



KEWAUNEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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Kewaunee County Warns Vandalism Will Not Be Tolerated

KEWAUNEE, WI – The Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department is sending out a firm warning that anyone caught purposely destroying Kewaunee County property will be ticketed and could face arrest, following a recent act of vandalism at Krohn's Lake in the Town of Pierce.

This morning, Thursday, June 1, the Kewaunee County Promotion & Recreation Department was contacted about numerous picnic tables that were put into the lake, as well as garbage thrown around the property, including broken beer bottles, which is in violation of Kewaunee County Parks Ordinance 8.06, "Refuse of trash generated by park use shall be placed in receptacles provided for their purpose. No glass beverage bottles of any kind shall be allowed in any county park at any time." A full list of Kewaunee County ordinances can be found online at <http://www.co.kewaunee.wi.gov/section.asp?linkid=2423&locid=192>.

The Kewaunee County Promotion & Recreation Department reports that Krohn's Lake is one of their most popular inland lakes not only for anglers, but swimmers too with its mini-beach and raft. And, unfortunately it's also one of the most prone to vandalism. In the past, the department has been notified about extensive graffiti and damage to the park entrance sign.

"These are family parks and we work very hard to keep them in presentable condition and its very disheartening, when people go out of their way to destroy and vandalize property that's meant for the enjoyment of everyone," said Dave Myers, Kewaunee County Promotion & Recreation Director.

The Kewaunee County Promotion & Recreation Department is responsible for eight county parks, five inland lakes, the Ahnapee State Trail and Kewaunee County Fairgrounds. Therefore, Myers adds that funds are not easily available to continuously be fixing or replacing property that is purposely destroyed and this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

Kewaunee County Sheriff Matt Joski warns that his department has no problem issuing tickets or making arrests to put a stop to vandalism, "When we're dealing with vandalism like this, it's not only an extra cost to our department to increase patrols and wasted funds to fix or replace the damaged property, these people are also taking away resources needed for a real emergency."

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And, while the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department continues to maintain its presence at Kewaunee County parks, it's asking for the public's cooperation as well, "If you happen to witness any suspicious activity or spot something unusual, please contact the sheriff's department immediately, so we can get a squad out the property to follow up," says Sheriff Joski.

Anyone with any information on vandalism is asked to call the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department non-emergency line at (920) 388-3100, callers can remain anonymous.

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