

1979 No. 150

FORESTRY

Forest Parks and Forest Recreation Areas Bye-Laws (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made 26th April 1979

Coming into operation 30th May 1979

The Department(a) of Agriculture in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 14 of the Forestry Act (Northern Ireland) 1953(b) as amended and extended by Articles 7 and 21 and Schedule 2 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(c) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following bye-laws:

Citation and commencement

1. These bye-laws may be cited as the Forest Parks and Forest Recreation Areas Bye-laws (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 30th May 1979.

Interpretation

2. For the purpose of these bye-laws:—

“the Department” means the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland.

“the Forest” means the lands which are under the control of the Department of Agriculture and have been declared to be Forest Parks and Forest Recreation Areas in accordance with section 14 of the Forestry Act (Northern Ireland) 1953 as amended by Article 7 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

“Official Notice” means any notice erected within the forest by the Department of Agriculture.

Admission

3. (i) Except when closed by the direction of the Department the Forest shall be open to the public.
- (ii) Subject to the bye-laws the public shall be at liberty to enter the forest on foot or by the prescribed entrance or prescribed routes in vehicles on payment of such admission fees as may be fixed by the Department.
- (iii) Nothing in these bye-laws shall make unlawful anything done by the authority of the Department.

Prohibited Acts

4. A person shall not in the forest:—

- (i) Enter any area or building on or near which there is a notice prohibiting entry thereto.
- (ii) Drive, park or leave any vehicle to or at any place other than a place designated for that purpose by an Official Notice.

(a) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)

(b) 1953 c. 2 (N.I.)

(c) S.I. 1977/1245 (N.I. 12)

- (iii) Drive any mechanically propelled or other vehicle including bicycle or motor-cycle upon any part of the forest at a speed exceeding the prescribed speed limit.
- (iv) Drive on permitted roads in a direction other than that indicated by an Official Notice.
- (v) Light any fire or stove or burn or set fire to any tree or vegetation whether growing or not.
- (vi) Drop or leave any lighted match, tobacco, cigar, or cigarette or other burning material whatsoever.
- (vii) Wilfully disturb, injure, destroy, take or ill-treat any form of wildlife.
- (viii) Do anything which interferes with the comfort or convenience of any person in the forest.
- (ix) Wilfully obstruct or interfere with an employee of the Department in performance of his or her duty.
- (x) Fail to keep under proper control any animal brought into the forest.
- (xi) Ride or lead any horses or ponies or other animals.
- (xii) Erect or place any caravan, tent, stall or structure of any kind.
- (xiii) Sell, offer for sale or hire or distribute anything.
- (xiv) Operate a radio or other apparatus for the reproduction of sound in such a manner as to cause annoyance to anyone.
- (xv) Drop or leave any rubbish, refuse or litter except in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- (xvi) Carry or use any firearm, shotgun, bow, or throw or discharge any missile.
- (xvii) Dig up or remove any ramps, stones, gravel, sand, turf or other substance.
- (xviii) Pollute or do anything which is likely to pollute any water.
- (xix) Interfere with or do anything which is likely to interfere with the flow of any water.
- (xx) Display any notice, placard or bill.
- (xxi) Take a boat on any pond or lake.
- (xxii) Wilfully destroy or interfere with any plant, tree or flower.

Saving for Proceedings

5. The provisions of these bye-laws shall not prejudice the taking of any other proceedings whatsoever in respect of any matter or thing constituting an offence against these bye-laws.

Removal of Persons from the Forest

6. Persons authorised by the Department may, after due warning, remove or exclude from the forest any person who commits, or is reasonably suspected of committing an offence against any of these bye-laws, or against Section 4 of the Vagrancy Act 1824(a).

Penalties

7. A person who commits an offence against any of these bye-laws or who obstructs any person authorised by the Department for the enforcement of these bye-laws, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100, and for a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding £2 in respect of each day during which the offence continues.

(a) 1824 c. 83

Revocation

8. These bye-laws revoke the previous bye-laws relating to Tollymore, Castlewellan, Drum Manor, Gosford, Gortin Glen and Glenariff Forest Parks.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 26th April 1979.

(L.S.)

C. S. Kilpatrick

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the bye-laws but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These bye-laws relate to all those Forests declared to be Forest Parks and Forest Recreation Areas in accordance with Section 14 of the Forestry Act (N.I.) 1953 as amended by Article 7 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1977.

The bye-laws are made to preserve the trees, to prevent injury or disfigurement of the Forest Parks and Recreation Areas or their amenities and to regulate the reasonable use of the same by the public for the purposes of exercise and recreation.

1979 No. 151**Use of Roads (Bellarena Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979**

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.

1979 No. 152**Use of Roads (Spelga Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979**

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1979 No. 153

This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.