

1 07 NCAC 14B .0403 is amended **with changes** as published in 37:20 NCR 2013 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 14B .0403 FIRES: LIGHTED CIGARETTES: ETC. SMOKING AND FIRES**

4 ~~All fires except for personal smoking materials are prohibited except in designated areas. A competent person 16~~
5 ~~years old or older must continuously tend any fire from the time it is kindled until it is extinguished.~~

6 (a) Smoking, **vaping** or the use of similar devices or materials is prohibited on Zoo property except where
7 designated through posted signage.

8 (b) Starting or maintaining a fire on Zoo property is prohibited except as part of an organized Zoo program.

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10 *History Note: Authority G.S. 143B-135.204(a);*

11 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

12 *Transferred w/change from T15.12E Eff. August 1, 1982;*

13 *Amended Eff. October 1, 1984;*

14 *Transferred from 15A NCAC 22B .0403 Eff. April 1, 2017;*

15 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,*
16 *~~2018-2018;~~*

17 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2023.*

1 07 NCAC 14B .0404 is repealed as published in 37:20 NCR 2013 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 14B .0404 SMOKING**

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6 *Eff. February 1, 1976;*

7 *Transferred w/change from T15.12E Eff. August 1, 1982;*

8 *Transferred from 15A NCAC 22B .0404 Eff. April 1, 2017;*

9 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. May 1,*

10 *~~2018-2018:~~*

11 *Repealed Eff. August 1, 2023.*

07 NCAC 14B .0608 is adopted with changes as published in 37:20 NCR 2013-2014 as follows:

07 NCAC 14B .0608 ROCK CLIMBING

(a) Rock climbing, bouldering, or rappelling is prohibited except in areas designated by the Zoo Director or their designee. The Zoo Director or their designee may designate a daily capacity limit for specific climbing routes and bouldering areas based on public safety and the protection and use of state property.

(b) A Day-Use Climbing Permit is required for each individual participating in climbing, ~~rappelling, and bouldering~~ bouldering, and rappelling on Zoo property. Applications for permits may be made at www.nczoo.org. A completed Day-Use Climbing Permit application shall include the following information:

- (1) the permittee's name, address, and contact information;
- (3) the permittee's expected time to return to their vehicle;
- (4) the permittee's vehicle registration number and state of vehicle registration;
- (5) name and contact information of an emergency contact; and
- (6) signature indicating agreement to abide by the terms and conditions of the permit.

(c) Day-Use Climbing Permits shall be issued upon receipt of a completed application unless:

- (1) the daily capacity limit for a specific climbing route or area has been reached prior to receipt of the completed application;
- (2) the activity would be detrimental to the protection and use of state property or threaten the health or safety of the public; or
- (3) The activity or use would constitute a violation of applicable law or the rules of this Subchapter.

~~(d) [The permit may contain such additional conditions or restrictions as are consistent with protection and use of the Zoo and public safety and health.~~

~~(e) [If a permit application is denied, the applicant shall be informed in writing [with]of the reason(s) for the [denial set forth.]denial.~~

~~(f)~~(e) Permittees shall maintain a copy of their signed Day-Use Climbing Permit with them at all times while on Zoo property.

~~(g)~~(f) While rock climbing on Zoo property, permittees shall not:

- (1) install permanent or fixed rock climbing anchors, such as pitons and expansion bolts;
- (2) chip or glue holds onto the rock face;
- (3) remove rock from its natural position except where failure to remove the rock poses a risk to public safety and such removal has been approved by the Zoo Director or their designee; and
- (4) intentionally remove vegetation to clean a climbing route.

The following prohibitions shall apply to rock climbing on Zoo property:

- (1) The installation of permanent or fixed rock climbing anchors, such as pitons and expansion bolts, is prohibited;
- (2) Chipping or gluing holds onto the rock face is prohibited;

37 ~~(3) The removal of rock from its natural position is prohibited except where failure to remove the rock~~
38 ~~poses a risk to public safety and such removal has been approved by the Zoo Director or their~~
39 ~~designee; and~~

40 ~~(4) The intentional removal of vegetation to clean a climbing route is prohibited.~~

41 ~~(h)(g)~~ Violation of the terms and conditions of a Day-Use Climbing permit issued in accordance with this Section
42 is prohibited and shall result in the revocation of the permit and removal of the violator from Zoo property.

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1 07 NCAC 14B .0609 is adopted with changes as published in 37:20 NCR 2014 as follows:

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3 **07 NCAC 14B .0609 TRAIL ACCESS AND ACTIVITIES**

4 (a) Public access to Zoo property, including all hiking trails, is available only between opening and closing hours
5 as posted at www.nczoo.org.

6 (b) Public use of hiking trails on Zoo property shall be limited to each trail's designated uses as posted. The
7 Division may prohibit or restrict public activity occurring on Zoo property if such activity would be detrimental to
8 the protection and use of state property or threaten the health or safety of the public.

9 (c) A person using Zoo property located outside of the perimeter fence must remain on the marked trails or in a
10 designated climbing area at all times.

11 (d) Use of bicycles, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, golf carts, go-karts, scooters, skateboards, and other similar
12 conveyances is prohibited on Zoo property outside of a trail designated for such use. Public use of motorized
13 vehicles is prohibited on Zoo property except on designated public roads and designated parking areas.

14 (e) Horseback riding is prohibited on Zoo property outside of a trail designated for such use.

15 (f) The following activities are prohibited on Zoo property:

16 (1) [Hunting;]hunting;

17 (2) [Littering;]littering; and

18 (3) [Camping;]camping; except through a Zoo organized camping program.

19 (g) Public use of Ridges Mountain trails is available only by a reservation approved by the Zoo Director or their
20 designee. Reservations shall be approved unless such use would be detrimental to the protection and use of state
21 property or threaten the health or safety of the public. A completed reservation request shall include the following:

22 (1) [Requestor's]requestor's name and contact information;

23 (2) [The]the name of an organization or group coordinating the use;

24 (3) [The]the number of users;

25 (4) [The]the date of the requested use; and

26 (5) [The]the intended use.

27 (h) [Pets, except as required by applicable federal and state law for service animals assisting individuals with
28 disabilities, are not permitted on the Ridges Mountain property.]Pets are not permitted on the Ridges Mountain
29 property except as required by federal and state law for service animals assisting individuals with disabilities.

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32 *History Note:* Authority G.S. 143B-135.204(a);

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