

**RULE 1.3 REGULATIONS FOR THE CLARK CREEK NATURAL AREA.**

A. The following rules and regulations relative to the Clark Creek Natural Area are adopted:

1. The Clark Creek Natural Area will be managed as a day use area only.
2. Visitors must sign register at trailhead before entering natural area.
3. Overnight camping, fires, climbing or descending bluffs with ropes, and tree cutting are prohibited.
4. Natural area closed to hunting.
5. Firearms.
  - a. Pursuant to the terms of MISS. CODE ANN. § 45-9-101, as amended, any person possessing a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun, as issued by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety - or any state which Mississippi recognizes as having reciprocal requirements for issuing such licenses – may carry a handgun concealed upon his or her person while in or on any Mississippi State Park.
  - b. Except for sworn, certified law enforcement officers in pursuit of their lawful duties, the open carry of firearms may be restricted in any area designated as a “sensitive area” within any state park. Sensitive Areas will be designated by the placing of an appropriate sign as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §45-9-101(13). For additional information regarding sensitive areas on a specific park, please contact the manager of that park.
  - c. Pursuant to the terms of Miss. Code Ann. § 97-37-1, a firearm is not considered to be unlawfully “concealed” if it is within any motor vehicle. Any person, not in possession of a valid concealed carry permit, going onto a State Park with a firearm in his or her vehicle, camper or conveyance, must keep the firearm in a secured condition, not readily accessible and preferably locked in a secure case, for the duration of their stay at the Park.
  - d. No provision of this regulation shall be construed as to conflict with any applicable provision of statutory law.
6. No alcoholic beverages.
7. No horses or mules allowed on walking trails.
8. Motorized vehicles, except for emergency, routine patrol or maintenance purposes, are prohibited.
9. Stay on maintained trails or within banks of Clark Creek or its tributaries.
10. Carry out all trash.
11. Collecting animals and plants allowed by permit only.

B. CAUTION: The terrain may be difficult for the physically or medically unfit. Exercise caution while hiking. Avoid climbing in wet and steep areas, and beware of poisonous snakes.

History: Revised July 2014.

Source: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, 55-3-33, and 49-5-157.