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RULES below are grouped by similar subject and simplified from exact legal wordings; 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.

RULES

Posted, Signs and Designated Areas: "Posted" or "properly signed on the ground" means signs posted by DNR, providing reasonable notice of location, boundary, trail, route, area, rule or warning, particular use or activity. "Designated" means listed in official documents, and then signed or posted designating the use. "Permit" or "proper written permission" means DNR-issued written permit or permission for a specific activity. Persons exempt from fees are DNR employees doing work. "Open area" means any area is posted against entry. "Do Not Enter", against use or occupancy, etc. Obey all posted signs or notices.

Unlawful to move, remove, destroy or deface signs of DNR or other State agencies. Unlawful to post any signs, handbills or other notices or messages on any State lands, features, trees, waters, structures, property, etc. This is vandalism and destruction of property.

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. "Vehicular" means a motor vehicle of any kind. "Mobile" means any transportation device crossing country or state property 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; human, animal, amphibious or affectional vehicle; or any other motor vehicle transport; but excluding: law enforcement, emergency, firefighting, survey, surveying, hunting, search and rescue, transportation of wildlife, registered snowmobiles or aircraft; farming, construction or logging vehicles when used in those named functions. "Personal Assistive Mobility Device" (PAMD) means a wheelchair or any device designed specifically for an individual's personal automobile or personal use. "Bicycle" means a two-wheeled vehicle designed for use by a person and excludes any vehicle which can transport person(s) or property without a road or trail, over natural terrain (land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, water, etc.).

Unlawful to park or leave any vehicle in a designated area.

Unlawful to park any vehicle outside designated areas.

Boating Related: "Commercial vessel" or "water craft" means every type of device (GRV, ship, boat, raft, canoe, etc.) used for transportation on water.

Unlawful to enter, use, or occupy any areas between 11pm-6am daily - where specifically posted as closed during those hours. Reaching some PAS requires a regulation pass to enter. Park, enter, or be associated with any commercial vessel other than law enforcement or with DNR permit. All animal take or harvest is DNR licensed.

Unlawful to moor or raft off a State dock or PAS, without having paid appropriate dock fees.

Unlawful to operate motor化的 vehicle more than 50 feet from the traveled portion of a road, forest road, trail open to wheeled vehicle, or parking lot.

Unlawful to swim, wade, or bathe, where such activities are specifically posted as prohibited.

Unlawful to obstruct or hinder public access to any road, trail, parking, or open State lands.

Unlawful to park any vehicle in a designated campground, or otherwise unlawfully occupy a campground.

Unlawful to park or have all persons in one site location or in camp at one time, under 18 years of age.

Unlawful to camp outside of designated campsites.

Unlawful to camp inappropriately or in prohibited areas (like in veg, buffets on natural rivers, etc.).

Unlawful to camp in a designated parking area, except those posted to allow camping.

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.

Camping Related: "Camp" means: set-up place and occupy a tent, tent-type camper, trailer or housetrailer; 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.

Unlawful to camp in designated campsites.

Unlawful to dispense camping, or use a site for extra parking space, if not permitted.

Unlawful to register a campsite by a person under 18 years of age; must be an adult, one per camp.

Unlawful to have all persons in one site location or in camp at one time, under 18 years of age.

Unlawful to have more than 1 enclosed self-contained camping unit on a single campsite.

Unlawful to use a campsite or watercraft designated to be used by a family or individual ("family campsite") of State land.

Unlawful to camp poorly or in inappropriate areas (like in veg, buffets on natural rivers, etc.).

Unlawful to camp in a designated parking area, except those posted to allow camping.

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.

In designated campsites, 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.

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