RULES below are grouped by similar subject and simplified from exact legal wordings; access all rules, regulations, and laws at www.michigan.gov/dnrlaws. It is unlawful to do the following activities on State lands owned or controlled and posted by DNR, etc.; penalties can vary & can be severe:

### Hunting Related:
- **Unlawful** to target shoot at an explosive or incendiary object, or fireworks. Use all weapons safely!
- **Unlawful** to possess alcoholic beverages, except if posted as allowed; "Alcoholic beverage" means any substance containing one-half percent or more of alcohol by volume.
- **Unlawful** to dispose of trash (or garbage, refuse, rubbish, etc.) which is not from State land use, into areas; use provided trash containers or take your trash with you.
- **Unlawful** to litter or leave trash in areas; use provided trash containers or take your trash with you.
- **Unlawful** to dispose of animal carcasses or other remains on State land.
- **Unlawful** to remove more than 25 pounds total weight per individual per year (and must be for an end use).
- **Unlawful** to store or leave any property (items, trailer, etc.) for more than 24 hours, on any State land – except lawful blinds/stands (See Hunting rules) and lawfully used camp sites (See Camping rules).
- **Unlawful** to disturb a forest road with any device traveling distance deeper than 2 inches.

### Boating Related:
- **Unlawful** to enter, use, or occupy any areas between 11am-4am daily – where specifically posted as closed during those hours. Reaching some PARS requires a recreation passport to enter, park, use, or boat launch.
- **Unlawful** to have more than 24 persons in one site location or in camp at one time, under 18 years of age.
- **Unlawful** to camp in State wildlife and game areas, between May 15 to Sept. 10, except in designated State camp sites.
- **Unlawful** to park any vehicle using snowmobiles, and a bicycle, on anything except a designated snowmobile trail.
- **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 camp sites; See Camping rules. Camp related rules DO apply to vessels when anchored, tied, or moored in State waters or waters immediately offshore of State lands, within 10 pm to 8 am when persons sleeping, boats are unattended, or waterways in any camp site may have unexpected deep 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.) in a forest area except if posted as allowed (See Hunting rules) and lawfully used camp sites (See Camping rules).
- **Unlawful** to park any vehicle other than an ORV trailer, boat, etc. on approved areas.
- **Unlawful** to store or leave any property (items, trailer, etc.) for more than 24 hours, on any State land – except lawful blinds/stands (See Hunting rules) and lawfully used camp sites (See Camping rules).

### 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 a motor vehicle.
- **Unlawful** to park or operate any vehicle including a snowmobile and a bicycle, on anything except a designated snowmobile trail.
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### Hunting Related:
- **Public Hunting** means public use for hunting with all appropriate required licenses in correct season, safety conditions, etc. Those are many detailed special rules for hunting.
- **Special zones** are all areas within 50 yards (450 feet) from any structure which could be considered a "structure" by definition, even if no hunting – except under special permits or special conditions (street, road, etc.).
- **Note:** You may not remove legal game from Safety Zones.
- **Unlawful** to store or leave any property (items) for more than 24 hours, on any State land - except lawful blinds/stands and trespassing on MDC requirements (labeled 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 (lead dogs for blind, etc.) are not "pets" but legla accommodations.**
- **There are special use areas and rules for hunting with dogs, dog training, or dog field trials.**
- **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 or to noise, sabotage, use for any racing, other riding animal, or any animal-driven vehicle on any State land, except: roads open to motor vehicles; on DNR designated horse/canal or bridle trails; in designated campgrounds for animal use; and/or on any State forest land not posted closed to such use or entry. See other equestrian rules for details.

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