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Park Directive 3070

**FIREWORKS AND FIREARMS**

Due to the danger of bodily harm, especially to children, the danger of starting grass fires in the State Parks, and the noise and disturbance to park visitors, the Department of Parks and Tourism outlaws the use and display of all types of fireworks. The sale of fireworks will be prohibited in any park stores or concessions inside the park boundaries.

Any use of fireworks within the park after a warning is given will result in the confiscation of the items.

The use of explosives of any type are prohibited within a state park. The use or display of firearms unless in a locking type device is prohibited. Persons displaying or using firearms will be ejected from the park or weapons may be confiscated and receipt given and then be returned to owner upon departure from the park.

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Arkansas State Parks

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Park Directive 3070.1

## **OZARK FOLK CENTER FIRING RANGE POLICY**

### **I.      PURPOSE**

As an exception to P.D. 3070, this policy shall designate the Ozark Folk Center Black Powder Range, Mountain View, Arkansas, as an official State Park Facility to be managed and operated in compliance with all State Park policies and directives, but where firearms will be allowed under these rules and regulation.

Additional range rules, regulations and procedures contained herein are based on the 1987 Edition of Rules and Regulations published by the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association (NMLRA) and General Range Regulations published by the National Rifle Association (NRA).

All rules and regulations have been established to help ensure a safe and efficient shooting environment and are applicable to clubs, groups, and individuals utilizing the range.

### **II.     ABUSE OR VIOLATION OF RULES**

Abuse or violation of these and other established rules will be sufficient reason to suspend clubs, groups or individuals from the firing range. Those suspended will only be reinstated upon approval of the Ozark Folk Center and Manager of Operations or State Parks Director.

### **III.    RANGE HOURS**

The normal range hours will be from 8 am until dusk or 8 pm whichever occurs first. Specific hours for approved shoots will be set by the administering club.

### **IV.    RANGE UTILIZATION**

- A.    The facility shall be utilized as an overall multi-purpose area with primary emphasis as a firing range. Only equipment and ammunition as outlined in

section 3.00 of the 1987 NMLRA Rules and Regulations will be authorized without written consent from the State Parks Manager of Operations or State Parks Director.

- B. All clubs, groups and individuals will be required to register in and out from the Ozark Folk Center Lodge Office. They must read and verify their understandings of all range rules. A key will be issued to approved range officers.
- C. All range usage shall be under the supervision and direction of an approved range officer. Only those individuals holding and NRA or NMLRA Field or National Certification may use the range without direct supervision.
- D. The range officer shall be responsible for displaying the red pennant (live fire) flag whenever the range is in operation.
- E. All major shoots, competitions or special events will be scheduled in advance with the Ozark Folk Center. Arkansas State Parks and Ozark Folk Center sponsored or sanctioned events shall take precedence.
- F. Clubs will designate a chief range officer and other assistant range officers as appropriate and are required to maintain a safe and efficient shooting environment. The chief range officer must be appointed with the understanding that he/she is responsible for the safety and control of all persons using the range during their scheduled time. Also, in accepting the appointment of range officer, he/she agrees to enforce range rules and rules of safety, as well as the commonly established rules of conduct.

The range officer is further responsible for the efficient operation, mechanical maintenance and cleaning of the range during and after each use.

- G. All clubs or groups requesting to use the range must show proof of a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance. Such policy must also carry a "rider" to protect the State of Arkansas as the owner or landlord.
- H. Individuals, groups, and clubs utilizing the range at the Ozark Folk Center sanctioned events shall sign a liability waiver to hold harmless the State of Arkansas and its assigns from any and all liability that might occur by virtue of their presence on said property.

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