

SECTION 3.042: RECREATION NATURAL ZONE (RN)

- (1) **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the RN zone is to designate and preserve areas that contain significant natural and/or scenic values. It is intended to accommodate only the type of developments that will preserve and maintain such values. Parcels in the RN zone should be large enough to allow all permitted activities to occur primarily in areas well removed from areas with significant natural or scenic values.
- (2) **USES PERMITTED OUTRIGHT:** In the RN zone, the following uses and their accessory uses are permitted outright, and are subject to all applicable supplementary regulations contained in this Ordinance.
 - (a) General maintenance and operation of existing structures and facilities.
 - (b) Educational and recreational improvements and additions necessary to serve the same numbers and densities of visitors served by the existing facilities, provided off-site impacts are not increased and areas exhibiting significant natural or scenic values are not disturbed.
 - (c) Selective removal of trees damaged by windthrow or disease.
- (3) **USES PERMITTED CONDITIONALLY:** In the RN zone, the following uses and their accessory uses are permitted subject to the provisions of Article 6 and the requirements of all applicable supplementary regulations contained in this Ordinance:
 - (a) Recreational improvements and additions that will increase visitor capacity or off-site impacts, provided that areas exhibiting significant natural or scenic values are not disturbed.
- (4) **STANDARDS:** Land divisions and development in the RN zone shall conform to the following standards, unless more restrictive supplemental regulations apply:
 - (a) The Department may approve master plans for an area zoned RN, according to the provisions of this section and Article VI of this Ordinance. Such plans may not exceed a time period of over ten years. The approval would allow all uses indicated in the plan except those that require further information or review due either to lack of plan detail or the applicability of additional Ordinance criteria or standards. Minor changes in the plan which would not affect visitor capacity, off-site impacts or natural or scenic areas may be approved by the Director.
 - (b) The minimum lot size shall be 40 acres. The Department may approve a smaller lot size according to the provisions of Article VI, provided that natural or scenic values are maintained.