RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF WHITING PARK BY THE PUBLIC

1. The park manager reserves the privilege of interpreting and enforcing all rules.

2. No one under 18 shall be permitted to register for or utilize a campsite unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

3. No person or persons shall erect a camp, or camp within said park without first obtaining a camping permit from the park staff.

4. Camping shall only be permitted within designated camping areas.

5. No person, persons, or camping party shall camp for a period of time exceeding fifteen (15) nights. The person, persons, or camping party, and their respective camping unit(s) shall be required to leave a campsite upon reaching the fifteen (15) night limit. The party is not eligible to return to the same campsite until fifteen (15) nights have elapsed.

6. A campsite shall be occupied by no more than one single family or more than 4 unrelated individuals at any given time. A single family shall consist of parents and/or guardians and their children. Other relatives may be included, provided the campsite is occupied by no more than eight persons, all contained within one camping unit.

7. One primary camp unit and two tents shall be allowed per campsite. The primary camp unit may consist of a wheeled camping unit (pop up tent camper, self-propelled camper, travel trailer, or pickup camper) or a tent.

8. No more than two vehicles will be permitted per campsite. All overnight vehicles shall be registered and have a vehicle pass clearly displayed.

9. Visitors shall leave the campground by 11:00pm.

10. Campground checkout is 3:00pm.

11. Pets must be under immediate control on a leash not exceeding 8 feet. Pets are never to be left unattended. Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets. No pets are allowed on the beach or in buildings.

12. Horses are not permitted in the park.

13. No person shall swim outside of the designated swimming area.

14. The swimming beach and picnic area (that portion of the park north of Lakeshore Drive) shall be closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

15. It shall be unlawful to anchor, beach, launch or operate a boat within the swimming area as marked by buoys and ropes. Overnight anchoring of boats is allowed by registered campers only. The use of mooring devices is prohibited.

16. No garbage, refuse or trash generated outside of the park boundaries shall be disposed of within the park.

17. It shall be unlawful to build fires except in barbeque grills or park-provided fire rings. No fires shall be left unattended.

18. It shall be unlawful to remove, destroy or deface any notices, signs, markers or any other part of the park; or to mutilate, cut, pick or destroy any trees, shrubs or wildflowers; or hunt, corral, harass or destroy any wild animals, including birds, within the park.

19. No peddling or soliciting may occur within the park boundaries.

20. It shall be unlawful to post, place or erect signs or advertising material, erect a fence or barrier, or to construct, maintain or occupy any improvements in this park without the approval of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee.

21. It shall be unlawful to carry or possess a firearm, unless unloaded in both barrel and magazine, to shoot an air gun, gas gun, spring-loaded gun, or slingshot, or to shoot an arrow by use of a bow or crossbow within the park.

22. A person or persons expelled from the park for any reason whatsoever shall not be permitted to re-enter for a minimum of fifteen (15) days.

23. No person shall engage in any violent, abusive, boisterous, loud, illegal, obscene or similar disorderly conduct, which unreasonably interferes with another person's use or enjoyment of the park. Radios, generators or other devices shall not be used in a manner that creates excessive noise.

24. Operation of ATV's, golf carts, motorized scooters, or off-road vehicles of a similar nature within the boundaries of the park is strictly prohibited. Street licensed motorized vehicles driven by a licensed driver shall be driven only on park roads.

25. No fireworks shall be permitted within the park.

26. These rules, amended December 14, 2005 shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2006.

PENALTY

Violations of any of the Whiting Park Rules and Regulations, including those listed above, may result in the revocation of the camping permit and/or eviction from the park. In addition, any person who violates any of the Park Rules and Regulations may be charged with a misdemeanor and, if convicted, may be fined not more than $500.00, plus the costs of prosecution, imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the Court.