also referred to as lamporite) may not be removed from the search area without approval of uniformed park personnel. However, it may be purchased in the park gift shop.
8. No more than five (5) gallons of processed concentrate maybe taken from the search area per paying customer per day.
9. Posting of signs is prohibited on the search area (or any portion of the park) without permission from the park superintendent.
10. Soliciting the sale of diamonds and other gem stones on park property is prohibited.
11. Riotous, boisterous, threatening, or indecent language or conduct is prohibited.
12. Littering on the search area or any other portion of the park is prohibited.

NOTE: The authorization for the searching of diamonds and other minerals at the park, along with the enforcement of rules and regulations is set forth in PD 3040.

Repeated violation of any or all of these rules and regulations will be reason for suspension of searching privileges, written citation, or both.

NOTICE: To preserve scenic beauty and ecology, fences and warning signs have not been installed in some park locations. Caution and supervision of your children is required while visiting these areas.

**HOURS OF OPERATION OF ALL PARK FACILITIES ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL CHANGE. CHECK PARK BULLETIN BOARDS OR AT THE INFORMATION DESK FOR CURRENT OPERATING HOURS.**

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