

CHAPTER 2

STATE PARK SERVICE CODE

Authority

N.J.S.A. 13:1B-1 et seq., 13:1B-15.100 et seq., and 13:1L-1 et seq.

Source and Effective Date

R.2007 d.155, effective April 13, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 4779(a), 39 N.J.R. 1701(a).

Chapter Expiration Date

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1b, Chapter 2, State Park Service Code, expires on April 13, 2014. See: 43 N.J.R. 1203(a).

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 2, State Park Service, was adopted and became effective prior to September 1, 1969 pursuant to authority of N.J.S.A. 13D-1 et seq., 13:1B-3, 13:1B-15.4 et seq., 13:1B-15.12a et seq. and 23:7-9 and the State Park and Forestry Resources Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1L et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 13:1L-19).

All Subchapters except Subchapters 1, 3, 14, 16 and 17 were adopted pursuant to authority of N.J.S.A. 13:8-20 as R.1971 d.191, effective October 21, 1971. See: 2 N.J.R. 82(b), 3 N.J.R. 221(e).

Subchapter 16, Island Beach State Park Rules, was adopted as R.1973 d.138, effective May 24, 1973. See: 5 N.J.R. 81(a), 5 N.J.R. 187(a).

Subchapter 14, Round Valley Reservoir, was adopted and Subchapter 15, Spruce Run Reservoir, was repealed by R.1975 d.134, effective May 19, 1975. See: 7 N.J.R. 141(b), 7 N.J.R. 261(c).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 2, State Park Service, was readopted as R.1983 d.320, effective July 21, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 822(b), 15 N.J.R. 1373(d).

Subchapter 4, Hunting, Fishing and Trapping; Subchapter 6, Scuba Diving; Subchapter 10, Bathing; and Subchapter 12, Equestrian Use, were repealed by R.1983 d.464, effective October 17, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 983(a), 15 N.J.R. 1760(b).

Subchapter 12, Open Lands Management, was adopted as R.1986 d.124, effective April 7, 1986. See: 17 N.J.R. 866(b), 18 N.J.R. 645(b).

Subchapter 11, State Park Service, was repealed and a new Subchapter 11, Natural Areas and the Natural Areas System, was adopted as R.1987 d.533, effective December 21, 1987. See: 18 N.J.R. 2349(b), 19 N.J.R. 2409(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 2, State Park Service, was readopted as R.1988 d.340, effective June 24, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 714(a), 20 N.J.R. 1743(e).

Chapter 2, State Park Service, was repealed, and a new Chapter 2, State Park Service Code, was adopted as R.1991 d.487, effective October 7, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 2652(a), 23 N.J.R. 3005(a). As part of R.1991 d.487, Subchapter 11, Natural Areas and the Natural Areas System, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:5A and Subchapter 12, Open Lands Management, was recodified to N.J.A.C. 7:5B. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 2, State Park Service Code, expired on October 7, 1996.

Chapter 2, State Park Service Code, was adopted as new rules by R.1996 d.524, effective November 18, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 3698(a), 28 N.J.R. 4899(c).

Chapter 2, State Park Service Code, was readopted as R.2001 d.414, effective October 17, 2001. See: 33 N.J.R. 2379(a), 33 N.J.R. 3956(a).

Chapter 2, State Park Service Code, was readopted as R.2007 d.155, effective April 13, 2007. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

Subchapter 10, Golf Courses, was repealed by R.2014 d.031, effective February 18, 2014. See: 44 N.J.R. 1935(a), 44 N.J.R. 2269(a), 46 N.J.R. 335(b).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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The title of this chapter shall be known as the "State Park Service Code."

7:2-1.2 Scope

This chapter shall constitute the rules of the State Park Service and shall govern the use of all State parks, forests, recreation areas, historic sites, natural areas, marinas, golf courses, botanical gardens, and other lands, waters and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection and assigned to the State Park Service in the Division of Parks and Forestry.

7:2-1.3 Construction

(a) These rules shall be liberally construed to permit the Department, the Division of Parks and Forestry, the State Park Service and its various agencies to discharge its statutory functions.