

ROWHILL NATURE RESERVE BYELAWS

The Council of the Borough of Rushmoor in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 20 and 106 of the National Parks and Access to Countryside Act 1949 as amended by the Nature Conservancy Council Act hereby make the following byelaws for the protection of that part of Rowhill Nature Reserve situate in the County of Hampshire.

1. In these byelaws
 - a. "The Reserve" shall mean that part of Rowhill Copse situate in the County of Hampshire declared to be managed as a Nature Reserve by the declaration dated the 31st day of December 1984 made by Rushmoor Borough Council, in pursuance of Section 19 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, and is for the purposes of identification shown on the map annexed to these byelaws and edged blue.
 - b. "The Council" shall mean the Council of the Borough of Rushmoor.
 - c. "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in Section 57 of the Firearms Act 1968.
2. Within the Reserve the following acts are hereby prohibited except insofar as they may be authorised by a permit issued in accordance with Byelaw 3 and are necessary to the proper execution of his duty by an Officer of the Council or by any person, or servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council.

RESTRICTION OF ACCESS

- (i) Entering at any time those parts of the Reserve where a notice to keep out has been posted by order of the Council.

DAMAGE TO OR DISTURBANCE OF THINGS IN THE RESERVE

- (ii) Spreading or using any net, or setting or using any lamp or other instrument, or any snare or lure, for the taking, injury or destruction of any living creature.
- (iii) Taking, molesting or intentionally disturbing, injuring or killing any living creature.
- (iv) Taking or intentionally disturbing or destroying the eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages, or the place used for the shelter or protection of any living creature.
- (v) Intentionally removing or displacing any tree, shrub, plant, fungus or part thereof, or any unfashioned mineral thing including water.
- (vi) Climbing or ascending any tree or climbing or placing a ladder or steps against any tree.

BRINGING ANIMALS INTO THE RESERVE

- (vii) Intentionally bringing or permitting to be brought, into the Reserve any living creature or the egg of any living creature, or any plant, or any seed or any other part of any plant, in such circumstances that it is likely that such creature or plant will reproduce or propagate itself, or such egg will hatch, or such seed will germinate.
- (viii) Bringing into, or permitting to remain within, the Reserve any dog or other animal unless it is kept under proper control and is prevented from worrying or disturbing any animal or bird.
- (ix) Turning out any animal or poultry to feed or graze.

AREAS OF WATER

- (x) Committing any act which 'pollutes or is likely to cause pollution of any water.
- (xi) Bathing or wading in any water in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by order of the Council.
- (xii) Ice skating
- (xiii) Sailing model boats
- (xiv) Propelling (by any means whatever) any boat on an area or stretch of water other than a public waterway in contravention of a notice exhibited beside that water by the Council.
- (xv) Mooring or leaving or launching any boat elsewhere than on a beach or mooring site indicated by a notice exhibited by the Council as being available for this purpose.
- (xvi) Obstructing the flow of any drain or watercourse.

USE OF VEHICLES

- (xvii) Driving, riding, propelling or leaving any mechanically propelled vehicle (including hovercraft) elsewhere than on a highway or on a road, or in a place indicated by a notice as being available for the purpose.
- (xviii) Landing any aircraft except in case of emergency.
- (xix) Launching or landing except in an emergency a hang glider.
- (xx) Operating any hang glider at such a height that persons on the ground or in buildings may be inconvenienced or annoyed.
- (xxi)a No person shall ride a horse on the Reserve except where authorised by notices accordingly displayed.

USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT

- (xxi)b Using any apparatus for the transmission, reception, reproduction, or amplification of sound, speech or images by electrical or mechanical means, except apparatus designed and used as an aid to defective hearing and apparatus used in a vehicle so as not to produce sound audible by a person outside the vehicle.
- (xxii) Using any device designed or adapted for detecting or locating any metal or mineral in the Reserve.

USE OF FIRE-ARMS ETC

- (xxiii) Being in possession of a fire-arm (with ammunition suitable for use in that fire-arm) otherwise than on a public paved road, or discharging a fire-arm or lighting a firework.
- (xxiv) Projecting any missile manually or by artificial means either within the Reserve or into the Reserve from a point beyond the boundary.

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

- (xxv) Erecting, occupying or using any tent, shed, caravan or other structure for the purpose of camping elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being -available for camping.
- (xxvi) Flying any model aircraft.
- (xxvii) Erecting any post, rail, fence, pole, booth, stand, building or other structure.
- (xxviii) Neglecting to shut any gate or to fasten it if any means of doing so are provided.
- (xxix) Posting or placing any notice or advertisement.
- (xxx) Selling or offering or exposing for sale, or letting for hire or offering or exposing for letting for hire, any commodity or article, or selling or offering for sale any service.
- (xxxi) (a) Engaging in any activity which is causing or likely to cause a disturbance.

(b) Holding any show, performance, public meeting, exhibition or sports or the playing of any organised games.
- (xxxii) Intentionally or recklessly removing or displacing, any notice board, notice exhibited by order of the Council, apparatus, wall, boundary bank, fence, barrier, railing, post or hide.
- (xxxiii) Roller skating, skiing, tobogganing, cycling or skate-boarding.

(xxxiv) Lighting any fire, stove, heater or other appliance capable of causing fire, elsewhere than in an area indicated by a notice as being available for camping.

(xxxv) Letting fall or throwing any lighted match or lighted substance in a manner likely to cause a fire.

(xxvi) Intentionally leaving items, in a place other than a receptacle provided by the Council for deposit of litter or refuse.

INTERFERENCE WITH DULY AUTHORISED OFFICERS

(xxxvii) Intentionally obstructing any officer of the Council or any person or the servant of any person, employed or authorised by the Council in the execution of any works including research, scientific or maintenance work connected with the laying out, maintenance or management of the Reserve.

3. (1) The Council or Rowhill Nature Reserve Society on their behalf may issue permits authorising any person to do any act or class of acts within the Reserve or any part thereof which would otherwise be unlawful under these byelaws.

(2) Any such permit shall be issued subject to the following conditions:-

(a) that it must be carried whenever a visit is made to the Reserve, and produced for inspection when required by a person duly authorised by the Council in that behalf; and

(b) that it may be revoked by the Council at any time.

These byelaws shall not operate so far as to interfere with the exercise -

(a) by a person of:-

(i) a right vested in him as owner, lessee or occupier of land in the Reserve.

(ii) any easement or profit a prendre to which he is entitled.

(iii) any public right of way.

(b) of any functions of a local authority, statutory undertaker or of a water authority or other drainage authority.

(c) by a constable or a member of the armed forces or of any fire brigade or ambulance service of the performance of his duty.

5. Any person who offends against any of these byelaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of £50 and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine not exceeding £5 for each day during which the offence continues after the said conviction.

GIVEN UNDER the Common Seal of the Council of the Borough of Rushmoor on the 15th day of May 1987 pursuant to a resolution of the Council on the 26th day of March 1987.

MAYOR

CHIEF EXECUTIVE