

## Chapter NR 45

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**History:** Chapter WCD 45 as it existed on June 30, 1964 was repealed and a new chapter WCD 45 was created effective July 1, 1964.

(Sections 23.09, 23.11, 27.01 and 28.02, Wis. Stats.)

**NR 45.01 State property.** (1) Except when the context provides otherwise the provisions of this chapter shall apply to all lands, structures and property owned, under easement, leased or administered by the state of Wisconsin and under the management, supervision and control of the department of natural resources.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, molest, deface, remove or attempt to remove any natural growth or natural or archaeological feature, or any state property; to enter or be in any building, installation or area that may be locked or closed to public use or contrary to posted notice without a written permit from the property superintendent. The picking of edible fruits or nuts is permitted.

(3) For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) *Department* means the state of Wisconsin department of natural resources.

(b) *Camp or camping.* The use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, bed roll or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

(c) *Family campground.* Any tract of land designated for camping by families or groups of 5 persons or less.

(d) *Group campground.* A campground designated for use by organizational or juvenile groups.

(e) *Campsite.* A segment of a campground which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

(f) *Canoe campsite.* A campsite along a waterway for use by persons traveling by water.

(g) *Camping unit.* Any single shelter except sleeping bags and hammocks used for a camp by a camping party except those used exclusively for dining purposes.

(h) *Camping party.* Any individual, family or informal, unorganized group of not more than 5 persons occupying a campsite.

(i) *Family*. A parent or parents with their children and not more than 2 lineal relatives or not more than 2 minor guests.

(j) *Juvenile group*. A group made up of juvenile members of an established organization and under the leadership of at least one competent, mature adult for each 10 juveniles in the group and using any number of camping units or occupying a group campground.

(l) *Picnic area*. Any tract of land developed and maintained for picnicking and containing not less than 5 picnic tables. Included in the definition of picnic area are adjacent playground and play field areas.

(m) *Bathing beach*. Any water area or adjacent land area designated as a swim area by standard regulatory markers or posted notice.

(n) *Adult group*. A group made up of adult members (18 years of age and older) of an established organization.

(o) *Muffler*. A device constructed of a series of chambers of baffle plates or mechanical design for receiving exhaust gases from an internal combustion engine and which is effective in reducing noise.

(p) *Spark arrestor*. Any device which traps or pulverizes 80 percent or more of the carbon passing through it at all flow rates and has provisions for cleaning.

(q) *Outdoor recreation vehicle*. Any motorcycle, motor bike, all terrain vehicle, air cushion vehicle, snowmobile or other vehicle designed to travel off a roadway as defined in section 340.01 (54).

**History:** Cr. Register, June 1964, No. 102, eff. 7-1-64; am. Register, June, 1965, No. 114, eff. 7-1-65; r. and recr. (3) (j), Register, May, 1966, No. 125, eff. 6-1-66; am (3) (j), Register, April, 1967, No. 136, eff. 5-1-67; am. (3) (j), Register, April, 1969, No. 160, eff. 5-1-69; renum. WCD 45.01 to be NR 45.01; am. (1), r. and recr. (3) (a); r. (3) (e); renum. (3) (f), (g), (h), (i) to be (3) (e), (f), (g) and (h); renum. (3) (j) to be (3) (i) and am.; renum. (k) and (l) to be (j) and (k), Register, April, 1970, No. 172, eff. 5-1-70; cr. (3) (l), (m) and (n), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71; am. (2), and (3) (h) and (m); r. (3) (k) and cr. (3) (o), (p) and (q), Register, March, 1973, No. 207, eff. 4-1-73; am. (1), Register, May, 1975, No. 233, eff. 6-1-75.

**NR 45.02 Property of others.** It shall be unlawful for any person to destroy, molest, attempt to remove, or remove the property of others. It shall be unlawful for any person other than a permittee or licensee to scavenge golf balls on any golf course. The use of metal detectors is prohibited, except by written permit issued by the property superintendent.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1964, No. 102, eff. 7-1-64; am. Register, June, 1965, No. 114, eff. 7-1-65; renum. WCD 45.02 to be NR 45.02; Register, April, 1970, No. 172, eff. 5-1-70; am. Register, March, 1973, No. 207, eff. 4-1-73.

**NR 45.03 Refuse.** It shall be unlawful for any person to discard or leave any refuse, sewage or other waste material on the ground, or in any building or installation, or into the water or upon the ice of any lake or stream or other body of water, or to dispose of any such refuse or waste material in any manner except by burning or by placing in receptacles or other authorized locations provided for such purposes. Refuse will be packed out from those areas where official containers

(3) No floating device, except Coast Guard approved life jackets and vests of proper size and properly worn and secured, is permitted in or upon the water at any supervised beach or pool in any state park, state recreation area and state forest except in areas specifically set aside and posted for their use.

(4) Violations of any state law, Administrative Code or any posted user conduct rules of the Blue Mound state park swimming pool by any person is cause for revocation of the pool use privilege.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1966, No. 125, eff. 6-1-66; cr. (3), Register, April, 1967, No. 136, eff. 5-1-67; am. (1), (2) and (3), Register, April, 1969, No. 160, eff. 5-1-69; renum. WCD 45.19 to be NR 45.19 and am. (1), and (3), Register, April, 1970, No. 172, eff. 5-1-70; cr. (4), Register, March, 1973, No. 207, eff. 4-1-73.

**NR 45.20 Exceptions.** Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the department of natural resources, its supervisors, managers, foresters, wardens, rangers or other duly authorized agents, or any peace officer from performing their official duties.

**History:** Cr. Register, June, 1964, No. 102, eff. 7-1-64; am. Register, June, 1965, No. 114, eff. 7-1-65; renum. from WCD 45.19, Register, May, 1966, No. 125, eff. 6-1-66; renum. WCD 45.20 to be NR 45.20 and am., Register, April, 1970, No. 172, eff. 5-1-70.

**NR 45.21 Wolf river preservation area: Menominee county.** **History:** Cr. Register, April, 1967, No. 136, eff. 5-1-67; r. Register, March, 1976, No. 243, eff. 4-1-76.

**NR 45.22 Waterfowl blinds.** It shall be unlawful for any person to fail to remove any waterfowl blind at the end of hunting hours for the day on any area so posted by the property superintendent.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1968, No. 149, eff. 6-1-68; renum. WCD 45.22 to be NR 45.22, Register, April, 1970, No. 172, eff. 5-1-70; am. Register, May, 1975, No. 233, eff. 6-1-75.

**NR 45.23 State scientific areas** (section 23.27, Wis. Stats.) For the purposes of this section, state scientific areas are defined as tracts of land or water under department control which have been designated by the Scientific Areas Preservation Council for the purposes of scientific research, the teaching of conservation and natural history and preservation of native plant and animal communities or individual members of these communities and archeological sites for the use of future generations.

Within the boundaries of state scientific areas posted with appropriate signs:

(1) No person shall take, catch, kill or remove any animal, except legal game or fish in season where not otherwise prohibited by law, or pick, collect or remove any plant or part thereof, without a written permit issued by the scientific areas preservation council and the department of natural resources.

(2) The provisions of NR 45.03, 45.06, 45.07, 45.08, 45.10 (1), 45.11, 45.12, 45.13, 45.14 and 45.15 apply to state scientific areas.

(3) Parfrey's Glen Scientific Area. This section applies to the Parfrey's Glen Scientific Area, section 23, township 11 north, range 7 east, Sauk county, Wisconsin.

(a) No person shall possess or consume any food or beverage within the boundary of Parfrey's Glen Scientific Area.

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(b) Hiking other than on trails specifically designed and signed for that purpose is prohibited unless authorized in writing by the department or its duly authorized agents.

(c) No person shall enter or be in Parfrey's Glen Scientific Area between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m.

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1973, No. 207, eff. 4-1-73.