Note: Due to its large size and special accessibility requirements (boats or planes), this area has historically been managed out of two different offices.

The Beaver Island Group: Size is 23,154 Acres (approx.) State land in this area, over several islands. Be aware: Some small islands or portions of islands in the Beaver island group are privately owned.

Contact for Charlevoix Co. Beaver Island Group is DNR Wildlife Division staff at the Gaylord DNR Customer Service Center 1732 West M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735; phone 989-732-3541

The Fox Islands are detailed on another map.

Important Reminders: 150 yards (450 feet) Hunter Safety Zones are enforced around all buildings and structures at all times. Be Safe!

Watchable Wildlife viewing areas may be designated in this area; look for signs for more information such as wildlife trails or features.

GPS coordinates at flagged points (white box pointing at a point):
[1] Beaver Island, northeast end, St. James Harbor (a shelter harbor): Lat.45°44’35.3"N, Long.85°30’54.6"W.
RULES below are grouped by similar subject and simplified from exact legal wording; access all rules, regulations, and laws available on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnrlaws. Contact the DNR with any questions and to verify regulations.

It is unlawful to do the following activities on State lands owned or controlled and posted by DNR, etc.; violations can vary & be severe:

Posteds, Signs and Designated Areas:

- "Posted" or "properly signed on the ground" means signs posted by DNR, providing a reasonable notice of location, boundary, trail, route, area, rule or warning, particular use or activity. "Designated" means listed in official documents, and signed or posted designating the use. 
- "Permit" or "proper written permission" means DNR-issued written permit or permission for a special activity. Persons exempt from rules are DNR employees doing work.
- Unlawful to use or ignite fireworks.
- Unlawful to set fire to contents of trash container or place, bury, or burn trash of any kind.
- Unlawful to start or build a fire of any kind, except in stove or grill provided by DNR.
- Unlawful to use, park or use any vehicle (including atv or other device) on or near a public or private property, to park your trash with you.
- Unlawful to dispose of animal carcasses or other remains on State land.
- Unlawful to dispose of trash (garbage, refuse, rubbish, etc.) that is not from State land use, into containers provided on State lands. Could include pet/dog feces (see LUOD, Chapt2, Sec.2.108 for details).
- Unlawful to use alcoholic beverages, except if posted as allowed; "Alcoholic beverage container" means any substance containing one-half percent or more of alcohol by volume. Exceptions are over-the-counter and prescription medications.
- Unlawful to possess glass or any type of glass container, either whole or partially glass, within any areas posted for recreational use for beach, bathing, swimming, wading, or posted "no glass".

Do Not Interrupt Public Land Use or Unfairly Use Public Resources:

- Unlawful to hold an event without appropriate DNR permission(s). "Event" means a single, structured, organized, consolidated, scheduled, concerted activity, typically (but not limited to) a gathering on State land, which may have a fee/ donation required for participation or attending and/or involves more than 20 persons. Examples: races, contests, tournaments, rides, GPS events, scavenger hunts, etc. Note: this clause excludes located or temporary sites, and lawful camp sites.
- Unlawful to be excessively loud, like using a loudspeaker, sound-amplifying equipment, or any device (motor, radio, TV, generator, etc.) for all noisy devices, quiet hours are 10pm-8am. Exceptions: lawful hunting and trapping, and DNR approved game-calling devices when hunting.
- Unlawful to drive a wheeled vehicle on closed or unposted roads, trails, and lawful campsites.
- Unlawful to be excessively loud, like using a loudspeaker, sound-amplifying equipment, or any device (motor, radio, TV, generator, etc.) for all noisy devices, quiet hours are 10pm-8am. Exceptions: lawful hunting and trapping, and DNR approved game-calling devices when hunting.
- Unlawful to block, park, or use boat launch ramps, PAS, except while launching or retrieving a vessel.
- Unlawful to operate an aircraft or drone for any use other than recreational purposes. Unlawful to fly a drone which is not posted "no entry" or closed.
- "Forest road" means a hard-surfaced, gravel or dirt road, or other route capable of travel by a conventional 2-wheel drive vehicle designated for regular roads, interstate, state, or county use by DNR in a permit. "Trail" means a pathway or route that is not posted "no entry".
- "Unlawful to park any vehicle other than a snowmobile or a bicycle on any State land which is not closed to such use or such entry. See other equestrian rules.
- "Forest recreation pass" may be required to access or park in some areas.
- "Unlawful to park any vehicle in a designated campground, or otherwise unlawfully occupy a campground.
- "Unlawful to park any wheeled motorized vehicle more than 50 feet from the traveled portion of a road, forest road, trail open to wheeled vehicles, or parking lot.

Access, Parking, and Motor Vehicle Related:

- "Motorized vehicle" means any device which can transport person(s) or property using an energy source (fuel, gasoline) other than wind or muscle-power; a bicycle is muscle-powered.
- "Forest road", "designated "open to the public" road, trail, parking lot, lands, etc., or in an area posted by DNR as closed during those hours. Reaching some PAS requires a forest recreation pass.
- Unlawful to block access to boat launch/ ramp, PAS, except while launching or retrieving a vessel.
- Unlawful to use State land or resources for any commercial operation, without an appropriate permit.
- "Commercial operation" is any activity involving, directly or indirectly, an attempt-to-sell or an offer for sale of any kind of goods or services, or use of resources, or attempting to sell or offer sale of anything of value, goods or services, etc.
- Unlawful to use, operate, or park (except in a designated 'pathway' or path) a recreational motor vehicle capable of cross-country use without a road or trail, over natural terrain (land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, water, etc.), which includes: typical "all-terrain vehicle" (ATV); motor-bike, motor-cycle; any number of wheels or tracks (road, off-road, amphibious or friction vehicle; or any other motor vehicle transport and, but excluding: law enforcement, emergency/first responder, or military vehicles; registered snowmobile or aircraft; farming, construction or logging vehicles when used in those named functions.
- "Personal Assistive Mobility Device" (PAMD) is a wheelchair or any device designed specifically to assist persons with disabilities (e.g., a wheelchair, lift, hoist, etc.) and has secured an exemption of that person which they can use anywhere foot travel is allowed - and not considered a vehicle.

Hunting Related:

- "Public Hunting" means public use for hunting with all appropriate required licenses, in correct season, safety conditions, etc. There are many detailed specific rules for hunting.
- "Violent" means any physical violence, including but not limited to, use of an object to directly or indirectly cause injury to another person, animal, vegetation, plant, or property.
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- Unlawful to camp in a designated parking area, except those posted to allow camping.
- Unlawful to cause damage or remove any State resources like animals, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, other vegetation, etc. - except in DNR approved spots. Exceptions: lawful personal take of mushrooms, berries, edible fruits or nuts for personal use (to 25 lbs.) allowed on DNR or with permission.
- Unlawful to camp in a designated parking area, except those posted to allow camping.
- Unlawful to camp in designated campsites; see Camping rules. 

Camping Related: "Camp" means: set up place and occupy a tent, tent-type camper, travel trailer or house trailer, sleeping in any type of vehicle or water vessels moored off State land, or sleeping in any other manner. "Dispensed camping" is special by-permit camping away from a designated campsite, with special rules (not all listed here). "Quiet hours" are between 10 pm to 8 am. 

Target Shooting:

- "Target shooting" in appropriate areas. State shooting ranges have specific rules.
- "Unlawful to target shoot at anything except paper, cardboard, clay, or one created for target shooting.
- "Unlawful to target shoot at an explosive or incendiary object, or fireworks. Use all weapons safely!

Rules for Dogs, Pets, Horses and Riding Animals, etc.:

- "Identified service animals" (leader dogs for blind, etc.) are not "pets" but legal accommodations.
- "There are special use areas and rules for hunting with dogs, dog training, or dog field trial areas.
- Unlawful to possess a dog or other pet animal, except if they are under your immediate control on a leash of 6 feet or less, in a DNR designated recreational day-use areas.
- "Unlawful to ride or lead a horse, saddle, bridle, or pack animal, other riding animal, or any animal-driven vehicle on any State land, except on roads open to motor vehicles; on DNR designated horse-related areas or bridle trails; in designated campgrounds for animal use; and/or on any State forest land not posted closed to such use or such entry. See other equestrian rules for details.

Boating Related:

- "Public Access Sites and Harbors." "Vessel" or "watercraft means every type of device (GRP, ship, boat, sail, canoe, etc.) used for transportation on water.
- Unlawful to enter, use, or occupy any areas between 11pm-4am daily - where specifically posted as closed during those hours. Reaching some PAS requires a recreation passport to enter, park, or be present for the vehicle.
- Unlawful to park or use boat launch ramps, PAS, except when launching or retrieving a vessel.
- Unlawful to use State land/or resources for any commercial operation, without an appropriate permit.
- "Commercial operation" is any activity involving, directly or indirectly, an attempt-to-sell or an offer for sale of any kind of goods or services, or use of resources, or attempting to sell or offer sale of anything of value, goods or services, etc.
- Unlawful to park by a boat launch ramp, PAS, except while launching or retrieving a vessel.
- "Unlawful to clog, park, or have more than 1 enclosed self-contained camping unit on a single camp site.

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In designated campfes, follow DNR directions and requirements, rules for fires, etc., and:

- Unlawful to occupy designated camping sites, or use a site for extra parking space, if not permitted.
- Unlawful to camp in a designated parking area, except those posted to allow camping.
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- Unlawful to camp in State wildlife and game areas, between May 15 to Sept. 10, except in specific designated and signed camping sites noted as approved for use between those dates.

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