



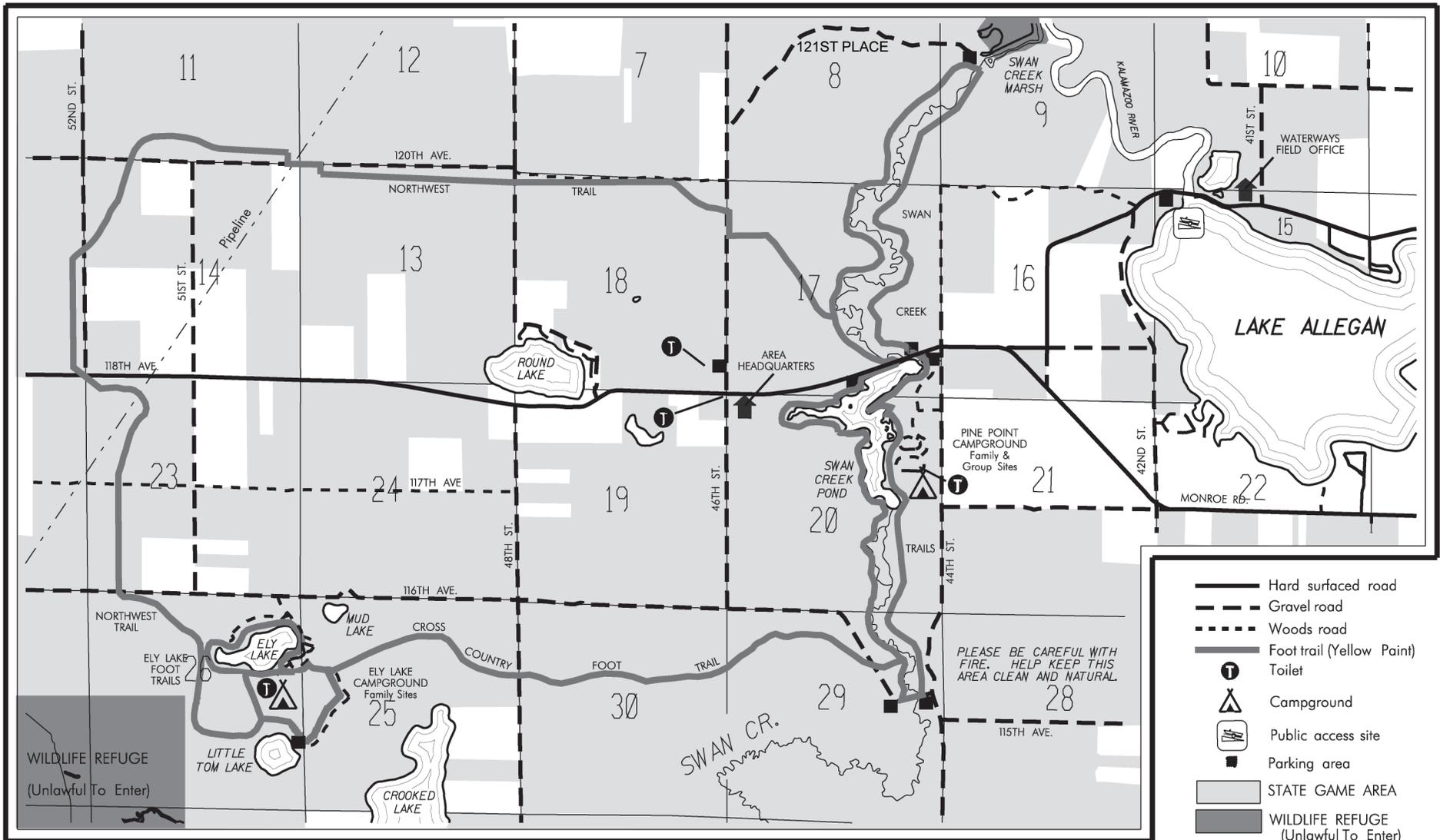
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ALLEGAN STATE GAME AREA

FOOT TRAILS AND CENTRAL CAMPGROUNDS

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN



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STATE WILDLIFE & GAME AREAS - STATE LAND RULES

Excerpt from REGULATIONS OF LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR);

This excerpt contains rules relevant to State Lands other than State Parks and Recreation Areas; for details on State Parks and Recreation areas, review the complete regulations. Effective 2001 Oct. 18. By authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources by section 504 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.504, and Exec. Orders 1991-22, 2009-45, and 2011-1, MCL 299.13, 324.99919, and 324.99921. If you cannot read details on this page or other DNR documents, contact DNR Offices for help. Scalable versions of these documents are on the DNR web site www.michigan.gov/dnr, and complete State Land Use Rules are accessible online at www.michigan.gov/dnr/laws.

NOTE: It is your responsibility as a user of public lands, to ensure you are informed of all current rules and regulations relevant to your activities. The information presented here represents some relevant details, but is not a complete collection of all rules and regulations, and may not be as immediately updated as current legislation and rules. This document is not a complete legal notice or a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed tool issued for convenience. A complete listings of regulations and legal descriptions are available on the DNR website (see above). Contact DNR offices if you have questions or to verify regulations relating to possible activities before engaging in those activities.

CAMPING RELATED - [Rule 22 continued] (q) To camp in a state park, recreation area, public access site, or designated campground on other than a designated site. (r) To camp in any designated campground, access site, or location in a state forest or state game area for more than 15 consecutive nights in a calendar year. To be considered a new camp, the location shall be not less than 1/2 mile from the previous camp. (s) To leave a campsite unoccupied for more than a 24-hour period after the camp is established. A campsite is considered to be occupied if at least 1 member of the camping party is in attendance during the nighttime hours. (t) To store or leave a watercraft, fish shanty, or other property on state lands for more than 24 hours. This subdivision does not apply to lawfully occupied designated camping sites or to ground blinds and tree stands that meet legal requirements. (u) For more than 1 single family or more than 4 unrelated persons to camp on 1 designated campsite. For the purposes of this subdivision, a single family includes parents or guardians and their children. A single family may include other relatives if not more than 1 recreational vehicle, camping trailer, or pickup camper is used and if there are fewer than 9 individuals. (v) To ride or lead a horse, pack animal, or other riding animal, or any animal-driven vehicle on any area, except on roads that are open to the use of motor vehicles, trails, bridle paths, and campgrounds designated for such use by the department and on state forest lands not posted closed to such use or entry. (w) To operate the motor or motors of a vessel at more than idle speed at any boat launch ramp administered by the department, unless the propeller is disengaged. (x) Camp on 1 designated campsite by more than 6 individuals. (y) For all individuals in a camp to be under 18 years of age. (z) For an individual under 18 years of age to register for a campsite. (aa) Camp with more than 1 enclosed self-contained camping unit on 1 designated campsite. (bb) Ride or lead a horse or pack and saddle animal, or any animal-driven vehicle on any area, except on roads that are open to the use of motor vehicles, trails, bridle paths, and campgrounds designated for such use by the department and on state-owned forest land not posted closed to such use or entry, or prohibited by an order issued by the department. (cc) Operate the motor of a vessel at more than idle speed at any boat launch ramp administered by the department, unless the propeller is disengaged. (dd) Use state-owned land for a commercial operation unless the commercial operation is conducted pursuant to a permit issued by the department. The department may waive the requirement for a permit for a commercial operation if the department determines that the commercial operation will not require department oversight and the commercial operation is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the resource or facilities and the use of state-owned land by others. (ee) Use or ignite fireworks. (ff) Camp in a designated parking area, except if posted to allow camping. (gg) Drag a state forest road with any device that disturbs the surface of the roadbed at a depth greater than two inches. (hh) Remove from state-owned land more than the aggregate total weight of 25 pounds, per individual per year of any rock, mineral specimen (exclusive of any gold bearing material), or invertebrate fossil for individual or non-commercial hobby use. (ii) Target shoot at any object other than paper, cardboard, clay, or a commercially or privately produced target designed and manufactured for the specific purpose of target shooting. (jj) Target shoot at an explosive or incendiary target. (History:2001AACs; 2004 AACs; 2014 MR 2, Eff. Jan. 29, 2014).

DEFINITIONS: R 299.921 Rule 21. As used in these rules: (a) "Camp" means any of the following: (i) The erection of a tent. (ii) the opening or setting up of a tent-type camper. (iii) the parking and occupancy of a travel or house trailer. (iv) sleeping in any type motor vehicle, sleeping bag, or sleeping in any other manner between the hours of 10 pm and 8 am. (b) "Commercial operations" means any activity that involves, directly or indirectly, the buying or selling of goods or services, or the exchange or attempt or offer to exchange goods or services for money, barter, or for anything of value. (c) "Day-use area" means a specific area of a state park or recreation area which is developed and maintained as an area to be used by the public for picnics, playground use, swimming, organized meetings, or social gatherings, and educational displays and exhibits and which has a 450-foot buffer zone around the area. "Day-use area" also includes all park and recreation area offices, out-buildings, garages, maintenance shops, museums, the 450-foot buffer zone around all such buildings, and any area of a state park or recreation area that the chief of the parks and recreation division designates as a "day-use area," either on a temporary or permanent basis, by posting the boundaries of that area as a "day-use area." (d) "Designated" means listed in a director's order, posted with a sign or signs at the site, or reasonably identified for a particular use. (e) "Designated area" means an area that has been properly signed on the ground for cross-country ORV use. (f) "Designated route" means forest roads that have been properly signed on the ground for ORV use. (g) "Designated trail" means a 1-track path or way which is capable of travel by a 2- to 4-wheel vehicle that is less than 50 inches in width and which has been properly signed on the ground for ORV use. (h) "Event" means a single, structured, organized, consolidated, scheduled meeting or occurrence which is on state-owned lands and to which 1 or both of the following apply: (i) a fee or donation is required for participation. (ii) the number of people involved is 20 or more individuals. (i) "Forest road" means a hard surfaced road, a gravel or dirt road, or another route capable of being traveled by a 2-wheel drive 4-wheeled conventional vehicle designated for highway use, but does not include an interstate, state, or county highway. (j) "ORV" means a motor-driven off-road recreational vehicle capable of cross-country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. "ORV" includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: (i) a multitrack or multi-wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicle. (ii) a motorcycle or related 2-wheel or 3-wheel vehicle. (iii) an amphibious machine. (iv) a ground effect air cushion vehicle. (v) another means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. "ORV" does not include a registered snowmobile, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft. (k) "Permit or proper written permission" means a written permit issued by the department. (l) "Person" has the same meaning as defined in section 301 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.301. (m) "Properly signed on the ground" means that signs have been posted by the department to mark the location or boundary of a designated trail, route, or area. (n) "State forest officer" means a person commissioned by the director under section 83107 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.83107. (o) "State park officer or state park and recreation enforcement officer" means an individual commissioned by the director under authority of section 83107 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.83107. (p) "State park and recreation enforcement officer" means an individual commissioned by the director under authority of section 1606 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.1606. (History: 2001 AACs; 2014 MR 2, Eff. Jan. 29, 2014).

PUBLIC ACCESS SITES & HARBORS, unlawful acts: R 299.923 Rule 23. In addition to the unlawful acts specified in R 299.922, at state-owned public access sites and harbors, it is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following: (a) To moor or raft off a state dock without having paid the docking fees authorized by the department. (b) To enter, use, or occupy the premises during the hours of 11 pm to 4 am daily where such closing hours are posted on the premises; or to swim, wade, or bathe when specifically prohibited by notices posted on the premises. (c) Block use of a public access site with a vessel, trailer, or vehicle, except while launching or retrieving a vessel. (d) Camp in a public access site, except on a designated campsite. (e) Build a fire except in a stove or grill provided by the department. (History: 2001 AACs; 2014 MR 2, Eff. Jan. 29, 2014)

GENERAL RULES: R 299.922 Rule 22. On lands owned or under the control of the department, it is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following: (a) To enter, use, or occupy state-owned lands for any purpose when they are posted against entry, use, or occupancy, as ordered by the department. (b) To dispose of refuse, rubbish, trash, or garbage not resulting from the use of state-owned lands in receptacles provided on state-owned lands. (c) To set fire to the contents of a trash container. (d) To place or burn garbage in a fire ring or stove, or bury refuse, rubbish, trash, or garbage, regardless of its origin. (e) To engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, or otherwise disorderly conduct, or to lounge, sit, or lie upon walks, roads, or paths obstructing the free passage of another person. (f) To place or erect a fence or barrier, to construct or occupy improvements, or to enclose the lands. (g) To move, remove, destroy, mutilate, or deface posters, notices, signs, or markers of the department of natural resources or any other agency of government. (h) To destroy, damage, or remove trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, or other vegetation. Except in wildlife food plots, this subdivision does not apply to picking and removing mushrooms, berries, and edible fruits or nuts for personal use. (i) To peddle or systematically solicit business of any nature; distribute or post any handbills or other advertising matter; post signs; paint or otherwise mark any tree or rock on any lands, waters, structures, or property. (j) To possess a glass container within any land or water area that is designated as a bathing beach or a land or water area that is regularly used for sunbathing, swimming, or wading. (k) To obstruct any road or trail in a manner that hinders public access to the lands. (l) To park vehicles of any type in areas posted as no parking; or, where designated parking areas exist, to park vehicles of any type in an area other than the designated parking area. If a motor vehicle is found parked on state lands, then the license plate displayed on the motor vehicle shall constitute prima facie evidence that the person who parked it there is the owner of the vehicle. (m) To hold events including, but not limited to, races, endurance contests, tournaments, or trail rides, unless the events are conducted pursuant to a permit. The permit may include a charge to the sponsor or permittee for the use of the land. An event may require a performance bond to ensure permit compliance and may require public liability insurance. The department may waive the requirement for a permit for events where the number of participants is 20 or more individuals if the department determines that the event will not require department oversight, and the event will have a minimal impact on the resource and on the use of the lands by others. (n) To use a loudspeaker, public address system, or sound-amplifying equipment of any kind, except for an electronic game-calling device that is lawfully used while hunting, or to operate a motor, motorboat, motor vehicle, radio, television, generator, or any other device in a manner that produces excessive noise. (o) To use or operate any wheeled, motorized vehicle in the Upper Peninsula of this state, except on a designated route, a designated trail, a designated area, or a forest road not otherwise posted as closed to the use of motorized vehicles or entry. (p) To use or operate any wheeled, motorized vehicle in the Lower Peninsula of this state, except on a designated route, a designated trail, or a designated area. A wheeled, motorized vehicle that is properly registered under 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 et seq. may be operated on a forest road not otherwise posted as closed to the use of motorized vehicles or entry.

State Lands Other than Parks, Recreation Areas, Game and Wildlife Areas, Designated Campgrounds and Access Sites; unlawful acts: R299.924 Rule 24. In addition to the unlawful acts specified in R 299.922, on state-owned land under the control of the department other than state parks, recreation areas, game and wildlife areas, designated campgrounds, and public access sites, it is unlawful to do any of the following: (a) Park any wheeled, motorized vehicle more than 50 feet from the traveled portion of a road, forest road, parking lot, or trail open to such vehicle use. (b) Use, operate, or possess a wheeled, motorized vehicle, except a PAMD, on a designated state forest pathway. (c) Possess a dog or other animal, except if it is under immediate control on a leash not more than 6 feet in length in a designated day use area. (History:2001 AACs; 2014 MR 2, Eff. Jan. 29, 2014).

DESIGNATED CAMPGROUNDS: unlawful acts: R299.925 Rule 25. Rescinded. (History: Eff. Jan. 29, 2014) Note the new camping related regulations in 299.922 Rule 22, item (q) to (ff).

STATE WILDLIFE & GAME AREAS - Game and wildlife areas; unlawful acts: R 299.926 Rule 26. In addition to the unlawful acts specified in R 299.922, on state-owned lands in a state game area, it is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following: (a) To camp between May 15 and September 10, except in areas specifically designated for camping.

PARKING & MOTORIZED VEHICLE USE - [Rule 26 continued] (b) To park any wheeled, motorized vehicle more than 50 feet from the traveled portion of a road, forest road, parking lot, or trail open to wheeled, motorized vehicle use. (c) Operate any wheeled self-propelled or motorized vehicle, except a PAMD, including a snowmobile and bicycle, on other than a designated road open to the public, a trail, parking lot, or area properly signed by the department as being open to such use. (History: 2001 AACs; 2014 MR 2, Eff. Jan. 29, 2014)

PENALTIES & VIOLATION OF RULES: R 299.929 - Violation of rules; revocation of permit or eviction. Rule 29 - In addition to any other penalty prescribed by law, violation of any of these rules may result in the revocation of a camping permit or eviction from the state park, recreation area, access site, game area, or designated campground, or both. MCL 324.504 excerpt (History: 1994, Act 541, Eff. Mar. 30, 1995; -- Am. 1996, Act 171, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1996). A person who violates a rule ... or an order ... is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00. Persons Exempt from the Rules: R 299.930 Rule 30 - Department employees acting in the line of duty, and persons performing specific acts or conducting activity authorized by written permission are exempt from these rules.

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