

Kickapoo Valley Reserve

Policies

This document is intended to provide a comprehensive and up-to-date summary of KRMB decisions related to the operation of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. It includes only decisions implemented as policy; please see Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter KB 1 for laws that provide further guidance regarding KVR property use.

Memorials

Members of the public may express interest in establishing memorials on the Kickapoo Valley Reserve to honor a friend or family member with strong connections to the property. Memorials may be placed, with permission from the Property Manager, under the following conditions.

- 1) The memorial consists of a native tree planted along the Old Hwy. 131 trail. Tree species and placement must be approved by the Property Manager.
- 2) The tree may be accompanied by a small engraved marker, the size and composition of which will be determined by the Property Manager as the standard for memorials on the KVR. The marker will include the following information.
 - a. The wording "Planted in memory/honor of"
 - b. Person's name
 - c. Date established
 - d. Tree species

The person establishing the memorial will be responsible for the costs associated with purchasing/engraving the marker.

KVR staff will maintain a record of all memorials established on the property, including the name of the individual honored, tree species planted, date, and location.

Maintenance (watering, etc.) of the tree will be the responsibility of the individual establishing the memorial.

Fee Exemption for Hunters & Anglers

Hunting and angling are permitted on KVR without a user/permit fee.

Trail Cameras

Trail cameras may not be placed on KVR lands. Exceptions may be granted for research or resource monitoring purposes by the Property Manager.

Geocaching

Individuals wishing to place a geocache on the KVR must receive approval from the Property Manager and sign the Geocache Approval Form, which details considerations and restrictions related to the placement of geocaches.

Drone Use

The use of drones for recreational purposes is not permitted on the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. Drone use is authorized only in support of the following activities:

- Search and rescue efforts.
- Training by local public safety agencies in support of drone usage for search and rescue efforts or other efforts intended to protect public health and safety. Agencies should notify the Executive Director or Property Manager of the date, time, and location of any planned training activities prior to flight.
- Monitoring of utility infrastructure on existing easements by the relevant utility company or their agent.
- Educational or resource monitoring projects, with approval from the Executive Director. Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation may operate drones on tribal trust lands for educational or resource monitoring projects with approval from the appropriate tribal representative.

Electronic Bicycles

Electronic bikes are not allowed on KVR. Persons with mobility issues may apply for a mobility impaired permit, which if approved would allow them to use e-bikes on the property.

Firewood Transport

Staff will encourage KVR users to utilize only locally-sourced firewood, using relevant digital, printed, and verbal communications.

Pack-It-In, Pack-It-Out Trash Policy

Formerly, trash receptacles were placed at canoe landings and KVR staff would maintain/empty as needed. KVR users, including river users, are now expected to follow leave-no-trace ethics and remove all items that they bring onto the KVR, precluding the need for placement of trash receptacles at canoe landings.

Winter Bike Use on Trails

No minimum snow cover is required as long as the ground is frozen and the temperature remains below 26 degrees Fahrenheit. Fat Tire Bikes are defined as bikes with 10 pounds per square inch or less of tire pressure and tires 3.7 to 5 inches wide.

Lead Shot

Information/warnings regarding the use of lead shot and other ammunition will be placed on handouts and the KVR website to encourage hunters to use non-toxic shot while hunting on the Reserve.

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