



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:17-1-02 Definitions.

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As used in these rules, the following terms have the meanings indicated, except where the context otherwise requires:

- (A) "Department" means the state of Ohio, department of natural resources.

- (B) "Division" means the Ohio department of natural resources, division of natural areas and preserves.

- (C) "Custodian" means the department, any division thereof, agency, or individual who is so designated in the articles of dedication to administer and manage a nature preserve or natural area.

- (D) "Nature preserve" means an area which is formally dedicated and administered under Chapter 1517. of the Revised Code.

- (E) "Natural area" means any area owned or managed through easement, license, or lease by the department and administered by the division as a part of the state natural areas system.

- (F) "Scenic river" means a watercourse or a section of watercourse declared as a wild, scenic, or recreational river by the director of the department of natural resources.

- (G) "Scenic river lands" means any area of land or water within a wild, scenic, or recreational river watershed that is owned by the department of natural resources and administered by the division of natural areas and preserves for the purpose of protecting the natural character and water quality of a wild, scenic, or recreational river.

- (H) "Vehicle" means every contrivance on wheels or runners capable of being used as a means of transportation on land.



(I) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as defined in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code.

(J) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, or any combination of individuals, or any employee, agent, or officer thereof.

(K) "Camping" means utilization of any piece of equipment for sleeping in or upon, including but not limited to, a sleeping bag, hammock, tarp, tent, trailer, car, van, motor home, bus, truck, pickup camper, watercraft, or other mobile equipment, for the purpose of occupying a portion of state land for transient and temporary outdoor living away from home.

(L) "Picnicking" means the consumption of a meal in the out-of-doors by an individual or group of individuals.

(M) "Areas and facilities" means all trails, parking lots, restrooms, well shelters, observation blinds, towers or vistas, boardwalks, piers, docks, bridges, benches, picnic areas or roadways and any lands the chief designates for public use.

(N) "Chief" or "chief of the division" means the chief of the division of natural areas and preserves, department of natural resources, state of Ohio.

(O) "Appointed agent" means a person who is designated by the chief of the division of natural areas and preserves to be responsible for the supervision, operation, protection, maintenance, or other management activities on publicly owned or administered scenic river lands, nature preserves, or natural areas.

(P) "Idle speed" means the slowest speed needed to maintain steerage and maneuverability.

(Q) "Wake" means a track left in the water by a watercraft causing waves that may cause discomfort, injury or damage to persons, watercraft or property.

(R) "Firework" means a device consisting of various combinations of explosives and combustibles used to generate colored light, smoke and/or noise.



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(S) "Alcohol" has the same meaning as defined in section 4301.01 of the Revised Code.

(T) "Litter" has the same meaning as defined in section 1502.01 of the Revised Code.