Warning:
* South Fox Island is not connected to the mainland of Michigan by roads or regular transportation; access requires a boat or special transport.
* Lake Michigan can be extremely hazardous during late fall to spring.
* Boating should be carefully considered.
* There is NO sheltered harbor in which to anchor, at South Fox Island.
* Please plan any trip accordingly.

Important:
Do not trespass onto private land while moving around the island.

Note: Deer hunting by permit only; contact the DNR office for details.

Important Reminders:
150 yards or 450 feet hunting safety zones are enforced around all buildings and structures at all times. Be safe!

Firearm Discharge Ban Area
Discharging firearms is prohibited and is unlawful activity when in this portion of island (see reverse side for more information).

BE A SAFE HUNTER or OUTDOORS-PERSON - A safe state land user or hunter obeys laws governing land use, hunting and boating, and is alert to any conditions hazardous to personal safety of themselves, other users (hunters and non-hunters), and nearby public.

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For more information on this or other areas, contact DNR offices or scan this QR block with your smartphone or similar device.
Land Use Orders of the Director, Amendment No. 7 of 2013 (Feb. 11, 2013): By authority conferred on the Director of the DNR by Section 504 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being section 324.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and in accordance with Rules 299.302, 299.321, 299.331, 299.671 and 299.1001 of the Michigan Administrative Code:

Order 5.15 Certain state-owned lands, Leelanau county, discharge of firearms prohibited.

A person shall not do the following upon the described state-owned lands, Leelanau County: Discharge a firearm of any type on that portion of South Fox Island being south of a line beginning at the west shore of the island and running east along the east-west quarter line of section 16, T34N R13W, and continuing east along the east-west quarter line of section 15, T34N R13W to the point at which the line intersects the shoreline on the east side of the island.

Regarding Penalty: excerpt from the DNR General Powers and Duties, Part 5, Section 511 MCL 324.504 Department of natural resources; rules for protection of lands and property; orders; violation as civil infraction; fine. … The department shall promulgate rules for the protection of the lands and property under its control against wrongful use or occupancy as will ensure the carrying out of the intent of this part to protect the lands and property from depredations and to preserve the lands and property from molestation, spoiliation, destruction, or any other improper use or occupancy. … The department shall issue orders necessary to implement rules promulgated under this section. These orders shall be effective upon posting. A person who violates a rule promulgated under this section or an order issued under this section is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than $500.00.

REGARDING HUNTING: Deer Hunting is by permit only; contact the Cadillac DNR office (details at top) for information on permits. You must carry all appropriate hunting permits and licenses with you on your person during hunting in the appropriate season.

REMEMBER - THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED:

a) Hunting from within a safety zone without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such safety zone.

b) Discharging of any firearms when in the Firearm Discharge Ban Area at south end of South Fox Island (see map);

c) Permanently construct or affix to a tree or other natural feature a scaffold, platform, ladder, steps or any other device to assist in climbing a tree, or use any item that penetrates the cambium of a tree in the construction or affixing of any device to assist in climbing a tree. This includes such activities as constructing a shooting pit, permanent blind, screw-in steps, nails, etc. Portable blinds are permitted, but must follow the guidelines for blinds and must be removed at end of each hunt and see the annual hunt guide for specific dates). Make sure all stands or blinds are correctly labeled as required.

d) Using or operate any wheeled, motorized vehicle (such as an amphibious vehicle, off-road vehicle (ORV), all-terrain vehicle (ATV) except on forest roads, designated trails, designated routes, and in designated areas.

e) Other Rules and Regulations for these state lands may be posted in the area; look for additional signs or notices.

CAUTION: Use care near all open water areas; some of these areas may contain deep water, depending on season and recent rainfall.

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