

Chapter WCD 45

STATE PARKS AND STATE FORESTS
MISCELLANEOUS

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

WCD 45.01 State property. (a) Except when the context provides otherwise, the provisions of this chapter apply to all state parks, state forests, forest nurseries, fish hatcheries, public hunting and fishing grounds, conservation areas and all other lands, structures and property owned or leased by the state of Wisconsin and under the management, supervision and control of the state conservation commission of Wisconsin.

(b) 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 structures including buildings, signs, fences, tables, or other state property; or to enter in any way any building, installation or area that may be locked or closed to public use; or to molest or manipulate any water control structure; or to enter or be upon any building, installation or area after the posted closing time or before the posted opening time or contrary to posted notice.

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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.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

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. Throwing of bottles, tin cans, garbage, sewage, or other refuse in or on the ice of any of the lakes or streams or along roads is prohibited.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

WCD 45.04 Washing. The washing of cars or clothing is prohibited in any of the lakes or streams in state parks, fish hatcheries and at improved camp sites and picnic grounds on other lands and property under the management, supervision and control of the conservation commission.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

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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, fish hatchery, or at improved camp sites or picnic grounds or similar public use areas on other lands and property under the management, supervision and control of the conservation commission. All dogs within state parks and the State Experimental Game and Fur Farm 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 and picnic grounds and similar public use areas on other lands and property under the management, supervision and control of the conservation commission.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

WCD 45.06 Fires. It shall be unlawful for any person to build any campfires or burn any rubbish on state park lands, fish hatcheries and the State Experimental Game and Fur Farm except at designated fireplaces or to throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars, or pipe ashes without first extinguishing them on any lands or property under the management, supervision and control of the conservation commission. It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any campfire unattended at any time.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

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 or to post unauthorized signs on any lands or property under the management, supervision or control of the conservation commission; or to use such lands or property as a base of commercial operations for soliciting business or peddling outside of such lands or property unless first authorized in writing by the state conservation commission or its duly authorized agent.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

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 25 miles per hour on state park roads; or at a speed greater than that established by signs posted along state forest roads and such other roads on other lands under the management, supervision and control of the conservation commission; or to operate any vehicle of gross load in excess of the posted weight limits.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

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

(a) Lakes 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.

(d) Crystal lake in Northern Highland state forest, sections 27 and 28, T41N, R7E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county, Wisconsin.

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(e) All waters in Governor Dodge state park in Iowa county.

(f) Zander's lake in Browntown public hunting grounds, section 3, T1N, R6E, Green 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 motorboat at a speed greater than 8 miles per hour when within 500 feet of shore, or to operate a motorboat on any other part or portion of said waters at a speed greater than 12 miles per hour.

(3) On the waters of Yellowstone lake in Lafayette county, 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 motorboat at a speed greater than 6 miles per hour when within 100 feet of the shoreline; or to operate any motorboat in any area where notices are posted prohibiting the operation and use of motorboats.

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

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

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, lead or have a horse in any manner on the beaches, foot trails, picnic grounds, camp grounds, fish hatcheries or other similar special public use area.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

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

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

WCD 45.12 Parking. It shall be unlawful for any person to park or leave unattended any automobiles, trucks, trailers, wagons, motorcycles, boats, rafts or other similar equipment except in areas designated for such purposes, or to drive vehicles indiscriminately over lands or property under the management, supervision or control of the state conservation commission, or to park or leave unattended any automobile, truck, trailer, wagon, motorcycle, boat, raft or other similar equipment in such a manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway or winter sport facility.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

WCD 45.13 Camping; state parks. No person shall camp in any state park for a term in excess of three consecutive weeks (21 days) during the period from July 1 to Labor Day. At the end of such

term, the camper shall remove his camping unit from the park for not less than 1 week after which time he may return. There is no seasonal limit on the total camping days in any state park.

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WCD 45.14 Firearms. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession or under his control any firearm of any kind unless the same is unloaded and enclosed within a carrying case, or to hunt, trap, or disturb any wild animals or birds at any time on any state fish hatchery or state park or within posted areas on state forest lands.

History: 1-2-56; renum. from 45.13 and am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

WCD 45.15 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.

History: 1-2-56; renum. from 45.14 and am. Register, October, 1957, No. 22, eff. 11-1-57.

WCD 45.16 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.

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