

Chapter WCD 45

STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS,  
MISCELLANEOUS

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(Sections 23.09, 27.01 and 28.02, Wis. Stats.)

**WCD 45.01 State property.** It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb, molest, deface, remove, or destroy any trees, shrubs, plants, or other natural growth; to carve on any rocks, signs, walls, or structures; to drive nails in trees; or to injure or deface in any manner any park or forest structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables, or other state property, or to enter by force in any way any building that may be locked or closed to public use.

**WCD 45.02 Property of others.** It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb, molest, or remove the property or personal effects of others while on state park or state forest lands.

**WCD 45.03 Refuse.** It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of any garbage, bottles, tin cans, paper, or other waste material in any manner except by placing in receptacles provided for such purpose or to dump any such refuse on state park or forest lands. Throwing of bottles, tin cans, garbage, sewage, or other refuse in any of the lakes or streams within the boundaries of state parks or state forests is prohibited.

**WCD 45.04 Washing.** The washing of cars or clothing is prohibited in any of the lakes or streams in state parks and at improved camp sites on state-owned land within the boundaries of state forests.

**WCD 45.05 Dogs.** It shall be unlawful for any person to allow dogs to run at large at any time within a state park or at improved camp sites on state-owned lands within the boundaries of a state forest. All dogs within state parks shall be kept on a leash by the owner at all times. Bathing of dogs is forbidden in any of the streams and lakes within the boundaries of state parks and at improved camp sites on state-owned lands within the boundaries of state forests.

**WCD 45.06 Fires.** It shall be unlawful for any person to build any campfires or burn any rubbish on state park lands except at designated fireplaces or to throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, or pipe ashes without first extinguishing them.

**WCD 45.07 Peddling and soliciting.** It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatever, or to distribute handbills or other advertising matter, on any state park

or state forest lands; or to use the state park or forest lands as a base of commercial operations for soliciting business or peddling outside of state park and forest areas unless first authorized in writing by the state conservation commission or its duly authorized agent.

**WCD 45.08 Safety.** It shall be unlawful for any person to drive an automobile, truck, motorcycle, or other vehicle in a reckless manner or at speed greater than twenty-five miles per hour on state park roads, or at a speed greater than that established by signs posted along state forest roads, or to operate any vehicle of gross load in excess of the posted weight limits.

**WCD 45.09 Motor boats.** (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorboat of any kind in any manner on the following specified waters:

(a) Lake of the Dalles in Interstate park, section 31, T34N, R18W, and section 36, T34N, R19W, town of St. Croix Falls, Polk county, Wisconsin.

(b) Interfalls lake in Pattison state park, sections 21, 22, 27 and 28, T47N, R14W, town of Superior, Douglas county, Wisconsin.

(c) Mauthe lake in Kettle Moraine state forest, sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T13N, R19E, town of Auburn, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin.

(2) On the waters of Devil's Lake in Devil's Lake state park, sections 13, 24 and 25, T11N, R6E, town of Baraboo, Sauk county, Wisconsin, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorboat in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or person of others, or to operate a motor boat at a speed greater than 8 miles per hour when within 500 feet of shore, or to operate a motor boat on any other part or portion of said waters at a speed greater than 12 miles per hour.

(3) The term "motorboat" wherever used in this chapter shall mean every boat, launch, vessel or other water craft propelled in whole or in part by steam, gas, gasoline, petroleum, naphtha fluid, electricity, or other engine power.

**WCD 45.10 Horses.** It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or person of others on any state park or state forest lands, roads, or trails, or to ride a horse in any manner on the beaches, picnic grounds, camp grounds, or other similar special public use areas on state park or state forest lands.

**WCD 45.11 Unnecessary noises.** It shall be unlawful for any person to operate sound trucks, loud speakers or any other mechanical devices that produce undue or unnecessary noises in any state park or on any state forest lands without first obtaining a written permit from the state conservation commission or its duly authorized agent.

**WCD 45.12 Parking.** It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave unattended any automobiles, trucks, trailers, wagons, motorcycles, boats or other similar equipment except in areas designated for such purposes, or to drive vehicles indiscriminately over state park or state forest lands.

**WCD 45.13 Firearms.** It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession or under his control any firearms of any kind unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, and to hunt, trap, or disturb any wild animals or birds at any time within posted areas on state park or state forest lands.

**WCD 45.14 Personal conduct.** It shall be unlawful for any person to be intoxicated or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create or provoke a breach of the peace or to disturb or annoy others while within the boundaries of a state park, or while in or near authorized camp grounds on state owned lands within the boundaries of a state forest.

**WCD 45.15 Exceptions.** Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the state conservation commission, its supervisors, managers, rangers, or other duly authorized agents, or any peace officers, from performing their official duties on any state park or on state forest lands.