RULES

Rules for Fire, Trash, Alcohol, and Glass:

- 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 burn a fire of any kind, except in stove or grill provided by DNR.
- Unlawful to litter or leave any trash anywhere while hunting or fishing, except your trash with your vehicle.
- Unlawful to dispose of animal carcasses or other remains on State land.
- Unlawful to dispose of trash (or garbage, refuse, rubbish, etc.) which is not from State land use, into containers provided on State lands. Could include pet/dog feces (see Hunting rules and Lawful blinds/stands (Hunting rules) and lawfully used camp sites (Camping rules)).
- Unlawful to use alcohol or any beverage that has been allowed to become alcoholic.
- Unlawful to possess any substance containing one-half percent or more of alcohol by volume. Exceptions are over-the-counter and prescription medications.
- Unlawful to possess any glass or any type of 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 permit(s). "Event" means a single, structured, organized, consolidated, scheduled, consecutive, temporary land, which may have a fee/ donation required for participation and attending or involves more than 20 persons. Examples: races, contests, tournaments, rides, GPS events, scavenger hunts, etc. This excludes located events such as fairs, meets, and lawfully used 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 construct or operate any trail, vehicle, or marine trail, which is not for public use. Which are posted closed or no entry (even walk), no entry with vehicles, or only enter with a reception permit.
- Unlawful to block access to boat launch, ramp, or dock, except while retrieving or launching a vessel.
- Unlawful to operate a motor above idle speed, at DNR launch ramp, unless propelled disengaged.
- Unlawful to operate a vessel longer than 13 feet in State waters, except lawfully operated small fishing boats.
- Unlawful to swim, wade, or bathe, where such activities are specifically posted as prohibited.
- Unlawful to camp (on the ground) in PAS, except in designated campsites; see Camping rules.
- Camp related rules DO apply to vessels when anchored, tied, or moored in State waters or waters immediately offshore of State land, within 10 pm to 8 am or when persons sleeping, Boats or vessels chemical night in any camp site may have unexpected dead water and which poses a drowning risk. Beware of thin ice areas.
- Unlawful to store or leave any property (items like trailers, boats, fish shanty, trailer, supplies or containers, etc.) with 24 hours of any public access to the State land – except lawful blinds/stands (Hunting rules) and lawfully used camp sites (Camping rules). Unlawful to disturb a forest road with any vehicle disturbing surface deeper than 2 inches.

Boating Related:

- Public Access Sites and Harbors. "Vessel" or "water craft" means every type of device (GSI, ship, boat, raft, canoe, etc.) used for transportation on water.
- Unlawful to enter, use, or occupy any areas between 1pm-4am daily - where specifically posted as closed during those hours. Reaching some PAS requires a reception passport to enter, park, board, or use.
- Unlawful to use state-owned spring, stream, or any water bodies to fill or prop up blinds and/or blind stands.
- Unlawful to destroy, damage, or remove any State resources like animals, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, other vegetation, etc. - except in DNR approved plots. Exceptions: lawful personal take of mushrooms, berries, edible fruits or nuts for personal use (to 25 lbs) allowed by DNR or with written permission. All natural wildlife and feed is DNR licensed.
- Unlawful to remove more than 25 pounds total weight per individual per year (and must be for an individual personal or non-commercial, hobby, of any rock, mineral specimen (exclusive of rules for gold bearing material), sand or topsoil, invertebrate fossil, or other resources from State land.

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.

- Hunting License: all areas within 100 yards (450 feet) from any structure which could be occupied by a person engaged in hunting purposes (like a hunting blind), no hunting - except under specific special permits or specific conditions (indoor range), etc.
- Note: You may retrieve legal game from Safety Zones.
- Note: You may not leave any property (items) for more than 24 hours, on any State land - except lawful blinds/stands (Hunting rules). Exceptions (labelled with owner’s name, no screw-in steps, etc.), and lawfully occupied designated camp sites (see Camping rules).

Target Shooting:

- Target shoot 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.:

- Obey all signs for pets. 
- 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 trials 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 24-hour designated recreational day-use areas.
- Unlawful to ride or lead a horse or saddle up a 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/trail systems; or lawfully designated camps for animal use, and/or on any State forest land not posted closed to such use or entry. See other equestrian rules for details.