

# Crater of Diamonds State Park

## Equipment & Storage Areas

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### RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF PARK PROVIDED EQUIPMENT STORAGE AREA

1. Equipment used for searching must be carried onto and removed from the search area and park property on a daily basis. Exceptions to this policy will be campers storing their equipment at their registered campsite on an overnight basis, or searchers who rent park provided storage facilities in the mine area.
2. Storage units provided by the park are located on the diamond search area. These storage units are fence enclosures with lockable gates.
3. Storage units must be rented at the Diamond Discovery Center, payable in advance. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. Persons renting storage units may attach their own padlocks. The park will not provide locks.
5. All equipment must be stored within the unit. Personal equipment **ONLY** may be covered by a tarp. Cover the top and sides of the equipment pile and secure loose ends of the tarp. Brown or green tarps are required.
6. Equipment may not be piled higher than the top of the storage unit.
7. No covers or roofs may be erected over the storage unit. No modifications or attachments may be made to the storage units.
8. Diamond searching activities may not be conducted inside the storage units, or within 10 yards of unit to avoid blocking traffic paths or gate openings.
9. Any person who has occupied a storage unit illegally will have their equipment confiscated by park personnel. Such equipment will be hauled to the local area landfill.
10. Any person who has rented a storage unit and is late with renewal payments, is subject to having their lock removed and the equipment confiscated by park personnel. Such equipment will be hauled to the local area landfill.
11. Any person violating any of these regulations is subject to having their equipment removed by park personnel as well as being prohibited from using these storage units.
12. Storage units are subject to inspection by park uniform staff at any time.

**Effective January 1, 2016**

**For further information or clarification, contact  
any of the uniformed staff at the park.**



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## Diamond Hunting Rules & Regulations

RULES AND REGULATIONS VOTED ON AND PASSED AT THE ARKANSAS STATE PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAVEL COMMISSION MEETING, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2010.

The following rules and regulations were formulated with each visitor's safety and welfare in mind and have been established to assure all visitors equal opportunity to enjoy the search area and to enhance the protection of the park's valuable natural resources.

1. No ladders, motor-operated or battery-operated diamond searching equipment may be used on the diamond search area. Wheeled equipment is restricted to hand operated pull or push style conveyance and may not exceed a maximum cargo capacity of six (6) cubic feet (equivalent to a standard sized wheel barrow), limit one device per visitor. Baby carriages and children's wagons (i.e. "radio flyer") are allowed for transporting children onto the search area. Exceptions may be authorized to provide reasonable means of transportation for persons permanently or totally and/or 100 percent disabled (written proof of disability may be required). Reasonable means of transportation will be determined by the park superintendent or his/her representative on a case-by-case basis. All other diamond hunting equipment must be capable of being hand-carried through the Visitor Center and be of such size that it will easily pass through a standard single door opening (32" x 81").
2. Tents, umbrellas, tarpaulins, etc. may be erected and must be removed daily. If erected these must be tied, staked, anchored, or otherwise properly and safely secured to prevent them from becoming a safety concern.
3. Equipment used for searching must be transported onto and removed from the search area and park property daily. Exceptions are campers storing their own equipment at their campsite or searchers who rent park provided storage facilities in the mine area. Diamond search equipment rented from the park must be returned daily. Any equipment not properly stored or removed by the visitor will be considered abandoned and removed from the premises as litter.
4. All searching activity (surface searching, digging, etc.) will be confined to the plowed field. The boundaries of the search area are clearly marked with yellow boundary markers. Digging, setting up equipment to process ore, or use of the area beyond the marked boundaries is strictly prohibited. Digging under trees and shrubs within fifteen (15) feet of the base of their trunks is strictly prohibited. This regulation applies for all trees and shrubs within the diamond search area as well as those that stand outside of the mine boundary; but have part of their drip line within the boundary area.
5. No area, excavated hole, or portion of the search area may be guarded, claimed, or in any way reserved. Any portion of the field is available to anyone who purchases a ticket to the search area. All park sluices and sorting tables are designed for multiple users and are included in this regulation.
6. To help prevent cave-ins, any excavation dug to any depth shall be sloped to the angle of repose of the excavated material, but in no case less than 1 1/2 : 1 (horizontal:vertical) in all directions. For example, a hole with a vertical depth of four (4) feet should be at least twelve (12) feet wide horizontally at the surface, sloping gradually to the bottom. All excavated material must be at least two (2) feet from the edge of the hole or trench. Undercutting or tunneling into the side walls of any excavation, trench, or hole is prohibited. Entering or otherwise occupying an excavation that contains standing or flowing water (regardless of the source) is prohibited until both the water and its source are eliminated. Any excavation greater than four (4) feet in depth must have safely constructed earthen steps cut into one bank of the excavation at the angle of repose of the material (that is, the steps must slope gradually from the bottom of the hole to the surface). All excavations (holes and trenched) dug by visitors must be refilled with mineral soil to the level of the original surface at the end of each day. Any hole dug in anyway considered unsafe by park personnel will be filled at the discretion of authorized park employees.
7. No more than a sum total equivalent to five (5) gallons of processed concentrate may be taken from the search area per paying customer per day. No exceptions. Non-processed lamproite (diamond bearing ore that has not been run through screens or sorting devices) may not be removed from the search area without approval of uniformed park personnel; however, souvenir bags of lamproite soil may be purchased in the park gift shop in limited quantities.
8. Posting of signs is prohibited on the search area (or any portion of the park) without permission of the park superintendent.
9. Soliciting the sale of diamonds or other gem stones on park property is prohibited.
10. Riotous, boisterous, threatening, or indecent language or conduct is prohibited.
11. Littering on the search area or any other portion of the park is prohibited.
12. Repeated violation of any or all of these rules and regulations will be reason for suspension of searching privileges, written citation, arrest, or all of the aforementioned.



HOURS OF OPERATION OF ALL PARK FACILITIES ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL CHANGE.

CHECK AT THE INFORMATION DESK OR PARK BULLETIN BOARDS FOR CURRENT OPERATING HOURS.

NOTICE: TO PRESERVE SCENIC BEAUTY AND ECOLOGY, FENCES AND WARNING SIGNS HAVE NOT BEEN INSTALLED IN SOME PARK LOCATIONS. CAUTION AND SUPERVISION OF YOUR CHILDREN IS REQUIRED WHILE VISITING THESE AREAS.

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