Always be careful around water and ditch/dikes for deep water!

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

Look for Watchable Wildlife viewing area signs in this area, for locations and more information about trails or features.

GPS coordinates at flagged points:
[1] Headquarters with parking: Lat.43°06’44.5”N, Long.83°13’29.8”W.
[2] Pavilion in Field Trial Area: Lat.43°06’06.5”N, Long.83°14’23.4”W.
[3] Boat Launch at Sawdel Lake: Lat.43°08’26.9”N, Long.83°20’34.3”W.
RULES below are grouped by similar subject and simplified from exact legal wording; access all rules, regulations, and laws. Complete listings of official legal regulations and language are available on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnrlaws. Contact the DNR with any questions and to verify regulations.

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RULES for State Wildlife and Gaming areas, or State Lands other than State Parks & Recreation Areas, from Regulations of Lands administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Ph: 517-332-5000 or 517-332-5040. For VRs, contact DNR Public Access Areas office: 517-284-6000, or 517-284-9453 for the DNR Wildlife Division.

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**Posting and Designation Area**

**Posted** or properly signed on the ground” means signs posted by DNR, providing a reasonable notice of specification, boundary, trail, route, area, rule or warning, particular use or activity. **Designated** means a site or location designated by DNR, including posting, notice, design, and other means of identification. **Designated Area** is a DNR-issued written permit or permission for a specific activity. **Permit** or “proper written permission” means DNR-issued written permission or a specific written permit for a specific activity. Persons exempt from fees are DNR employees doing work related to the management or regulation of the lands, or other individuals specifically authorized by the DNR through a written agreement or permit. **Gates** are used to control entry to an area and are posted against entry “Do NOT Enter”, against use or occupancy, etc. Other gates may be posted as closed or open by their presence.

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

**Access, Parking, and Motor Vehicle Related:**

- **Unlawful to camp in State wildlife and game areas, between May 15 to Sept. 10, except in designated campsites where specifically posted.
- **Unlawful to park any vehicle in a designated campsite, or otherwise unlawfully occupy a campsite.**
- **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.**

**Boating Related:**

- **Unlawful to ride or lead a horse, saddled or pack animal, other riding animal, or any animal-driven vehicle on any State land, except for State wildlife and game areas, or State Lands other than State Parks & Recreation Areas.**

**Hunting Related:**

- **Unlawful to operate any device including a snowmobile and a bicycle, on anything except a designated “open to the public” road, trail, parking lot, etc., or an area posted by DNR as open to such vehicle use. Do NOT bypass closed gates with vehicle.**

**Camping Related:**

- **Unlawful to camp in a designated state parkway (path) means the new narrow recreational trail for people and motor vehicle used prohibited.**

**Campfire Related:**

- **Unlawful to burn or build a fire of any kind, except in stove or grill provided by DNR.**

**Hunting Related:**

- **Unlawful to possess a dog or other pet animal, except if they are under your immediate control on a leash or other controlling device (motor, radio, TV, generator, etc.); for all noisy devices, quiet hours are 10pm-8am.**

**Access, Parking, and Motor Vehicle Related:**

- **Unlawful to store any property (ORV trailer, etc.) for more than 50 feet from the traveled portion of a road, forest road, trail open to wheeled vehicles, or parking lot.**

**Camping Related**:

- **Unlawful to park any vehicle in a designated campsite, or otherwise unlawfully occupy a campsite.**

**Fishing Related**

- **Unlawful to possess or store any fish, or any fish pond or culturing activity, that is illegally caught.**

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**Camping Related:**

- **Unlawful to camp in a designated state parkway (path) means the new narrow recreational trail for people and motor vehicle used prohibited.**

**Boating Related:**

- **Unlawful to enter, use, or occupy any areas between 11pm-6am daily - where specifically posted closed as designated during those hours. Reaching some PARS requires a recreation pass to enter.**

**Camping Related**:

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