

## Chapter NR 45

## USE OF DEPARTMENT PROPERTIES

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**Note:** Chapter NR 45 as it existed on December 31, 1983, was repealed and a new chapter NR 45 was created effective January 1, 1984.

**NR 45.01 Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to govern the conduct of visitors to state lands and to provide for the protection of the natural resources.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1–1–84.

**NR 45.02 Applicability. (1)** Except when the context provides otherwise, this chapter applies to any of the following:

- (a) All lands, structures and property owned by the department.
- (b) Lands owned by the state of Wisconsin which are under the management, supervision and control of the department.
- (c) Lands under easement to or lease by the state of Wisconsin which are under the management, supervision and control of the department.

**(2)** On lands the department owns but are under the supervision, management and control of another entity pursuant to lease or easement, the department may, as part of the lease or easement, waive its jurisdiction in whole or in part under this chapter.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1–1–84; r. and recr. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1–1–00.

**NR 45.03 Definitions.** In this chapter, the following definitions apply:

**(1)** “Adult group” means a group made up of persons who are 18 years of age and older.

**(1m)** “Air boat” means a motorboat that is powered, wholly or in part, by a propeller projecting above the hull of the motorboat.

**(2)** “All-terrain vehicle” has the meaning specified in s. 340.01 (2g), Stats.

**(2m)** “Backpack campsite” means an area designated for camping that has no modern facilities, such as showers or flush toilets located nearby, nor public motor vehicle access to or near the area, and to which all over-night supplies are carried or transported to the site by means other than a motorized vehicle, often in a backpack.

**(3)** “Bicycle” has the meaning given in s. 340.01 (5), Stats.

**Note:** Under s. 340.01 (5), Stats., bicycle means every vehicle propelled by feet or hands acting upon pedals or cranks and having wheels any 2 of which are not less than 14 inches in diameter.

**(3g)** “Boat-in campsite” means a campsite along a waterway for use by persons traveling by watercraft.

**(3m)** “Motorboat” has the meaning given in s. 30.50 (6), Stats.

**(4)** “Camp” or “camping” means the use of a shelter such as a tent, trailer, motor vehicle, tarpaulin, hammock, bedroll, or sleeping bag for temporary residence or sleeping purposes.

**(6)** “Camping party” means any individual, family or non-family group occupying a campsite.

**(6m)** “Camping permit” means any department-issued permit for camping overnight.

**(7)** “Camping unit” means any single structure, shelter, or similar device used by a camping party for camping, and includes a tent, camping trailer, or recreational vehicle (RV).

**(8)** “Campsite” means a segment of a campground which is designated for camping use by a camping unit or camping party.

**(8f)** “Climbing activity” includes any of the following:

(a) Ascending or descending steep rock walls, ice walls or artificial structures, usually with the assistance of specialized rock climbing equipment including ropes, webbing and carabiners.

(b) Practicing the use of specialized rock climbing equipment near the ground.

**(8j)** “Commercial use” means providing services to visitors of department lands, providing services on department lands, using department lands or facilities to provide services, or engaging in activities intended to sell or promote a product, service or activity, or support a business or organization for economic gain. “Commercial use” does not include services provided by the department or other government services.

**(8m)** “Crops” means any vegetation planted as an agricultural commodity or for other use as part of a farming operation, or vegetation planted for personal consumption or aesthetics, such as a vegetable or flower garden.

**(9)** “Department” means the state of Wisconsin department of natural resources.

**(9b)** “Designated use area” means any area, facility, or feature that meets the requirements of s. 23.115, Stats.

**(9c)** “Dispersed camping area” means an area where camping is authorized but there are no designated campsites.

**(9f)** “Dog sled” means any vehicle that glides on runners or wheels and is designed or used for conveying cargo or people and to be pulled by dogs.

**(9g)** “Dual-sport motorcycle” means a street-legal motorcycle that meets the definition of a Type 1 motorcycle in s. 340.01 (32), Stats., and can be ridden to varying degrees off-road, and is designed by the manufacturer for both on and off-road use.

**(9i)** “Edible fruits” means fleshy fruits from plants including apples, plums, pears, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, junberries, and strawberries that are harvested for human consumption. It does not include the seeds, roots or other parts of herbaceous plants such as wildflowers or grasses.

**(9k)** “Edible nuts” means walnuts, hickory nuts, acorns and other similar nuts from trees and shrubs.

**(9m)** “Equine” means any horse, pony, donkey, burro, mule, and hinny.

**(10)** “Family” means a parent or parents or guardian or guardians with their unemancipated children and not more than 2 guests.

**(12)** “Group campground” means a campground designated for use by juvenile or adult groups.

**(13)** “Juvenile group” means 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.

**(13m)** “Kohler–Andrae state park” means Terry Andrae state park and John Michael Kohler state park, collectively.

**(14)** “Non–family group” means any 6 or less individuals who do not meet the definition of family.

**(14m)** “Northern flowage properties” means the Turtle–Flambeau and Willow Flowage scenic waters areas, and the Chippewa flowage.

**(15)** “Northern state forests” means the Black River, Brule River, Coulee Experimental, Flambeau River, Governor Knowles, Northern Highland, American Legion and Governor Earl Peshtigo River state forests.

**(15m)** “Occupy,” “occupied,” or “occupying” means the camping unit, such as a tent, trailer or RV, is set up in a useable condition.

**(16)** “Off–highway motorcycle” has the meaning given in s. 23.335 (1) (q), Stats.

**(16m)** “Organized climbing group” means a group engaged in rock climbing activities that is organized, sponsored, transported or supervised by a school, university, youth group, club, social organization, church, business, guide service or similar organization.

**(16r)** “Pedestrian” means:

(a) Any person afoot without the use of skis, skates or other similar devices.

(b) Any physically disabled person in a wheelchair, either manually or mechanically propelled, or other low–powered mechanically propelled vehicle designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person, but does not include any person using an electric personal assistive mobility device.

**(16v)** “Physically disabled person” means a person who by reason of a physical impairment is a “qualified individual with a disability” as defined in 28 C.F.R. 35.104.

**Note:** The procedures for DOT special identification cards are found in s. 343.51, Stats., and ch. Trans 130.

**Note:** The Americans with Disabilities Act (Pub. L. 101–336, 104 Stat. 327, 42 U.S.C. 12101–12213 and 47 U.S.C. 225 and 611) is interpreted by 28 C.F.R. 35.104. Qualified individual with a disability means an individual with a disability who, with or without reasonable modifications to rules, policies, or practices, the removal of architectural, communication, or transportation barriers, or the provision of auxiliary aids and services, meets the essential eligibility requirements for the receipt of services or the participation in programs or activities provided by a public entity.

**(17)** “Picnic area” means 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.

**(18)** “Private schools” means institutions meeting the criteria of s. 118.165, Stats.

**(18f)** “Proper self–registration” means depositing a completed envelope with accurate information and containing, at a minimum, the appropriate fees into a self–registration box upon entering a state park, trail, recreation area or forest.

**(18h)** “Property master plan” has the meaning in s. NR 44.03 (8) and is prepared consistent with ch. NR 44.

**(18k)** “Range officer” means any department employee or person designated by the department to monitor activities on the shooting range.

**(18m)** “Registered camper” means a person camping on a campsite whose name is included on the camping permit for that campsite.

**(18u)** Except in s. NR 45.045 (2) (c) 4., “reservation” means a request for use of a reservable department facility such as a campsite or shelter that has been granted by the department or its agents.

**(18x)** “Shooting range” means a facility designated by the department that has target shooting with firearms, bows, or crossbows as its major purpose.

**(19)** “Shoreline zones” means that area of sand or gravel beach from the water’s edge to the first dune or to the tree line or other terrestrial vegetation, whichever is closest to the water’s edge.

**(20)** “Snowmobile” has the meaning specified in s. 340.01 (58a), Stats., and is considered to be a vehicle for the purposes of this chapter.

**(21)** “Southern state forests” means Havenwoods state forest preserve, Point Beach state forest and all units of the Kettle Moraine state forests.

**(21d)** “Special event” means a temporary use of department property which permits an activity that is otherwise not specifically allowed under this chapter or which involves one or more of the following circumstances:

(a) Requires exclusive use or closure of all or part of public facilities or areas within a property or effectively restricts or limits use of a property by non–participants.

(b) Placement of temporary structures or event apparatus.

(c) Sale or offering of beverages, food, or merchandise.

(d) Requires non–routine services of any department employee.

(e) Will take place during hours beyond normal property open hours.

(f) Requires use of equipment or facilities not otherwise authorized for the proposed public use.

(g) Requires event participation fees.

**(21e)** “Special property use” means engaging in an activity on or using state land or facilities that may be otherwise prohibited but authorized by permit and which is of benefit to the department, its visitors, private individuals or private or public organizations, or other state, county, municipal, or tribal organizations. Special events and commercial use are types of special property use.

**(21f)** “Standard boat–in campsite” means a campsite that is primarily accessed by watercraft.

**(21fm)** “Standard campground” means any tract of land designated for camping by a family group or a non–family group of 6 persons or less and that is accessible by a public road and meets the criteria under s. 340.01 (22), Stats.

**(21g)** “State natural area” has the meaning given in s. 23.27 (1) (h), Stats.

**Note:** Section 23.27 (1) (h) states “state natural area”, unless otherwise limited, means any designated state natural area or dedicated state natural area.

**(21m)** “State park” or “state forest” means the area within the project boundary approved for the state park or state forest by the natural resources board.

**(21r)** “State park system” includes state parks under s. 27.01, Stats., state recreation areas under s. 23.091, Stats., and southern forests under s. 27.016 (1) (c), Stats. River and resource areas including the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway under subch. IV of ch. 30, Stats., lands associated with wild rivers under s. 30.26, Stats., and other properties managed with the state park system may be considered part of the state park system. Northern forests, for purposes of recreation management, may also be considered park of the state park system. State trails are a type of state park, in accordance with s. NR 1.30 (1) (e). The state park system includes both properties with fee areas under s. NR 45.12 (1) and properties without fees.

**(22)** “State trail” means a recreational trail designated by the department under s. NR 51.73.

**(22r)** “Stopover boat–in campsite” means a campsite that is primarily accessed by watercraft and whose primary purpose the department has identified as a pass–through site for paddlers utilizing a water trail.

**(23)** “Swimming beach” means any water area or adjacent land area designated as a swim area by standard regulatory markers or posted notice.

**(23s)** “Ungulate” means any hoofed mammal.

**(24)** “Vehicle” means any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or mobile home and is further defined in s. 340.01 (74), Stats. For purposes of this chapter, a snowmobile is considered to be a vehicle.

**(25m)** “Water trail” means a recreational route on a waterway that has a network of public access points.

**(26)** “Water view campsite” means a campsite bordering on a body of water or with a scenic view of a body of water.

**(27)** “Yurt” means a circular, tent-like structure supported on a lattice framework with a window or windows and a hinged door and is used for overnight camping by a family or non-family group.

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**NR 45.04 General rules. (1) STATE PROPERTY.** (a) No person may damage, destroy, molest, deface, remove, or attempt to remove any natural growth or natural or archaeological feature except as provided in sub. (1s).

(b) 1. In this paragraph, “gravel pit” has the meaning given in s. NR 135.03 (16).

2. The department may close, by posted notice, any land, structure, or property owned or administered by the state of Wisconsin and under the management, supervision, and control of the department. Closure may include prohibiting access for one or more types of activities and shall be implemented for the purpose of protecting public health, safety, and welfare, or for protection of natural resources or property as determined by the secretary. No person may 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. For gravel pits, all of the following apply:

a. For the purpose of protecting public health, safety, and welfare, the department may close any gravel pits and other sites where earthmoving activities may take place.

b. The department may keep these sites closed until such time as reclamation has been completed, including any maintenance period. No person may enter or be in any structure or area that is closed to public use without a written agreement with the department.

c. The department may effectuate closure through the property master planning process under ch. NR 44 or by order of the secretary. Notice of closure shall be reflected in the respective property maps, and, as necessary, with signage at the location.

(c) Flying related activities, including but not limited to, use of uncrewed aircraft systems, hang gliding, parasailing, hot air ballooning, land sailing, flying model airplanes or sky diving on state parks, state recreation areas, state natural areas, Kettle Moraine and Point Beach state forests and Lower Wisconsin state riverway shall be restricted to areas posted for their use.

(d) In-line skates or roller blades are permitted on all public highways and paved trails under department management and supervision except where posted against such use.

(e) The department may, by posted notice, restrict climbing activities on any lands subject to this chapter. Notice of climbing

restrictions shall be posted at the administrative office of the property and at the site where the climbing restrictions apply.

(f) No person may transplant, relocate, stock or release any plant or animal, domesticated or wild, without written permission from the department unless engaged in dog training or trialing in accordance with chs. NR 16 and 17.

**(1s) COLLECTING.** Except as specifically provided in this subsection, a person may collect any of the following materials for noncommercial use:

(a) 1. Edible fruits, edible nuts, wild mushrooms, wild asparagus, and watercress may be collected by hand for the purpose of personal consumption by the collector.

2. Herbaceous plant species that are listed as prohibited plant invasive species under s. NR 40.04 (2) (b), listed as restricted plant invasive species under s. NR 40.05 (2) (b), or considered non-restricted invasive species under s. NR 40.03 (1), may be removed without written permission or a permit issued under this chapter.

**Note:** A list of non-restricted invasive species is available on the department’s website at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives/what.html>. Possession, movement, and proper disposal of invasive species is regulated under ch. NR 40 and an invasive species permit issued under that chapter may be required unless the invasive plants are left or disposed of onsite.

3. Except on state natural areas, willow and aspen stems not larger than 2.5 inches in diameter, from species not listed under ch. NR 27, may be collected for personal, noncommercial use by the collector for the purpose of trap stakes, bait sticks, or both.

4. Except for edible fruits, edible nuts, and edible seeds collected for personal consumption under this paragraph, a person wishing to collect seeds from herbaceous plants, including grasses and wildflowers, or seeds or nuts from woody plants, or both, on department lands shall apply for and obtain a seed collecting permit from the department.

**Note:** The seed collecting permit application form is available at <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/forms/1700/1700-039.pdf>.

5. A person may collect shed antlers, clean skulls, and clean bones of wild animals for which an open season has been established under ch. NR 10, and as long as the collection of the antlers, skulls, or bones follows all state and federal laws.

(b) 1. Except as provided in subds. 2. and 3., rocks, minerals, or fossil materials may be collected for noncommercial purposes, such as educational uses and personal collections, by hand or using a hand-held rock hammer or similar device in accordance with written permission issued by the manager of the property on which the collecting is done. A collector may not remove more than 5 pounds of rock, mineral or fossil material per day from any property, with a maximum total of 50 pounds per year. The written permission may further limit the allowable methods and amounts of material collected.

2. No person may collect rocks, minerals, or fossil materials on state trails, Havenwoods state forest, and any specific site which is designated as a noncollection site by the department.

3. No person may collect rocks, minerals or fossil materials on state natural areas without first obtaining a state natural area scientific collector permit.

**(2) CLOSING HOURS.** (a) No person may enter or be within the boundaries of any state park, state recreation area, southern forest, forest campground, picnic area, beach, amphitheater, posted parking areas and specifically designated areas within the Lower Wisconsin state riverway between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and the following 6:00 a.m. except:

1. Registered campers in or enroute to their designated campsites.

2. Hunters or trappers entering department lands during an open hunting or trapping season on the land, provided the entry is no earlier than 90 minutes prior to sunrise.

4. Lakeshore state park hours of operation are between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., except for persons actively engaged in fish-

ing, persons moving through the park on designated trails, or registered guests at the marina leaving or returning to their boats.

5. Users of state trails, except during hours of closure as posted by the department or by an entity operating a state trail under a written agreement with the department.

6. Kettle Moraine state forest – Lapham Peak unit hours of operation are between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

7. Havenwoods state forest hours of operation are between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

8. Whitefish Dunes state park hours of operation are between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any person who for the sole purpose of fishing:

1. Enters any of the locations listed in par. (a) prior to 11:00 p.m., or

2. Enters any state park or state forest recreation area on the opening weekend of fishing season, or

3. Uses the boat launch facilities and boat launching parking lots in the northern state forests.

4. Enters any state park or state forest recreation area one hour before sunrise.

(c) The closing hours of this subsection do not apply to individuals with written authorization from the department or to those projects or parts of projects where the department has posted other opening and closing hours or where the department has waived these hours and established different hours for special events and programs. No person may enter or be within a department property contrary to closing hours established pursuant to this subsection.

**(3) PERSONAL CONDUCT.** (a) *Disorderly conduct.* No person may engage in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct, or conduct which tends to cause or provoke a disturbance or create a breach of the peace.

(am) *Nudity.* 1. In this section, “nude” or “nudity” means being clothed or unclothed in such a manner that the person’s genitals, pubic hair, buttocks, perineum, anus, anal region, or pubic hair region of any person, or any portion of the breast at or below the upper edge of the areola thereof of any female person, is exposed to public view or is not covered by an opaque covering.

2. No person may appear, bathe, sunbathe, walk, or otherwise be nude on any lands under the management, supervision, or control of the department. This does not apply to breastfeeding by nursing parents and does not apply in any of the following areas not open to public view: restrooms, bath houses, showers, changing facilities, or privately-owned camping units.

**Note:** *Tagami v. City of Chicago*, 875 F.3d 375 (7th Cir. 2017).

(b) *Evictions.* The department may expel any person or persons from the lands under the management, supervision and control of the department for violations of any state law, administrative rule or posted rules or regulations. The period of time for which a person may be expelled is 48 hours, or for the period of their camping permit, whichever is longer. The expelled person may not return to the property before the eviction period has elapsed or enter any other lands under the management, supervision, and control of the department for a period of 48 hours after eviction. Persons expelled are not eligible for refunds for unused camping fees or vehicle admission fees. People charged with violent, assaultive or disorderly behavior may be expelled until after the case is adjudicated in court.

(c) *Observation towers.* No person may possess or consume any food or beverage, including fermented malt beverage or intoxicating liquor, when on any observation tower.

(d) *Refuse and recyclable materials.* 1. No person may dispose of any debris, waste or recyclable material except by placing the material in receptacles provided for those purposes.

2. No person may dispose of any waste or recyclable materials in any waste or recyclable receptacles or at any location if the

waste or recyclable material is generated from a permanent or seasonal residence or a business or other commercial operation.

3. No person may dispose of anything other than human waste and toilet paper in a department toilet facility.

(e) *Noise.* 1. ‘Devices.’ Except in accordance with a written permit issued by the department, no person may operate any device, including an amplified speaker, outdoor electronic device, gasoline powered device, generator, chainsaw, air-conditioner or other device at a volume that interferes with the enjoyment of the area by others or is likely to cause a disturbance.

2. ‘Camping quiet hours.’ No person may make a noise at a level above that of a quiet conversation in camping areas and overnight moorings between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(f) *Soliciting.* 1. No person may solicit or collect funds or peddle or solicit business of any nature, post signs or distribute handbills or advertising matter unless first authorized by contractual agreement with the department.

2. In addition to the requirements of subd. 1., in the state parks, state recreation areas and southern forests, no person may engage in commercial filming or photography or provide services for a fee that involves the provider’s physical presence in the state park, state recreation area or southern forest unless first authorized by contractual agreement with the department.

3. No person may use in any manner the dock, pier, wharf, boat landing or mooring facilities in, or on, the waters in or immediately adjacent to any lands under the management, supervision or control of the department for the purpose of soliciting rides of any kind, unless authorized by the department.

4. This paragraph does not apply to the provision of emergency repair service or tour buses originating outside of department lands.

(g) *Unauthorized interference with state or personal property.* No person may damage, deface, interfere with, destroy, molest, possess without permission, attempt to remove or remove the property of the state or any other person.

**Note:** Property of the state includes roadway and parking lot surfaces, signs, and structures under state ownership.

(i) *Metal detectors.* The use of metal detectors is prohibited except by written permit issued by the property superintendent.

(j) *Ski trails.* No person may hike or snowshoe on designated cross-country ski trails when the trails are snow covered.

(k) *Quiet zones.* The department may establish quiet zones by posted notice. Within quiet zones, no person may operate a radio, boombox, musical instrument, tape player or similar noise producing device, unless the noise is confined to the person through the use of a headset.

(L) *Fireworks.* No person may possess or discharge any fireworks regulated by s. 167.10 (1), Stats.

(m) *Structures.* 1. In this paragraph:

a. “Personal property” includes stakes, markers, or any other object which is placed with the intent of marking the location of a trap site except when the season established in s. NR 10.01 for that species is open and a lawfully set trap is placed with the stake or marker.

b. “Personal property” does not include a trail camera that is in compliance with the provisions of par. (w).

2. Except as authorized by the department, no person may construct, place, occupy or use structures or store personal property on lands subject to this chapter. This paragraph does not apply to tents or canopies which are less than 100 square feet in area or other temporary structures which are used for recreational purposes and removed by 11:00 p.m. of the day they are placed on the property.

(n) *Crops.* Except when authorized by the department, no person may plant, cultivate or harvest any crop on lands subject to this chapter.

(o) *Possession of marijuana.* No person may possess 25 grams or less of marijuana or use marijuana as defined in s. 961.01 (14),

Stats., unless the marijuana was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner, as defined in s. 961.01 (19), Stats., while acting in the course of the practitioner's professional practice or except as otherwise authorized by ch. 961, Stats.

(p) *Possession of drug paraphernalia.* No person may use or possess drug paraphernalia in violation of s. 961.573 (1), Stats.

(r) *Climbing permits.* The department may require organized climbing groups to obtain a permit prior to engaging in rock climbing activities. Permit requirements shall be posted at the administrative office for the property subject to the permit requirement. The department may use the permit to limit the number of climbers and the time, manner and location of the climbing. No climbing group or member of a climbing group may engage in climbing activities without a permit or contrary to permit conditions when at a location subject to a permit requirement.

(s) *Climbing.* No person may engage in climbing activities, including the attachment of climbing anchors, on buildings, towers and boardwalks and other similar structures.

(t) *Resisting or obstructing a law enforcement officer.* 1. No person may knowingly resist or obstruct a law enforcement officer while that officer is doing any act in an official capacity and with lawful authority.

2. In this subsection, "obstruct" includes without limitation knowingly giving false information or knowingly placing, removing or concealing physical evidence with the intent to mislead a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duty.

(u) *Paintball.* Except when authorized by the department, no person may engage in an activity involving the use of paintball guns, paint markers or discharge of similar devices on any lands subject to this chapter.

(v) *Campfires.* On state properties where legally authorized campfires may be built, wood that is both dead and down may be gathered from upland areas of the property for campfire use on the property without the need for a forest product permit. Driftwood or other dead and down wood located below the ordinary high watermark of the Willow, Turtle Flambeau, Rainbow, or Chippewa flowage is considered a natural feature that may not be removed or destroyed without written authorization from the department.

(w) *Trail cameras.* A person may place and leave trail cameras unattended overnight on department lands when all of the following conditions are met:

1. Trail cameras are permanently and legibly marked in the English language with the name and address or department customer identification number of the operator in a manner that is clearly visible on the outside of the camera without needing to move or adjust the camera.

2. Placement, use, or installation of the trail camera does not damage vegetation or other department property.

3. The camera's location and entire available field of view is only areas where hunting is allowed and is outside of designated use areas including designated trails, beaches, campgrounds, buildings, roads, water access points, and parking areas.

**Note:** The placement of trail cameras on department lands is at the operator's own risk. The department is not responsible for theft of or damage to trail cameras on Wisconsin department of natural resources lands.

**(4) SPECIAL PROPERTY USE.** (a) Except as provided in par. (c), no person or organization may advertise, promote or hold or conduct a special event or other special property use without prior written approval from the department.

(am) Except as provided for special events in par. (b), a person or organization seeking to engage in special property use shall submit to the department all of the following at least 30 days prior to the first day of use:

1. An application describing the special property use on forms provided by the department.

2. Proof of adequate insurance as determined by the department, if required by the department, with the policy naming the department as additional insured.

3. A fee as determined by the department under s. NR 45.12 (4) (L).

(b) To apply for written approval for a special event, a person or organization seeking to hold a special event shall submit to the department all of the following at least 90 days prior to the event:

1. An application describing the special event on forms provided by the department.

2. Proof of adequate insurance as determined by the department, with the policy naming the department as additional insured.

3. A fee as determined by the department under s. NR 45.12 (4) (L).

(c) The department may waive the requirement to obtain written approval under pars. (a) and (b) if the special property use is authorized in an existing agreement with the department or if the use will not result in any of the following:

1. Public safety risks.

2. Negative impacts to a unique plant or animal community or geological or cultural features.

3. Costs to the department or additional department staff resources costs incurred as a result of the event.

4. Negative impact to use and enjoyment of the property by others.

5. Violation of statute or administrative rule.

(d) The department may issue written authorization for a special event and other special property use with conditions that it deems necessary to ensure the protection and orderly management of the property.

(e) The department may modify or terminate written authorization for any special property use at any time if necessary to ensure public safety, protection of state facilities, or protection of natural resources.

(f) In addition to the fee in s. NR 45.12 (4) (L), the department may require the person or organization holding a special event or conducting other special property use to compensate the department for, or to restore to the satisfaction of the department, a natural resource or department property that is damaged as a result of the use.

(g) No person may participate in a special event or other special property use that is not authorized under this section.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1–1–84; am. (2) (a) (intro.) and (c), cr. (3) (k), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1–1–88; emerg. cr. (3) (L), eff. 4–1–88; emerg. cr. (3) (L), eff. 4–1–89; emerg. am. (3) (L), eff. 5–2–89; renum. (3) (h) to be (3) (h) 1. and cr. (3) (h) 2., Register, March, 1990, No. 411, eff. 4–1–90; am. (1) (c) and (2) (c), cr. (3) (j), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4–1–92; r. and recr. (1) (a), (2) (a) and (3) (d), am. (1) (c), (3) (b) and (e), cr. (3) (m), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1–1–94; cr. (1) (d), (2) (a) 3. and (b) 4., r. and recr. (2) (b) 3. and (3) (b), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 12–1–95; renum. (3) (k), (L) and (m) to be (3) (j), (k) and (L), Register, December, 1997, No. 504, eff. 1–1–98; am. (3) (g), cr. (3) (m), (n) and (o), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1–1–00; CR 01–011: cr. (1) (e), (3) (p), (r) and (s) Register April 2002 No. 556, eff. 5–1–02; CR 03–035: cr. (1), (f), am. (2) (c), (3) (n) and (p), r. and recr. (3) (f) Register December 2003 No. 576, eff. 1–1–04; CR 04–092: am. (1) (c), cr. (3) (t) Register April 2005 No. 592, eff. 5–1–05; emerg. cr. (1) (g), eff. 4–1–06; CR 06–065: cr. (1) (g) Register November 2006 No. 611, eff. 12–1–06; CR 07–026: cr. (2) (a) 4., r. (3) (h) Register December 2007 No. 624, eff. 1–1–08; CR 08–011: cr. (3) (u) Register September 2008 No. 633, eff. 2–1–09; CR 09–103: r. (1) (g) Register May 2010 No. 653, eff. 6–1–10; CR 10–042: cr. (1) (a) 2. and (3) (v), am. (1) (a) 1., (3) (b) and (f) 1., renum. (1) (a) 2. and 3. to be (1) (a) 3. and 4. Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1–1–11; correction in (1) (a) 4. made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., and (3) (v) (title) created under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 2., Stats., Register December 2010 No. 660; CR 11–030: cr. (3) (m) 1. Register February 2012 No. 674, eff. 3–1–12; correction in numbering in (3) (m) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register February 2012 No. 674; CR 13–021: am. (1) (a) 1. Register October 2013 No. 694, eff. 11–1–13; 2013 Wis. Act 295: am. (2) (a) 2., r. (2) (a) 3., cr. (2) (a) 5. Register May 2014 No. 701, eff. 6–1–14; CR 16–028: am. (2) (a) 2. Register July 2017 No. 739, eff. 8–1–17; CR 16–001: am. (1) (b), (3) (v), cr. (4) Register July 2017 No. 739, eff. 8–1–17; **CR 23–060: renum. (1) (a) (intro.), 1., 2., 3., 4., (b) to be (1) (a), (1s) (a) 1., 2., (b) 1., 2., (1) (b) 2. (intro.) and am., cr. (1) (b) 1., 2. a. to c., am. (1) (c), (f), cr. (1s) (intro.), (a) 3. to 5., (b) 3., am. (2) (a) (intro.), 4., cr. (2) (a) 6. to 8., (3) (am) 1., 2., am. (3) (b), cr. (3) (d) 3., am. (3) (e), cr. (3) (e) 2., am. (3) (f) 1., 2., (g), renum. (3) (m) 1. to (3) (m) 1. (intro.) and am., cr. (3) (m) 1. b., am. (3) (v), cr. (3) (w), am. (4) (title), (a), cr. (4) (am),**

am. (4) (b) (intro.), (c) (intro.), cr. (4) (c) 5., am. (4) (d) to (g) Register July 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24; correction in (3) (e), 1. titles made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 2., Stats., renum. (3) (e) to (3) (e) 1. under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register July 2024 No. 823.

**NR 45.045 Firewood.** (1) In this section, “firewood” includes limbs, branches, roots, unprocessed logs, slabs with bark, cut firewood and chips.

(2) No person may possess firewood that originates from any of the following:

(a) An area more than 10 miles from the campground, or the property itself if there is no campground, to which the firewood will be transported.

(c) An area, outside of the property where firewood is identified as a carrier of invasive terrestrial invertebrates and plant–disease causing microorganisms, including any of the following:

1. An area that is in a zone of infestation designated by the department under s. 26.30 (7), Stats.

2. An area quarantined by the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under s. 94.01, Stats.

3. An area quarantined by the U.S. department of agriculture and animal and plant health inspection service under USC 7714 or 7715.

4. An area quarantined by an American Indian tribe within the reservation of the tribe.

(3) This section does not apply to firewood from sources approved by department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection, to dimensional lumber that is debarked, kiln dried and smoothed, or artificial fireplace logs.

(4) The department may seize and dispose of firewood possessed in violation of this section.

**Note:** A list of firewood sources approved by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection can be obtained at [https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/MovingFirewood.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/MovingFirewood.aspx) or by calling (608) 224–4573.

**History:** CR 09–103; cr. Register May 2010 No. 653, eff. 6–1–10; CR 13–080; am. (2) (a), r. (2) (b), renum. (2) (d) to (3), renum. (2) (e) to (4) and am. Register May 2014 No. 701, eff. 6–1–14; CR 16–001; am. (1), (2) (c) (intro.) Register July 2017 No. 739, eff. 8–1–17.

**NR 45.046 Firewood collection for personal use at home.** (1) In this section, “firewood” includes limbs, branches, roots, unprocessed logs, slabs with bark, cut firewood, and chips.

(2) No person may cut, gather, buy, sell, use, transfer, or possess firewood, from any property for use off that property unless the person possesses a valid forest products permit issued by the department authorizing the cutting or gathering. A person required to hold a forest products permit under this sub. shall display the permit upon demand for inspection by the department or its agents.

(3) The department may impose reasonable conditions on any forest products permit it issues, and may limit or deny a forest products permit if necessary to protect resources or avoid conflict with property management objectives.

(4) The department may revoke a forest products permit issued under this section for a violation of any condition of the permit, or for otherwise cutting or gathering without authorization. Revocations under this subsection shall apply statewide and be limited to a period not to exceed one year from the date on which the department notifies the authorized person of the revocation. No person may possess or apply for a forest products permit for any property during a period of revocation.

(5) Firewood collected or gathered under a forest products permit shall be for personal use only, and may not be sold or otherwise exchanged for anything of value. Exceeding the scope of this permit shall be considered a violation of s. 26.05, Stats.

**Note:** Under s. 26.05, Stats., no person may cut, remove, or transport raw forest products or direct the cutting, removal, or transportation of raw forest products without the consent of the owner.

**History:** CR 16–001; cr. Register July 2017 No. 739, eff. 8–1–17.

**NR 45.05 Vehicles.** (1) **TRAFFIC AND PARKING.** (a) 1. ‘Generally.’ No person may operate any vehicle contrary to any

posted traffic sign, traffic control device, or the direction of a traffic control officer.

2. ‘Speed limit.’ No person may operate any vehicle contrary to any posted speed limit, or in excess of 25 miles per hour where no posted speed limit has been established.

3. ‘Unsafe operation.’ No person may operate any vehicle in a negligent, reckless, or careless manner that endangers life, property, or persons.

4. ‘Disorderly operation.’ No person may operate any vehicle in a manner which is unreasonably loud, disruptive, or otherwise interferes with peace, welfare, and safety, including unnecessary spinning or squealing of tires, revving of an engine, or blowing of a horn.

(b) All vehicles shall stop at department property entrance stations when such stop is ordered by department signs.

(c) No person may operate or park any vehicle as defined in s. 340.01 (74), Stats., which is required to be registered by law on lands under the management, supervision and control of the department except:

1. On highways as defined in s. 340.01 (22), Stats.

2. In posted parking areas and boat ramps.

3. Overnight by permit at state trail parking areas.

4. As otherwise specifically authorized by law or administrative rule.

(d) No person may park, stop or leave standing, whether attended or unattended, any vehicle or watercraft:

1. In any manner as to block, obstruct or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway or winter sport facility, or

2. Outside of any area provided for such purposes when it is practical to use such areas, or

3. Contrary to posted notice.

(e) Any vehicle or watercraft in violation of par. (d) may be towed off the property and stored at the owner’s expense.

(f) No person may operate a motor vehicle as defined in s. 340.01 (35), Stats., off highways and parking lots while under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance.

(g) No person may operate a motor vehicle as defined in s. 340.01 (35), Stats., off highways and parking lots without a valid driver’s license issued by this or another state or province, except for off–highway motorcycles in areas authorized for off–highway motorcycles.

(h) No person may operate an all–terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle off the developed portion of a designated all–terrain vehicle trail.

(i) Electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in s. 340.01 (15pm), Stats., are prohibited on department lands except where authorized in the property master plan or posted open for their use.

(2) **ABANDONED VEHICLES.** No person may leave any vehicle unattended without prior departmental approval for more than 48 hours under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned. An abandoned vehicle shall constitute a public nuisance.

(3) **VEHICLE OPERATION.** (a) *Posted notices.* Except as provided, no vehicle may be operated on lands and waters under the supervision, management or control of the department unless its use is specifically authorized by posted notice.

(b) *Snowmobile races.* No person may conduct or engage in snowmobile races on any lands under the supervision, management or control of the department.

(d) *Persons with physical disabilities.* 1. The department may authorize by permit persons with physical disabilities that affect the person’s mobility to use a motorized vehicle as a mode of personal conveyance. The department shall accept proof of disability as required by 28 C.F.R. 35.137 (c) (2). Up to two additional people may occupy the device if their primary purpose is to assist the permittee.

**Note:** Wheelchairs used by the physically disabled are not motorized vehicles. Permits must be obtained from the property manager or designee.

2. The department may include reasonable permit conditions to protect safety and resources. No person may violate a condition of a permit issued under this paragraph.

(e) *Bicycles.* Except where provided in this chapter, bicycles are prohibited on all department lands except on public highways and areas or trails posted for their use. Bicycles are permitted in all areas, except where posted against such use, on the northern state forests, the Turtle–Flambeau and the Willow flowage scenic waters areas.

(em) *Electric bicycles.* 1. Class 1 and class 3 electric bicycles as defined in s. 340.01 (15ph), Stats., may be operated at speeds of less than 15 miles per hour while the motor is engaged on trails listed in s. NR 51.73 (1) and subject to this chapter that are otherwise open to bicycles and on specific trails or sections of trails not listed in s. NR 51.73 (1) that are all of the following:

- Open to nonmotorized bicycle use.
- Specified in a property master plan.
- Posted as open for such use.

3. The department may prohibit operation of electric bicycles on specific trails or sections of trails by posted notice. No person may operate an electric bicycle on a trail open to bicycles and posted closed to electric bicycles.

(f) *Prohibition.* No person may operate any bicycle, electric bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, or electric scooter contrary to any posted traffic sign, traffic control device or the direction of a traffic control officer.

(fm) *Lighting requirements.* No person may operate a bicycle or electric bicycle during hours of darkness as defined in s. 340.01 (23), Stats., on a trail designated under s. NR 51.73 (1) unless the person or the bicycle or electric bicycle is equipped with a lamp emitting a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front of the person or the bicycle or electric bicycle and a lamp emitting a steady or flashing red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear of the person or the bicycle or electric bicycle.

(g) *Unsafe operation.* No person may ride a bicycle, electric bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, or electric scooter in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or persons of others on any lands under the management, supervision and control of the department.

(h) *All-terrain and off-highway motorcycle routes.* In accordance with ss. 23.33 (4) (b) and 23.335 (19) (a), Stats., the department may establish all-terrain vehicle routes and off-highway motorcycle routes on department lands over highways, as defined in s. 340.01 (22), Stats., owned by the department or under the management, supervision, and control of the department, but not including designated trails, that are:

- Specified as an allowed use in a department master plan under ch. NR 44.
- Signed in accordance with ss. NR 64.12 and 65.09.

(4) **AIRCRAFT.** No person may land or launch any aircraft on the water or ice of Devil's lake in Devil's Lake state park, Sauk county; all waters in Governor Dodge state park, Iowa county, and Willow River state park, St. Croix county; Crystal lake in the Northern Highland state forest, Vilas county; Lake of the Dalles in Interstate park, Polk county; Mauthe lake in the Kettle Moraine state forest, Fond du Lac county; Lake Seven in the Kettle Moraine state forest, Sheboygan county; Ottawa lake in the Kettle Moraine state forest, Waukesha county; Interfalls lake in Pattison state park, Douglas county; Yellowstone lake in Yellowstone Lake state park, Lafayette county, and on all waters and lands, except model aircraft and hang gliders, in the Richard Bong state recreation area, Kenosha county.

**Note:** Copies and amendments of the Society of Automotive Engineers Technical Report 1998–07, Society of Automotive Engineers Standard J1287, titled *Measurement of Exhaust Sound Levels of Stationary Motorcycles*, is available for inspection in the following offices: (A) The Department of Natural Resources, 101 S. Webster St., Madison, Wisconsin 53707. (B) The Legislative Reference Bureau, One E. Main

St., Madison, Wisconsin. (C) The Society of Automotive Engineers, Inc., 400 Commonwealth Drive, Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15096.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1–1–84; r. and recr. (3), r. (4) (a), Register, August, 1986, No. 368, eff. 9–1–86; r. and recr. (3) (d), Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10–1–90; r. and recr. (3) (e), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4–1–92; am. (3) (d), renum. (4) (b) to be (4), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1–1–94; cr. (1) (f) and am. (3) (e), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 12–1–95; am. (3) (e), cr. (3) (f) and (g), Register, December, 1997, No. 504, eff. 1–1–98; CR 01–011: am. (3) (e) Register April 2002 No. 556, eff. 5–1–02; CR 03–035: am. (4) Register December 2003 No. 576, eff. 1–1–04; CR 07–026: am. (1) (f), cr. (1) (g) to (i) and (5) Register December 2007 No. 624, eff. 1–1–08; CR 10–042: cr. (3) (h) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1–1–11; CR 16–001: renum. (3) (d) to (3) (d) 1. and am., cr. (3) (d) 2., (em), am. (3) (f), (g), (h) (intro.) Register July 2017 No. 739, eff. 8–1–17; 2017 Wis. Act 301: cr. (3) (fm) Register April 2018 No. 748, eff. 5–1–18; CR 19–107: am. (3) (h) Register July 2020 No. 775, eff. 8–1–20; correction in (3) (h) (intro.) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register July 2020 No. 775; CR 23–060: renum. (1) (a) to (1) (a) 1. and am., cr. (1) (a) 2. to 4., am. (1) (h), r. (3) (c), am. (3) (em) (title), 1. (intro.), r. and recr. (3) (em) 1. a., b., cr. (3) (em) 1. c., r. (3) (em) 2., am. (3) (em) 3., r. and recr. (3) (f), am. (3) (fm), (g), r. (5) Register July 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24.

**NR 45.055 Golf carts.** (1) In this section, “golf cart” means, except as provided in this section, a properly maintained unmodified manufacturer specification vehicle whose speed attainable in one mile does not exceed 20 miles per hour on a paved, level surface, and that is designed and intended to convey one or more persons and equipment to play the game of golf.

(2) No person may operate any golf cart on lands under the management, supervision, and control of the department unless all of the following requirements are met:

(a) The golf cart is operated within any of the following areas:

- Boat landings 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 in the Governor Earl Peshtigo River State Forest, and the posted route and parking area leading to Boat Landing 13 in the Governor Thompson State Park.
- Stephenson Town Park on High Falls Flowage in the Governor Earl Peshtigo River State Forest.
- Medicine Brook Road from High Falls Road south 1.8 miles to the designated scenic overlook in the Governor Earl Peshtigo River State Forest.
- Other locations as posted.

(b) The golf cart is operated in all of the following ways:

- On the extreme right side of any state forest or state park road, traveling with the flow of traffic.
  - In single file.
  - Pursuant to posted notice.
- (c) The person is 16 years old or older and possesses a valid drivers license.
- (d) The person is not under the influence of an intoxicant or a controlled substance.
- (e) The person yields the right-of-way to all other vehicular traffic and pedestrians.
- (f) The golf cart is equipped with, at all times, all of the following:

- A slow-moving vehicle sign as prescribed by s. 347.245 (1), Stats.
- Two lighted headlights and two lighted taillights.

**History:** CR 10–131: cr. Register August 2011 No. 668, eff. 9–1–11; CR 23–060: am. (2) (a) 1. to 3. Register July 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24.

**NR 45.06 Animals.** (1) (a) No person may allow that person's dog, cat or other pet, or a pet under that person's supervision, to unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of the area by others.

(b) No person may allow a dog, cat, or other pet in any building, yurt, observation tower, area that has been designated as closed to pets in a property master plan, Paradise Springs area in the southern unit – Kettle Moraine state forest, or on any swimming beach or on any Great Lakes shoreline zone that is not designated as a pet swimming beach, or in any picnic area, playground or fish hatchery ground, unless the area is posted as open to pets.

(c) Except as provided for in par. (d), dogs, cats, and other pets shall be kept on a physical leash not more than 8 feet long and under control at all times.

(d) In areas where allowed in a property master plan and posted by department sign, during the times of year indicated on the

department sign, pets may be off leash as long as they are under the verbal control of the person supervising the pet.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit or restrict the use of dogs for hunting purposes in any area which is open to hunting. The use of dogs for dog trials and dog training shall be restricted to areas designated by the property superintendent under permit procedures established in ch. NR 17.

(3) No person may allow their dog, cat or other animal on any cross-country ski trails during that period of the year when such trails are groomed or being prepared for grooming for cross-country skiing.

(4) (a) Pets are prohibited in Copper Culture and Heritage Hill state parks effective January 1, 1993.

(b) Pets are prohibited in the following campgrounds effective January 1, 1993.

1. Loop 1 of Pinewoods standard and group camp – Southern Unit Kettle Moraine.

(5) Persons bringing or allowing pets in designated use areas shall be responsible for proper removal and disposal in sanitary facilities of any waste produced by these animals.

(6) (a) Except as otherwise authorized by the department, no person may ride, lead or fail to prevent any ungulate animal from being anywhere not posted open to their use. Ungulate animals are allowed in all areas, except where posted against such use, on the northern state forests or and the Turtle–Flambeau scenic waters area.

(b) Equine animals, llamas, and alpacas are prohibited on all other department lands except on public highways, as defined in s. 340.01 (22), Stats., and consistent with ch. 346, Stats., and areas or trails posted for their use, or by permit on field trial areas, in accordance with ch. NR 17.

(7) No person may ride or lead an ungulate animal in a careless, negligent, or reckless manner so as to endanger the life, property or persons of others on any lands under the management, supervision and control of the department.

(7m) No person may feed any wild animal in any picnic area, playground, fish hatchery ground, or designated beach.

(8) EXCEPTION. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, service animals as defined in s. 106.52 (1) (fm), Stats., may accompany persons with disabilities.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1–1–84; am. (1), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1–1–88; am. (5), r. and recr. (6), Register, October, 1991, No. 430, eff. 11–1–91; r. (3), (5) and (6), renum. (4) to be (3), cr. (4) to (6), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4–1–92; r. and recr. (6) (a) and (b), r. (6) (c), cr. (8), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1–1–94; am. (1) and (6) (a), cr. (4) (f), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 12–1–95; am. (1) and (6) (a), Register, December, 1997, No. 504, eff. 1–1–98; cr. (3m), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1–1–00; CR 01–011: am. (4) (f) Register April 2002 No. 556, eff. 5–1–02; CR 03–035: am. (1) and (6) (a), Register December 2003 No. 576, eff. 1–1–04; CR 04–092: am. (1) and (4) (b) 1, Register April 2005 No. 592, eff. 5–1–05; correction in (8) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register June 2006 No. 606; CR 07–026: am. (1) Register December 2007 No. 624, eff. 1–1–08; **CR 23–060: r. and recr. (1), am. (3), r. (3m), am. (4) (b) 1., r. (4) (b) 2., (c) to (f), am. (6), (7), cr. (7m) Register June 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24; correction in (6) (b) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register July 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24.**

**NR 45.07 Fires.** (1) No person may start, tend or maintain any fire on the ground or burn any refuse except in designated fireplaces or fire rings, except for small cooking and warming fires at the following locations:

(a) Sandbars on the Lower Wisconsin state riverway.

(b) On the northern flowage properties and in non-designated use areas in the northern state forests except the Coulee Experimental state forest.

(c) Authorized camping areas without designated fireplaces or fire rings, in wildlife areas, the Pine–Popple wild river, state forests, and the Menominee River natural resources area.

(2) No person may leave any fire unattended, or throw away any matches, cigarettes, cigars or pipe ashes or any embers without first extinguishing them, or start, tend or use in any manner any fire contrary to posted notice on any lands or property under the management, supervision and control of the department.

(3) The department, in the event of threat to natural resources by the presence of forest fire hazards, may establish emergency use and burning regulations by posted notice.

(4) No person may leave unattended or release a sky lantern, airborne paper lantern, balloon, or similar device with a candle or other flame inside.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1–1–84; am. (1), cr. (3), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1–1–94; am. (1), Register, December, 1997, No. 504, eff. 1–1–98; CR 07–026: r. and recr. (1) Register December 2007 No. 624, eff. 1–1–08; CR 10–042: am. (1) (b) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1–1–11; **CR 23–060: cr. (4) Register July 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24.**

**NR 45.075 Natural emergencies.** (1) The chief state forester may declare, and shall manage, emergencies that threaten forested lands owned by the state and under the jurisdiction of the department. When declaring and responding to an emergency, the chief state forester shall consider the purpose of and management plan for the affected property in his or her decisions. Emergencies include unforeseen damage or threat of damage to trees from various causes including:

(a) Fire.

(b) Invasive species including insects, plants, animals and disease-causing organisms.

(c) Pest infestation.

(d) Disease.

(e) Vertebrates.

(f) Extreme weather including:

1. Wind or tornados.

2. Snow, hail, or ice.

3. Flooding.

4. Drought.

5. Lightning.

6. Freeze or heat injury.

(g) Deliberate or accidental damage by human activity.

(2) The declaration of a forest health emergency by the chief state forester, including findings of fact supporting it, shall become effective upon the publication of the declaration in the official state newspaper. As soon after the effective date as is feasible and reasonable, the department shall publish the order in one newspaper in the area affected which is likely to give notice to residents in that area, file copies of the emergency declaration within one week of its effective date with clerks of all counties affected by the declaration and take other steps as it deems necessary to convey effective notice to persons who are likely to have an interest in the declaration. The same procedure shall be followed to cancel or modify the declaration or any part thereof. This rule does not apply to a state of emergency declared by the governor under s. 323.10, Stats., and does not supersede the authority of the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection under ch. 94, Stats.

(3) In this section:

(a) “Disease” includes any disturbance of a plant that interferes with its normal structure or function.

(b) “Pest” includes any living stage of insects, mites, nematodes, slugs, snails or other invertebrate animals injurious to plants, plant products, animals and humans; any bacteria, fungi, other parasitic plants or their reproductive parts, viruses, mycoplasma, protozoans or infectious substances which cause disease in or damage to plants or plant products; and any host upon which a plant pest is dependent for the completion of all or a portion of its life cycle.

**History:** CR 07–013: cr. Register July 2008 No. 631, eff. 8–1–08; correction in (2) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register May 2010 No. 653.

**NR 45.08 Beaches.** (1) No person may possess or consume any food or beverage, or use any soap, detergent or shampoo on any swimming beach or in the water adjacent to any swimming beach in any state park, state recreation area or state forest.

(2) No person may swim beyond or disturb or molest a swimming beach boundary buoy or marker in any beach in any state park, state recreation area or state forest.



(3) No floating device, except coast guard approved life jackets and vests of proper size, properly worn and secured, is permitted in or upon the water at any designated beach or pool in any state park, state recreation area or state forest when a lifeguard is on duty.

(4) The department may prohibit swimming in areas adjacent to water access sites by posted notice. No person may swim within the area delineated by the posted notice.

(5) No person may fish in any marked swimming beach in any state park, state recreation area or state forest.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1–1–84; cr. (4), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4–1–92; am. (3), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1–1–94; am. (1) and (2), Register, December, 1997, No. 504, eff. 1–1–97; CR 01–011: cr. (5) Register April 2002 No. 556, eff. 5–1–02.

**NR 45.085 Shoreline zones.** (1) No person may possess any glass beverage container or other glass product on any Great Lakes shoreline zone.

(2) No person may use any soap, detergent or shampoo in waters adjacent to any Great Lakes shoreline zone.

(3) No person may light a fire or use a grill on any Great Lakes shoreline zone or on docks or piers in waters adjacent to any Great Lakes shoreline zone, except in designated fire rings or grills provided by the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1–1–94; CR 23–060: am. (3) Register July 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24.

**NR 45.09 Firearms and hunting.** (1) No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap, or pursue any wild animal or bird in any fish hatchery, state campground, picnic area, or other area not open to hunting or trapping.

**Note:** State park hunting and trapping closures authorized under s. 29.089, Stats. are established on property maps that may be obtained on the DNR website ([dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)) keyword “hunting state parks”. Additional closures of designated use areas may also be established by posted notice. Hunting and trapping closures may be limited to certain species and seasons. See also s. NR 10.275.

(2) Except for blinds used exclusively for waterfowl hunting as provided in s. 29.327 (2), Stats., and s. NR 10.12 (12), and except for blinds constructed entirely of dead vegetation found on the property, no person may do any of the following:

(a) Except as provided in subds. 1. to 4., construct, occupy, place, or use any elevated or ground blind or other elevated device except:

1. On any land open to hunting not identified in subds. 2. or 3., portable tree stands and blinds may remain placed only during the daily timeframe beginning one hour prior to, and ending one hour after, the shooting hours established in s. NR 10.06.

2. On any land not part of the state park system, open to hunting and located north of State Highway 64, portable tree stands and blinds may remain placed throughout the timeframe beginning September 1 and ending January 31.

3. On any land that is part of the state park system, open to hunting, and located north of State Highway 64, portable tree stands and blinds may remain placed throughout the timeframe beginning seven days prior to, and ending seven days after, an established fall hunting period.

4. Portable tree stands and blinds may be occupied and used while lawfully placed under subds. 1. to 3.

(b) Cause damage to trees by the placement or erection of portable tree stands or by any other manner while climbing or hunting from a tree. Careful pruning, flush with the trunk of the tree, of limbs less than 1 inch in diameter on a tree in which a tree stand is used shall not be considered causing damage to the tree.

(c) Hunt from any ground blind during any open season or special hunt for hunting deer with firearms unless the outside of the blind displays a minimum of 144 square inches of material that is a solid highly visible color commonly referred to as blaze orange, fluorescent orange, or fluorescent blaze orange, or commonly referred to as bright pink or fluorescent pink and is visible 360 degrees around the blind. Blinds that are left unoccupied shall have the owner’s customer identification number or name and address written in the English language attached to the outside of

the blind in a conspicuous location near the entrance to the blind and be kept legible at all times.

(d) Place, use, or own an unoccupied tree stand unless the owner’s department customer identification number, or the owner’s name and address, is written in the English language, attached to the tree stand in a manner so it is clearly visible to a person standing on the ground, and kept legible at all times.

(e) Place more than two portable tree stands or blinds on department lands located in the same county.

**Note:** Section NR 45.04 (3) (g) prohibits any person from destroying, molesting, possessing without permission, removing or attempting to remove the property of another.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of these weapons on designated target ranges within the areas listed in sub. (1).

(4) Nothing in this section shall prohibit:

(a) Hunting as authorized pursuant to s. 29.089, Stats., and natural resources board determinations under s. 29.089 (1m), Stats.

(b) Hunting in state parks as established in s. NR 10.275 or as otherwise specifically established by rule.

(c) Possession of uncased or loaded firearms, bows, crossbows or air guns while on foot and in route to a state park area where hunting is allowed. This paragraph does not allow the discharge of a firearm, bow, crossbow, or air gun from or across state park areas where hunting is not allowed.

(d) The use of a firearm for the purposes of killing an animal lawfully trapped in a state park.

(5) No person may discharge any firearm or air gun while within the exterior boundary of state-owned lands posted with department signs in Brown, Dane, Dodge, Columbia, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties, or on state forest lands in the Kettle Moraine or Point Beach state forests, fish hatcheries, state parks, state recreation areas, state natural areas, from or across a state campground, picnic area or other special use area designated by the department which is not open to hunting, or on state trails established on railroad grades, except as follows:

(a) While engaged in hunting or dispatching a lawfully trapped animal in compliance with sub. (1) and the open seasons established in s. NR 10.01.

(b) At shooting ranges designated by the department.

(c) While engaged in dog trials under department permit.

(d) While training dogs in designated areas under department permit.

(e) When paintball guns are approved pursuant to s. NR 45.04 (3) (u).

(f) When authorized by the department upon issuance of a special use permit.

**Note:** State park hunting and trapping closures authorized under s. 29.089, Stats. are established on property maps that may be obtained on the DNR website ([dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov)) keyword “hunting state parks”. Additional closures of designated use areas may also be established by posted notice. Hunting and trapping closures may be limited to certain species and seasons. See also s. NR 10.275.

(6) No person may shoot any bow or crossbow from or across a campground.

(7) Unless authorized by the department, no person may pursue, drive or chase animals on lands subject to this chapter that are closed to hunting.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1–1–84; am. (4) and (5) (intro.), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1–1–88; cr. (6), Register, May, 1993, No. 449, eff. 6–1–93; am. (2) and (5) (intro.), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, eff. 1–1–94; am. (2), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 12–1–95; corrections in (2) and (a), cr. (10) Register April 2005 No. 592, eff. 5–1–05; CR 05–017: am. (2) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 2–1–06; CR 05–102: r. (10) Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7–1–06; CR 05–086: am. (4) Register June 2006 No. 606, eff. 7–1–06; CR 06–037: am. (2) Register June 2007 No. 618, eff. 7–1–07; CR 07–015: r. and recr. (2) Register September 2007 No. 621, eff. 2–1–08; CR 08–011: cr. (5) (e) Register September 2008 No. 633, eff. 2–1–09; CR 10–042: cr. (10), am. (5) (intro.) and (a) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1–1–11; CR 08–022: am. (1), cr. (11) Register

December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1–1–11; CR 11–007: am. (5) (intro.) Register October 2011 No. 670, eff. 2–1–12; CR 13–108: am. (1), renum. (4) to (4) (intro.) and am., cr. (4) (a) to (c) Register August 2014 No. 704, eff. 9–1–14; EmR1420: emerg. am. (1), eff. 9–12–14; CR 13–071: am. (1), r. (9) Register July 2015 No. 715, eff. 8–1–15; CR 16–028: renum. (2) (a) to (a) (intro.) and am., cr. (2) (a) 1. to 4., am. (2) (b) Register July 2017 No. 739, eff. 8–1–17; correction in (2) (a) (intro.) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register July 2017 No. 739; CR 16–001: am. (1), cr. (4) (d), am. (5) (intro.), (a), (b), cr. (5) (f), r. (6), (10), (11) Register July 2017 No. 739, eff. 8–1–17; CR 18–005: am. (2) (c) Register September 2018 No. 753, eff. 10–1–18; CR 19–017: am. (5) (intro.) Register January 2020 No. 769, eff. 2–1–20; CR 21–078: am. (5) (intro.) Register July 2022 No. 799, eff. 8–1–22; CR 23–013: am. (5) (intro.) Register February 2024 No. 818, eff. 3–1–24; **CR 23–060: cr. (6) Register July 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24.**

**NR 45.095 Shooting ranges. (1) GENERAL RANGE RULES.** No person at a shooting range may:

- (a) Handle a weapon in a negligent or reckless manner.
- (b) Discharge or handle any weapon on the range while any part of a person is down range of the firing line.
- (c) Point any weapon in use at the designated firing line in any direction other than down range.
- (d) Fail to comply with a cease fire order called by the range officer or any other person.
- (e) Fail to make reasonable efforts to ensure all discharged projectiles impact the backstop.
- (f) Leave any loaded weapon unattended at any time.
- (g) Shoot at targets that are not placed in a designated target area or affixed to target stands, if provided, or move target stands unless the person is sighting or patterning a shotgun with size T or smaller shot.
- (h) Shoot at items placed on the ground or at targets not posted at the designated height, unless the person is sighting or patterning a shotgun with size T or smaller shot.
- (i) Shoot during any time outside the posted hours of operation.
- (j) Shoot, or attempt to shoot structures or objects that are not designated targets, or that are outside designated firing lanes.
- (k) Shoot at archery targets with anything other than a bow or crossbow.
- (L) Use any weapons or projectiles that discharge paint.
- (m) Except in accordance with a permit issued by the department, use incendiary, exploding, glass, plastic, metal, clay, or other breakable materials as targets.
- (n) Fail to properly dispose of targets other than clay targets used on an established shotgun shooting range.
- (o) Fail to collect and properly remove or dispose of all spent shell casings and cartridges, live ammunition, targets, arrows, bolts, and materials brought onto the range.
- (p) While shooting at a shooting range, possess, consume, or be impaired by an intoxicant or other restricted controlled substance.
- (q) Use a firearm other than a handgun, as defined under s. 175.60 (1) (bm), Stats., on any designated handgun range.
- (r) Shoot from anywhere other than the designated firing position or firing line.
- (s) Shoot armor piercing, tracers, incendiary ammunition, or any weapon chambered in .50 BMG.

**(2)** In addition to being subject to the penalties set forth in s. 27.98, Stats., a person who violates any provision in this section may be evicted from the shooting range pursuant to s. NR 45.04 (3) (b).

**(3)** This section does not apply to scheduled training activities conducted by the U.S. armed forces, including any reserve component, or of the national guard, or law enforcement agencies.

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**NR 45.10 Camping. (1) GENERAL.** (a) Camping is prohibited except as follows:

1. Within designated camping areas.

2. On state–owned islands in the Mississippi river.
3. On state–owned islands and sandbars in the Lower Wisconsin state riverway.

4. On other state–owned islands outside of state forest boundaries when the island is posted open to camping.

5. In state Ice Age Trail areas as defined in s. NR 1.29 (3) (d) and on lands purchased for the Ice Age Trail by those hiking the Ice Age Trail where the trail segment is posted open to camping.

6. On properties purchased for the North Country Trail by those hiking the North Country Trail where the trail segment is posted open to camping.

7. On state–owned sandbars on the Lower Chippewa River downstream from County Highway “H” in Dunn County to the confluence with the Mississippi River, excluding the northerly shoreline portion between Dunnville Road and the mouth of the Red Cedar River.

(b) No person may camp in designated camping areas without a permit and the payment of prescribed daily fees, where required.

(c) A camping permit shall be obtained prior to setting up camp, where permits are required.

(d) No camping party may move from its assigned campsite to another campsite without prior approval from the department.

(e) All camping permits begin at 3:00 p.m. on the first day of the permit and expire at 1:00 p.m. on the last day of the permit period.

(f) Except by written permission from the department, no camping party may start setting up or taking down its camping unit between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(g) Violation of any state law or any rules of the department by a member or guest of a member of a camping party is cause for revocation of the camping permit and eviction from the property as established in s. NR 45.04 (3) (b).

(h) Any person without an advance camping reservation who is at a property may request a camping permit for a site to be occupied that day and one additional permit for the same time for another camping party, provided he or she has all the required information for registration to obtain both camping permits. Any person making advance reservations for a camping permit may apply for additional permits for themselves or others, providing he or she has all the required information to obtain the camping permits. Each reservation must have a named occupant. An occupant may not have more than one camping reservation or permit on any overlapping days at any department property. Group leaders and parents of juvenile campers may obtain permits for use by juvenile or adult groups. The person to whom the campsite is registered shall be part of the camping party on that site. A person with an advance camping reservation may not advertise or otherwise present to the public an offer to transfer the reservation to another party, nor may a reserved campsite be transferred to another party resulting in any profit without written permission from the department.

(i) The department may require on reserved sites that a camping unit occupy the reserved site by 3:00 p.m. on the second day of the reservation and be present for the duration of the reservation. Parties who fail to meet the requirements of this paragraph shall be evicted and forfeit the remainder of their reservation. The camping party is not eligible for any refund of camping fees.

(j) Reservations must be made directly with the campground reservation system established under s. 27.01 (11) (a), Stats. The department shall establish the information necessary and convenient for administration of the reservation system. No person may provide false or fraudulent information to the campground reservation system, or make reservations using an unauthorized third party, such as a booking service.

(k) The department reserves the right to reject or cancel camping reservations when necessary to protect either campers or the

natural resources, or when registered campers are found to be in violation of any statute or administrative rule.

(L) If 2 camping parties are inadvertently assigned the same campsite, the department may assign one of the camping parties to another site and adjust the fees charged.

(n) Camping is restricted to one day at designated stopover boat-in campsites in northern state forests and in properties described in sub. (1) (a) 5. and 6., up to 3 days as posted on state-owned islands outside state forest boundaries, up to 3 days on state-owned islands and sandbars in the Lower Wisconsin state riverway and state-owned sandbars on the Lower Chippewa River, up to 10 days at designated campsites on the northern flowage properties and up to 14 days on state-owned islands in the Mississippi River. Campsites on state-owned islands in the Mississippi River shall be occupied daily and associated camping equipment or other property may not be left unattended for over 24 hours.

(o) No person may use standard campground shower facilities in any state park or forest unless that person is a registered camper.

(p) When camping at designated campsites at the northern flowage properties, the campsite shall be occupied by the camping party on the first night camping equipment occupies the site, and the campsite may not be left unoccupied by the camping party for more than one night of the permit period.

(q) The department may terminate the reservation or registration for any site not being occupied in accordance with this subsection.

(s) A person age 18 or over must obtain the camping permit. That person assumes responsibility for the actions of the camping party. A person age 18 or over must be part of a camping party if a permit is issued on the same day of occupancy.

(t) Upon occupancy, a camping reservation becomes a camping permit. Reservations may be issued at any time prior to occupancy.

**(2) STANDARD CAMPING.** (a) No more than one camping party may occupy a single campsite. A camping party may not exceed 6 persons. A camping party consisting of a family group may not be comprised of more than a family and two guests.

(b) No person may camp and no camping unit shall remain for a period greater than 14 days in any 3-week period in the property of registration. After 14 days, the camping unit and camping party shall be removed from the property for at least 7 days before being eligible to return.

(c) Extension within the 14-day limit may be granted on camping permits if the site is available. Extension may be obtained up to the day prior to expiration of the camping permit during posted office hours at the state park or forest campgrounds. Extensions beyond the 14-day limit, for up to 7 days, may be granted on camping permits in a calendar year when camping prior to Memorial Day weekend or after Labor Day weekend if the site is available. An extension may be obtained up to the day prior to expiration of the camping permit during posted office hours at the state park or forest campgrounds.

(d) No person may park any motor vehicle outside the parking area designated at each campsite. No person may park more than 2 motor vehicles in the parking area of any standard campsite, except that as many as 6 motorcycles are permitted for members of a camping party registered as a non-family group.

(f) No more than one recreation trailer, pickup truck camper or motor home may occupy a campsite. Pickup campers or motor homes pulling a trailer shall be treated as a single unit.

**(2m) OUTDOOR GROUP CAMPING, BACKPACK CAMPING, AND BOAT-IN CAMPING.** (a) No person may camp and no camping unit may remain on a group or backpack campsite or in backpack camping areas or on a boat-in campsite for a period exceeding that authorized by the camping permit and in no case for a period exceeding any of the following:

1. For state parks, state recreation areas and southern forests:

- a. 14 days on outdoor group sites.

- b. 7 days on backpack sites.

- c. 14 days on standard boat-in campsites.

- d. 1 day on stopover boat-in campsites.

2. For northern forests:

- a. 7 days on outdoor group sites.

- b. 14 days for backpack camping areas as authorized by a special camp registration permit.

- c. 14 days for standard boat-in campsites, except for Lakeshore state park which has a 4 day maximum.

- d. 1 day for stopover boat-in campsites.

(am) After a site is occupied, in person or by a camping unit, for the maximum period authorized, the camping unit and camping party shall be removed from the property for at least 7 days before being eligible to return.

(b) Juvenile groups shall be accompanied by at least one adult for each 10 members of the group.

(c) No more than 10 persons may be permitted at each designated backpack campsite in the Kettle Moraine state forest. A party may not camp for more than one consecutive night at each designated backpack campsite in the Kettle Moraine state forest.

(d) No more than one camping party is permitted at a backpack campsite in state parks, recreation areas, other state forests offering these backpack campsites and boat-in campsites. Except as provided in par. (c), no camping party consisting of a non-family group may exceed 6 persons on a backpack campsite and no family group may exceed a family and two guests.

(e) All backpack and boat-in campers shall pack out refuse generated while camping.

(f) No more than one camping party may occupy a single group campsite and no camping party may exceed 15 persons on the Willow Flowage scenic waters area or the Turtle-Flambeau scenic waters area.

**(3) STANDARD, OUTDOOR GROUP, BACKPACK, AND BOAT IN CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS.** The department may grant reservations for standard, outdoor group, backpack, and boat-in campsites and shall upon request provide a list of parks and forests where reservations are accepted. Reservations for standard, outdoor group, backpack, and boat-in campsites may be granted under the following conditions:

(a) Reservation applications may be accepted for camping up to 11 months before the date of occupancy. The following minimum stays shall apply:

1. Standard campsites including standard boat-in campsites, 1 night except:

- a. A minimum of 2 nights for camping reservations with an arrival date between May 15 and October 31 each year when the reservation is created prior to May 15 of that year.

- b. On Labor Day and Memorial Day weekends, the stay shall include Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights when reserved before the day of arrival.

- c. When the Fourth of July is on a Friday, the stay shall include Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights of that weekend when reserved before the day of arrival.

- d. When the Fourth of July is on a Monday, the stay shall include Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights of that weekend when reserved before the day of arrival.

2. Outdoor group sites: 1 day.

3. Stopover boat-in campsites: 1 day.

4. Backpack sites: 1 day.

**Note:** Maximum stays are listed in sub. (2m).

(b) Camping nights purchased as part of a minimum stay requirement are not eligible for refund for early departure or shortened stays.

(c) Reservations may be made for all available sites until all sites have been reserved for that date.

(d) A vendor reservation fee plus full payment of camping fees shall be included with each application.

(e) The department may waive minimum stay requirements under this paragraph.

**(4) INDOOR GROUP CAMPING AND RESERVATIONS.** The department may grant reservations and establish minimum and maximum group sizes for indoor group camps. Upon request, the department shall provide a list of parks and forests where reservations are accepted and the minimum and maximum group sizes for indoor group camps. The department may grant reservations for indoor group camps under the following conditions:

(a) Group camp reservations for Wyalusing state park and the Black River state forest shall be accepted only for a minimum of 2 days on weekends, to include Friday and Saturday nights.

(b) Reservations may be accepted up to 11 months before the date of occupancy.

(d) Juvenile groups shall be accompanied by at least one adult for each 10 members of the group.

(e) Unless waived by the department, no group may camp for a period greater than 7 days in any 4-week period in the indoor group camp in the property of registration.

**(5) EQUESTRIAN CAMPGROUNDS.** Registered campers shall be accompanied by an equine or part of a camping party that is accompanied by an equine and intend to use equestrian-related amenities at a campground. A campsite may be registered by a camping party not accompanied by an equine if that camping party is camping with another camping party with equine which are being used by both camping parties. The property manager has the authority to allow any registered campers to stay in the equestrian campground if there is no other family camping available.

**(6) CANCELLATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS.** The department may allow cancellations and modifications of reservations. Cancellations and modifications may be subject to the following conditions:

(a) Reservation cancellation and modification penalties established by the department may include any of the following:

1. Cancellations and modifications shall incur a transaction fee.

2. Cancellation of reserved nights may result in whole or partial refund of campsite fees in accordance with department policies. Refunds may be determined based on factors such as transaction date, reservation creation date, arrival date, length of stay, and number of nights canceled.

3. Transaction fees applied during reservation creation are non-refundable.

(b) After the date a campsite reservation is created, it may not be cancelled or modified more than 10 months prior to the arrival date.

(c) The department may establish additional cancellation and modification policies pertaining to reservations made for the maximum allowable period.

(d) The department may limit the number of times a party may cancel and rebook a campsite within a calendar year.

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**NR 45.11 Boats. (1)** No person may operate a boat within a water area marked by buoys or other approved regulatory devices as a swimming beach; or operate a boat in a restricted use area contrary to regulatory notice marked on buoys or other approved regulatory devices. This subsection does not apply in the case of emergency, or to patrol or rescue craft.

**(2) (a)** No person may moor, anchor or leave unattended any boat or aircraft in any state park, recreation area, state natural area or at any campground or picnic area in any state forest, except in areas designated for that purpose.

(b) No boat or aircraft may be left on shore, moored or anchored overnight in the waters of any state park, state natural area, recreation area or forest recreational area except in areas designated for that purpose or on state-owned islands designated for camping.

(c) No person may remain overnight in any boat, watercraft or aircraft anchored, moored or docked at any department-controlled dock, wharf, boat landing or marina, or other mooring area except at the marina at High Cliff state park, the marina at Lakeshore state park, at the sand delta at Kinnickinnic state park, at Eagle island (Horseshoe island) and Nicolet bay (Shanty bay) in the Peninsula state park, at the campground in Merrick state park, and at Rock Island state park.

**(3)** No person may leave any boat or watercraft on any state property contrary to posted notice except as provided in s. NR 45.11 (2) (a) and (b).

**(4)** No person may operate a motorboat of any kind in any manner on the following specified waters, except as provided in sub. (5):

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

(aa) Bass lake, section 18, T38N, R2W, town of Flambeau, Price county.

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

(bm) All waters of the Meadow Valley wildlife area in Jackson, Juneau and Monroe counties.

(d) The following waters in the Northern Highland and American Legion state forests:

1. Crystal lake, sections 27 and 28, T41N, R7E, towns of Plum Lake and Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

2. Wildwood lake, section 33, T41N, R7E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

3. Firefly lake, sections 28 and 33, T41N, R7E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

4. Little John, Jr. lake, sections 28 and 29, T41N, R7E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

5. Little Bass lake, sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, T39N, R7E, town of Woodruff, Oneida county.

6. Maple lake, sections 3 and 10, T42N, R6E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

7. Nichols lake, section 24, T42N, R6E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

8. Alva lake, sections 27 and 28, T42N, R8E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

9. Salsick lake, sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T41N, R8E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

11. Allequash springs, section 14, T41N, R7E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

12. Stevenson springs, sections 3 and 4, T41N, R7E, towns of Plum Lake and Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

13. Bear springs, sections 7 and 18, T41N, R8E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

(dm) All waters of the Wood county public hunting grounds in Wood county.

(e) All waters in Spring Creek wildlife area, Price county.

(fm) All waters in Pershing wildlife area, Taylor county.

(gm) All waters in Muddy Creek wildlife area, Dunn county.

(i) All state-owned lands and waters within the boundaries of the Germania wildlife area, Marquette county.

(k) On all ditches, streams and flowages, except the Little Eau Pleine river, within the boundaries of the Mead wildlife area, in the counties of Marathon, Portage and Wood.

(km) Mud lake in the Goose Lake wildlife area, section 2, T7N, R12E, Dane county.

(L) On the waters of MacKenzie lake in sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T36N, R16W, town of Bone Lake, Polk county.

(Lm) All waters of the Sandhill wildlife area in Wood county.

(m) All waters in Theresa Marsh wildlife area, Dodge and Washington counties during the open season on migratory waterfowl.

(mm) All waters in Gov. Tommy G. Thompson Centennial state park, sections 13–15, 17, 22–24, T33N, R18E, town of Stephenson, Marinette county.

(n) All waters in Eldorado wildlife area, Fond du Lac county.

(p) All waters in Collins Marsh wildlife area, Manitowoc county.

(q) On the waters of Little Falls lake in Willow River state park in sections 4, 8 and 9, T29N, R19W, town of St. Joseph, and sections 8 and 9, T29N, R19W, town of Hudson, St. Croix county.

(s) All waters of the Grand River wildlife area in Green Lake and Marquette counties.

(u) All waters of the McMillan Marsh wildlife area in Marathon county.

(w) On all the waters of Jersey Valley lake, section 13, T14N, R4W, town of Christiana, Vernon county.

(x) On all the waters of Sidie Hollow lake, section 10, T12N, R5W, town of Franklin, Vernon county.

(y) All waters within the boundaries of the Powell Marsh wildlife area in the counties of Iron and Vilas, except Little Trout, Ike Walton and Sherman lakes.

(z) All waters in the Augusta wildlife area in Eau Claire county.

(zb) On Straight Lake or Rainbow Lake in Straight Lake state park.

(zc) Puckett's Pond, Harrington Beach state park, Section 24, T12N, R22E, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Town of Belgium, Ozaukee County.

**(5)** Any person possessing a physician's statement indicating that the person is not capable of rowing or paddling a boat or canoe may operate a battery-operated electric motor on waters specified in sub. (4), at a slow-no-wake speed and in no case may this speed exceed 5 miles per hour.

**(6)** No person may operate a motorboat of any kind in any manner except battery-powered electric motors at a slow-no-wake speed and in no case at a speed to exceed 5 miles per hour on:

(a) The waters of Devil's lake in Devil's Lake state park, sections 13 and 14, T11N, R6E, town of Baraboo, and section 25, T11N, R6E, town of Sumpter, Sauk county.

(b) All waters within Governor Dodge state park, sections 35 and 36, T7N, R3E, and sections 1, 2, 10 and 11, T6N, R3E, town of Dodgeville, Iowa county.

(c) All waters within Hartman Creek state park except Pope lake, sections 5 and 6, T21N, R11E, town of Dayton, Waupaca county.

(cm) All waters in the Browntown-Cadiz Springs recreation area, Green county.

(d) The following waters in the Northern Highland and American Legion state forests:

1. Cunard lake, sections 23 and 26, T39N, R7E, town of Woodruff, Oneida county.

2. Starrett lake, sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, T41N, R7E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

3. Emerald lake, sections 32 and 33, T41N, R7E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

4. Fallison lake, section 33, T41N, R7E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

5. Lower Allequash lake, sections 16 and 17, T41N, R7E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

6. Frank lake, section 13, T41N, R7E and section 18, T41N, R8E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

7. Hemlock lake, sections 8, 17 and 18, T39N, R7E, town of Woodruff, Oneida county.

8. Day lake, sections 1 and 2, T41N, R6E, town of Boulder Junction, Vilas county.

9. Nixon lake, sections 24 and 25, T42N, R7E, sections 19 and 30, T42N, R8E, towns of Boulder Junction and Plum Lake, Vilas county.

10. Dorothy Dunn lake, sections 26 and 27, T42N, R8E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

11. Jean lake, sections 25 and 26, T42N, R8E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

12. Eloise lake, section 25, T42N, R8E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

13. Lone Tree lake, section 9, T41N, R8E, town of Plum Lake, Vilas county.

(f) Pigeon Creek flowage, sections 15 and 16, T20N, R2W, town of Millston, Jackson county.

(g) Vern Wolf lake within Richard Bong state recreation area, sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, T2N, R20E, town of Brighton, Kenosha county.

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

(j) Butler lake in the Kettle Moraine state forest, section 20, T14N, R20E, town of Mitchell, Sheboygan county.

(k) Vernon wildlife area, all waters on department owned lands within T5N, R18E, T5N, R19E and T6N, R19E, Waukesha county except the Fox (Illinois) river channel.

(L) All waters in Big Bay Sand Spit and Bog state natural area, section 13, T50N, R3W, town of La Pointe, Ashland county.

(m) Ottawa lake in Kettle Moraine state forest, section 34, T6N, R17E, town of Ottawa, Waukesha county.

(n) All waters within Paradise Valley wildlife area, except the Bark River channel and Beaver Dam lake, in Waukesha county.

(o) All the waters of Cruson and Smith lakes in the Lone Rock unit, Lower Wisconsin state riverway, Richland county.

**(7)** All boats, including every description of watercraft, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water are prohibited from the following specified waters:

(a) On the Pinnacle Rock public fishing pond, section 16, T15N, R3W, town of Jefferson, Monroe county.

(d) Salmo pond, section 5, T7N, R7E, town of Cross Plains, Dane county.

(e) Token Creek Spring pond, section 34, T9N, R10E, town of Windsor, Dane county.

(f) Kickapoo springs, section 14, T16N, R1W, town of Wilton, Monroe county.

(g) Lowe Creek pond, sections 29 and 30, T22N, R5W, town of Hixton, Jackson county.

(h) Oxbow trout pond, section 23, T22N, R3W, town of Komensky, Jackson county.

(k) Quarry lake, section 19, T12N, R23E, town of Belgium, Ozaukee county.

**(8)** No person may operate a motorboat of any kind in any manner except at a slow-no-wake speed and in no case at a speed to exceed 5 miles per hour on the waters of Blackhawk lake, sections

5 and 6, T6N, R2E, town of Highland and sections 7 and 8, T6N, R2E, town of Eden, Iowa county.

(9) (a) Within the boundaries of state parks, air boats may not be operated on lands and waters including wetlands under the supervision, management or control of the department unless air boat use is specifically authorized by the property master plan.

**Note:** This provision applies to waters located entirely within the exterior boundaries of state parks. On waters of the state outside of but adjoining state park boundaries, air boats may be used up to the point where the water meets dry land. Maps of state park boundaries are available at [https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=LF\\_Master\\_Planning](https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=LF_Master_Planning).

(b) On properties other than those described under par. (a), air boats may not be operated on lands under the supervision, management, or control of the department, and air boats may not be operated on waters including wetlands under the exclusive riparian control of the department, unless air boat use is specifically authorized by posted notice. The department exercises exclusive riparian control over a water when the water meets all of the following criteria:

1. The riparian land is completely under department fee or easement ownership.

2. The waterbody lacks frequent and direct navigable public access from adjacent waters.

3. The surface water perimeter of the waterbody is not within any public road rights-of-way.

**Note:** When navigable water inundates lands under the supervision, management, or control of the department where air boat use is allowed, the department considers the water to be open to air boat use up to the point that it meets dry land.

(c) Except as restricted or prohibited under pars. (a) and (b), subs. (4), (6), (7), and (10), and s. NR 45.04 (1) (b), air boats may be launched or removed from any department-owned launch site.

(10) No person may launch or remove a motorboat of a type restricted on that waterbody in the property's master plan under the authority of s. NR 44.07 (4) (d), (5) (d), or (6) (h). Notice of the prohibition shall be posted at the launch site.

**Note:** Pursuant to the applicability provisions of s. NR 45.02, this provision will apply only to the launching and removal of motorboats from department-owned or managed properties.

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**NR 45.12 Fees and charges. (1) ADMISSION FEES.** (a) No person may operate or park any motor vehicle or trailer or semitrailer in any property listed in pars. (b) and (bm) unless the vehicle displays a vehicle admission receipt in the manner specified in s. 27.01 (7) (e), Stats., except as specified in par. (f) and s. 27.01 (7) (c), Stats.

(b) The following state forest areas, and those areas designated as fee areas by posted notice, are designated by the department as vehicle admission areas from January 1 to December 31:

1. Black River state forest:
  - a. Castle Mound campground and picnic area
  - b. East Fork campground and picnic area
  - c. Pigeon Creek campground and picnic area
  - e. East Fork indoor group camp and parking area
  - f. East Fork group camp
2. Brule River state forest:
  - a. Copper Range campground
  - b. Bois Brule campground and picnic area
3. Flambeau River state forest:
  - a. Connors Lake campground

- b. Connors Lake picnic area
- c. Lake of the Pines campground
4. Kettle Moraine state forest — northern unit:
  - a. Long Lake area
  - b. Mauthe Lake area
  - c. Greenbush group camp
  - d. New Prospect bridle trail camp area
  - e. Zillmer trail parking area
  - f. Butler Lake parking area
  - g. Parnell tower parking area
  - h. Greenbush picnic and ski parking areas
  - i. Highway 28 glacial trail parking area
  - j. Highway 28 snowmobile and horse trail parking area
  - k. Highway SS snowmobile parking area
  - L. New Fane trail parking area.
  - m. Highway H snowmobile and horse trail parking area.
  - n. Highway P Ice Age Trail parking area
  - o. Shelter 5 parking area
  - p. Highway S Bridle Trail parking area
  - q. Highway U Dog Training parking area
  - r. Greenbush Kettle parking area
  - s. Kellings Lake Dog Training parking area
  - t. Crooked Lake boat access area parking
  - u. Auburn Lake boat access area parking
  - v. Lake Seven boat access area parking
  - w. Little Mud Lake picnic parking area
  - x. Spruce Lake Bog parking area
  - y. Highway H Ice Age Trail parking area
  - z. Youth Camp Road Bridle Trail parking area
  - za. Highway 67 Bridle Trail parking area
  - zb. Forest Lake access
5. Kettle Moraine state forest — southern unit:
  - a. Whitewater area
  - b. Ottawa Lake area
  - c. McMiller Sports Center for non-shooters
  - d. Ottawa field trial grounds
  - e. Horseriders campground
  - f. Pine Woods camp area
  - g. Scuppernong picnic and hiking trail area
  - h. Scuppernong Springs nature trail parking area
  - i. Emma Carlin trail parking area
  - j. Nordic and John Muir trail parking areas
  - k. Ottawa trail parking area
  - L. Eagle — Palmyra trail parking areas
  - n. D.J. Mackie picnic area
  - o. Hickory Woods group camp
  - p. Paradise Springs
  - q. Highway 67 wayside
  - r. Eagle Dog Trial Grounds
  - s. Stute Springs nature trail parking area
  - t. Blackhawk (Hwy 12) parking area
  - u. Lone Tree Bluff nature trail parking area
  - v. Bald Bluff nature trail parking area
6. Kettle Moraine state forest — Lapham Peak unit
7. Northern Highland state forest:
  - a. Big Lake campground
  - b. Buffalo Lake campground
  - c. Carroll Lake campground
  - d. Clear Lake campground
  - e. Crystal Lake campground, beach and picnic area
  - f. Cunard Lake campground

- g. Firefly Lake campground
  - h. Indian Mounds campground
  - i. Jag Lake group campground
  - j. Muskie Lake standard and group campground
  - k. Plum Lake campground
  - L. Razorback Lake campground
  - m. Sandy Beach Lake campground
  - n. Star Lake campground
  - o. Starrett Lake campground
  - p. Trout Lake campground – north and south
  - q. Upper Gresham Lake campground
  - 8. Governor Knowles state forest:
    - a. St. Croix campground
    - b. Trade River horse campground
    - c. Trade River day use area
    - d. Trade River overflow lot
    - e. Brandt Pines recreational trail system parking lot
    - f. Sioux Portage group campground
  - 9. Governor Earl Peshtigo River state forest:
    - a. Old Veteran’s Lake campground
  - 10. Point Beach state forest
  - 11. Kettle Moraine state forest – Pike Lake unit
- (bm) The following state parks, recreation areas, forest recreation areas and state natural areas are designated by the department as areas in which vehicle admission receipts are required, except as otherwise provided, from January 1 through December 31:

1. Governor Dodge state park
2. Pattison state park
3. Mirror Lake state park
4. Perrot state park
5. Interstate park
6. Wildcat Mountain state park
7. Willow River state park
8. Richard Bong state recreation area
9. High Cliff state park
10. Peninsula state park
11. Potawatomi state park
12. Terry Andrae state park
13. John M. Kohler state park
14. Hartman Creek state park
15. Devil’s Lake state park
16. Big Foot Beach state park
18. Wyalusing state park
20. Lake Kegonsa state park
21. Lake Wissota state park
23. Yellowstone Lake state park
24. Newport state park
25. Blue Mound state park
26. Copper Falls state park
27. Council Grounds state park
28. Harrington Beach state park
29. Merrick state park
30. Whitefish Dunes state park
31. Governor Nelson state park
35. Chippewa Moraine state recreation area
36. Rib Mountain state park
37. Amnicon Falls state park
38. Big Bay state park
39. Cadiz Springs state recreation area
40. Brunet Island state park
41. Buckhorn state park
42. Kinnickinnic state park

43. Natural Bridge state park
  44. Nelson Dewey state park
  45. New Glarus Woods state park
  46. Roche–A–Cri state park
  47. Rocky Arbor state park
  48. Tower Hill state park
  49. Governor Knowles state forest — St. Croix campground
  50. Capital Springs Centennial state park and recreation area
  51. Governor Thompson state park
  52. Mill Bluff state park
  53. Aztalan state park
  54. Parfrey’s Glen state natural area
  55. Dells of the Wisconsin River state natural area
  56. Straight Lake state park
  57. Menominee River state recreation area
  58. Glacial Drumlin state trail – Sandhill Station
  59. Lizard Mound state park
  60. Sauk Prairie state recreation area
  61. Lower Wisconsin state riverway – Mazomanie day use area
  62. Lower Wisconsin state riverway – Blackhawk Ridge day use area
  63. Rock Island state park – Jackson Harbor parking lot
  64. Pewits Nest state natural area
- (c) The following areas are determined by the department as properties in which vehicle admission receipts are not required:

1. State trails
4. Lost Dauphin state park
5. Lakeshore state park
6. Peninsula state park golf course (May 1 through October 31); applies to golfers and clubhouse patrons only
7. Cross Plains state park
8. Heritage Hill state park
9. Havenwoods state forest
10. Copper Culture state park
11. Rib Mountain state park leased area

(f) Admission fees shall be waived at all state parks, state recreation areas, and state forest vehicle admission areas as follows:

2. Persons with disabilities and their personal care attendants brought by a nonprofit organization recognized by the internal revenue service under 26 USC 501 (c) (1) or (3) whose primary purpose is the improvement of the mental or physical health of the individual. Applications on department forms for the fee waiver shall be received by the property for which the fee waiver is sought along with proof of nonprofit status at least 7 days prior to arrival.

**Note:** A copy of the form may be obtained from state park and forest offices.

4. For vehicles in which persons are picking up or dropping off juvenile group campers.

5. Any vehicle, when trailered or towed into the property if the vehicle is not operated on the property.

6. Motor-powered hang gliders flown or trailered into the property for operation in the special use zone of the Richard Bong state recreation area.

**(2) CAMPING FEES.** No person may use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the department without payment of the fee or charge as listed in the following schedule. All fees under this subsection include state sales tax except for juvenile group camping, and juvenile and adult group camping at the north shore campgrounds in Devil’s Lake state park.

(a) *Camping.* The fees for camping are established in s. 27.01 (10), Stats.

1. Campgrounds in state parks, southern forests, northern forests and recreation areas, and on state trails are type “A” campgrounds.

3. Kinnickinnic sand delta — overnight boat mooring . . . \$15.00 per boat per day.

(b) 2. Firewood . . . . . Not less than \$3.00 per bundle

3. Additional standard camping fees for Type “A” campgrounds in the state parks, southern state forests and northern state forests.

4. Additional camping fees may be charged for waterview campsites not to exceed \$5.00 per night for type “A” campgrounds.

5. Based on local market conditions, additional camping fees of \$3.00 per campsite per night shall be charged at the following campgrounds:

- a. Devil’s Lake state park
- b. Kohler–Andrae state park
- c. Mirror Lake state park
- d. Peninsula state park
- e. Big Bay state park
- f. Point Beach state forest
- g. Willow River state park
- h. Hartman Creek state park
- i. Copper Falls state park
- j. Council Grounds state park
- k. Governor Dodge state park
- L. High Cliff state park
- m. Newport state park
- n. Pattison state park
- o. Potawatomi state park
- p. Rock Island State Park
- q. Crystal Lake, Clear Lake, Firefly Lake and Muskie Lake campgrounds within the Northern Highland – American Legion state forest.

- (c) Group camping (group campgrounds)
  - 1. Outdoor group camping
    - a. Group sites with a capacity of 1 to 20 persons . . . . . \$50.00 per night
    - b. Each additional interval of 10 or part thereof . . . . . \$20.00 per night
    - c. Minimum per group per night . . . . . \$50.00 per night
    - d. Maximum per group per night . . . . . \$300 per night
    - e. Outdoor group campsites with electricity will charge an additional \$20 per electric pedestal provided
  - 3. Group camps (buildings)
    - a. Black River state forest . . . . . \$100 per night
    - b. Wyalusing state park . . . . . \$500 minimum per group per day.
    - c. Point Beach state forest . . . . . \$100 per night.

(d) All reservation, standard, and outdoor group camping fees are waived for persons with disabilities and their personal care attendants brought by a nonprofit organization recognized by the internal revenue service under 26 USC 501 (c) (1), (3) or (4) whose primary purpose is the improvement of the mental or physical health of the individual. The nonprofit organization shall apply to the department on the required fee waiver request form prior to arrival at the property for which the fee waiver is sought. Memorial Day through Labor Day, fee waiver approvals may only be granted for Sunday through Thursday nights, and only with a prior camping reservation.

**Note:** The fee waiver request form is available at <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/forms/2500-113.pdf>.

**(3) TRAIL FEES.** (a) No person 16 years of age or older, except pedestrians, snowmobile riders, all–terrain vehicle riders, or utility–terrain vehicle riders may use trails posted pursuant to par. (b) unless the person has in his or her possession a valid state trail pass.

(b) State trails and trails on other department lands on which a state trail pass is required shall be designated by the department with markers or signs.

(c) The state trail pass system consists of daily and annual fees established in s. 27.01 (8) (c), Stats.

(d) State trail passes are not transferable.

(e) A person subject to par. (a) shall exhibit proof of a valid state trail pass to the department or law enforcement on demand.

**(4) OTHER FEES.** No person may use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the department without payment of such fee or charge as listed in the following schedule: The fees listed in this subsection include the state sales tax.

- (a) Blue Mound state park swimming pool
  - 1. Age 18 and older . . . . . \$4.00 per day or \$55.00 per year for a season pass
  - 2. Age 2 – 17 . . . . . \$3.00 per day or \$40.00 per year for a season pass
  - 3. Under age 2 . . . . . No fee
  - 4. Special programs as established by the department
- (b) McMiller sports center, when operated by the department.
  - 1. Pistol range . . . . . \$5.00 per hour
  - 2. 100 yard range . . . . . \$5.00 per hour
  - 3. Plinking range . . . . . \$5.00 per hour
  - 4. Archery range . . . . . \$5.00 per hour
  - 5. Shotgun trap range . . . . . \$5.00 per round of 25 shots
  - 6. Shotgun patterning range . . . . . \$5.00 per 5 targets
  - 7. Organized matches . . . . . \$100 per group per day
  - 8. Hunter safety course . . . . . \$1.00 per hour

(c) No person may use any concession or area without payment of applicable fees or charges established under contract between the department and concessionaire.

(d) Admission fees under s. 27.01 (9), Stats.

(f) *Richard Bong state recreation area.* 1. ‘Special use zone.’ The zone shall be available to groups for special events by reservation for \$25.00 per event. The reservation fee is nonrefundable.

2. ‘Hunting zone.’ A vehicle admission sticker, hunting and trapping license as well as hunting and trapping administrative fees are required for hunting and trapping in the Richard Bong state recreation area.

a. Pheasant hunting . . . . . \$12.00 per person each day for adults and \$7.00 per person who is age 17 or younger. In the event pheasant stocking cannot be done on the previous day or days, the pheasant hunting fee will be \$5.00 per person each day.

b. All other hunting . . . . . \$1.00/person/day

c. Trapping . . . . . \$10.00 per season

d. Administrative fee. A hunting administrative fee of \$3.00 shall be paid at the time the reservation is requested and is non–refundable once the reservation is confirmed.

(g) The department may grant building, shelter and picnic area reservations and shall upon request provide a list of parks and forests where reservations are accepted. Fees for building, shelter, picnic area, auditorium, sports center and other reservable facilities such as classrooms, meeting rooms, amphitheatres, overlooks, boat mooring areas, and yurts to be established by the department. Reservations may be accepted up to 11 months in advance of the rental date. Cancellation penalties established by the department may include a non–refundable reservation fee, cancel fee, and non–refundable portion or totality of the rental fee. Upon occupancy of the facility, the reservation becomes a permit. Reservations may be issued at any time prior to occupancy.

(h) Visitors using areas posted subject to self–registration requirements for either vehicle admission stickers, trail passes, mooring fees or camping fees shall pay an additional \$5.00 regis-



tration fee if they fail to properly self-register or pay at the park office.

(i) Use of dump station for non-registered campers \$10.00, in addition to park sticker.

(j) The department may charge participants of department sponsored special events or programs a fee sufficient to cover the cost of providing the program.

(L) The department may determine and charge a fee for special property use that includes a base fee plus the actual costs to the department that are anticipated as a result of the use. In determining the base fee and costs, the department may consider impacts including but not limited to all of the following:

1. The number of participants or spectators anticipated for the use.
2. Additional department staff time required as a result of the use.
3. Additional maintenance of the property required as a result of the use.
4. Additional services provided by the department.

**(4m) DAMAGE TO DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.** In addition to the fees established in this section, the department may require a person or organization to compensate the department for, or to restore to the satisfaction of the department, a natural resource or department property that is damaged during that person or organization's period of occupancy or visitation. Permit holders are responsible for notifying department personnel of existing damage to department property upon arrival and may be held liable for any damages not reported.

**(5) EXCEPTIONS.** This section does not apply to department lands under lease or agreement which provides otherwise. No person may use any facilities without proper payment of appropriate fees established by a lessee or contractor.

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10., 11., cr. (1) (bm) 59. to 64., am. (1) (c) (intro.), 4., cr. (1) (c) 5., am. (1) (c) 7. to 11., r. (1) (c) 12., renum. (1) (d) (intro.) and 1. to 16. to (1) (bm) (intro.) and 1. to 16., r. (1) (d) 17., renum. (1) (d) 18. to (1) (bm) 18., r. (1) (d) 19., renum. (1) (d) 20., 21. to (1) (bm) 20., 21., r. (1) (d) 22., renum. (1) (d) 23. to 55., 57., 58., to (1) (bm) 23. to 55., 57., 58., and am. 39., 55., 58., am. (1) (f) 5., cr. (1) (f) 6., r. (2) (b) (intro.), 1., am. (2) (b) 2., 3., (c) 1. (intro.), a., e., 3. a. to c., r. (2) (c) 5., am. (2) (d), (3) (a), renum. (3) (c) (intro.) to (3) (c) and am., r. (3) (c) 1., 2., cr. (3) (e), am. (4) (a) 1., 2., r. (4) (e), renum. (4) (g) (intro.) to (4) (g) and am., r. (4) (g) 1. to 7., (k), am. (4) (l) (intro.), subs. 1. to 3., cr. (4m), (5) (title) Register July 2024 No. 823, eff. 8–1–24; s. 35.17 correction in (1) (a), (b) 6., 8. (intro.), (2) (d), correction in (1) (a) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., and renum. (1) (d) 56. to (1) (bm) 56. under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register July 2024 No. 823.

**NR 45.13 Specific property rules. (1) STATE NATURAL AREAS — GENERAL.** Within the boundaries of state natural areas posted with appropriate signs:

(a) No person may take, catch, kill, trap, pursue or remove any wild animal, without written permission from the department. Unless otherwise posted, a person may hunt, fish or trap in accordance with the open seasons as established by chs. NR 10 and 20.

(c) No person may destroy, remove or attempt to remove any plant or plant part, without permission from the department except as provided for in s. NR 45.04 (1s) (a) 1. to 4.

(e) No person may engage in rock climbing except at the Dalles of the St. Croix state natural area in Interstate state park and the East Bluff state natural area at Devil's Lake state park, or other areas where the management plan allows rock climbing and in which climbing is allowed by posted notice.

**(1m) DELLS OF THE WISCONSIN RIVER STATE NATURAL AREA.** (a) No person may enter or be in the Dells of the Wisconsin River state natural area, including sandbars, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and the following 5:00 a.m. from May 15th to September 15th, and between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and the following 5:00 a.m. from September 16th to May 14th except where the department has waived these hours and established different hours for special events and programs.

(b) No person may possess any glass containers in the Dells of the Wisconsin River state natural area.

(c) No person may light a fire or use a charcoal grill in the Dells of the Wisconsin River state natural area.

(d) No person may operate a boat at a speed greater than slow-no-wake as defined in s. 30.50 (12), Stats., in the waters of the Wisconsin River within the designated state natural areas from Coldwater Canyon (N43° 39' 18.06") downstream approximately 3,700 feet to the area known as Chapel Gorge (N43° 38' 53.58").

**(2) PARFREY'S GLEN, NATURAL BRIDGE, ROCHE-A-CRI MOUND, PEWITS NEST, OAKFIELD LEDGE, GIBRALTAR ROCK, AND BAY CITY RIDGE STATE NATURAL AREAS.** (a) No person may possess or consume any food or beverage in the Parfrey's Glen state natural area, Natural Bridge state natural area, Roche-A-Cri Mound state natural area, Pewit's Nest state natural area or Oakfield Ledge state natural area.

(b) No person may enter or be in Parfrey's Glen state natural area and surrounding and adjacent lands in sections 22 and 23, township 11 north, range 7 east, Sauk county, the Natural Bridge state natural area, Pewit's Nest state natural area or Gibraltar Rock state natural area between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(c) No person may hike in any area of Parfrey's Glen state natural area, Natural Bridge state natural area or Roche-a-Cri Mound state natural area other than on a trail specifically designed and signed for that purpose, except for that portion of the gorge at Parfrey's Glen state natural area that lies within 20 feet of Parfrey's Glen Creek as it flows between the end of the designated hiking trail and the base of the waterfall in the NE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of section 23, township 11 north, range 7 east, or unless authorized to do so in writing by the department.

(d) No person may enter or be in Roche-A-Cri Mound state natural area between the hours of sunset and 6:00 a.m.

(e) No person may enter or be in Oakfield Ledge state natural area between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except as provided for in s. NR 45.04 (2) (a) 2.

(f) No person may enter or be in Bay City Ridge state natural area earlier than 30 minutes prior to sunrise and no later than 30 minutes after sunset.

**(2g) INCH LAKE STATE NATURAL AREA.** (a) No person may possess or transport live fishing bait within 50 feet of the shoreline of Inch Lake on Inch Lake state natural area.

(b) No person may possess fish harvested from the waters of Inch lake on Inch Lake state natural area.

(c) No person may possess or transport a watercraft motor or motorized watercraft within 50 feet of the shoreline of Inch lake on Inch Lake state natural area.

**Note:** These conditions are required by the Articles of Dedication and Conservation Easement for Inch Lake state natural area accepted by the department at the time of acquisition.

**(2m) STATE PARKS, RECREATION AREAS, WILDLIFE AREAS, FISHERY AREAS, AND FORESTS.** Within the boundaries of state parks, state recreation areas, state wildlife areas, state fishery areas, northern forests, and southern forests, no person may take, pursue, catch, kill, trap or remove any wild animal without written permission from the department except as follows:

(a) Fishing in accordance with ch. NR 20.

(b) Hunting in accordance with ch. NR 10 and s. NR 45.09.

(c) Killing of biting or nuisance insects.

(d) Harvest of crayfish in accordance with s. NR 19.26.

(e) Trapping on state fishery areas, northern forests, southern forests, state recreation areas, and state wildlife areas in accordance with ch. NR 10 and this chapter.

(f) Arthropods collected for purposes of study as part of participation in a department sponsored naturalist or educational program. All collected animals shall be released on the property from which obtained and may not be removed from the property.

**(4) BLUE MOUND STATE PARK.** 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.

**(5) DEVIL'S LAKE STATE PARK.** (a) No person may operate or use a combustion engine as a power source for a skin diver's generator or air supply (commonly referred to as an air buoy or similar device) on or in the waters of Devil's lake in Devil's Lake state park, sections 13 and 14, T11N, R6E, town of Baraboo, and section 25, T11N, R6E, town of Sumpter, Sauk county.

(b) No person may fish with, possess or control any spear, spear gun, bow and arrow or similar device designed for shooting a projectile unless enclosed in a carrying case while within the boundaries of Devil's Lake state park.

**(7) HERITAGE HILL STATE PARK.** No person may drink or possess any intoxicating liquor or fermented malt beverage in Heritage Hill state park except at special events or programs authorized by the department.

**(8) HIGH CLIFF STATE PARK.** In the waters of High Cliff state park marina, Calumet county, no person may:

(a) Operate a boat or other watercraft at a speed in excess of that required for steerage.

(c) Anchor, moor or dock a boat or watercraft except in the areas provided and designated.

(d) Swim in the marina channel, basin or dock area.

(e) Water ski in the marina area including the channel, and that area of the channel outlet in Lake Winnebago marked by buoys.

**(8m) INTERSTATE STATE PARK.** No person may jump or dive into the St. Croix river from the park boat ramp upstream to the highway 8 bridge.

**(9) KINNICKINNIC STATE PARK.** (a) All boats mooring offshore overnight within the boundary of Kinnickinnic state park shall be equipped with holding tank and toilet.

(b) In the Kinnickinnic delta use area, when toilet facilities are not provided, no person may moor or anchor a watercraft overnight unless equipped with a holding tank and toilet.

**(10) PENINSULA STATE PARK.** (a) Violations of any state law, administrative code, or any posted regulations at the Peninsula state park golf course by any person is cause for revocation of the golfing privilege.

(b) No person may scavenge golf balls on the golf course except by written permit issued by the superintendent.

**(10m) Downhill skiers and snowboarders** are not permitted outside of the leased area of Granite Peak ski area within Rib Mountain state park.

**(11) ROCK ISLAND STATE PARK.** No person may operate a motor vehicle except for motor-driven sleds, toboggans or other snowmobiles on state-owned lands in Rock Island state park.

**(11m) STRAIGHT LAKE STATE PARK.** The following rules are established for the use of the Straight Lake state park:

(a) No person may possess any glass containers.

(b) No person may operate an ice auger powered by a combustion engine.

**(12) KOHLER-ANDRAE AND WHITEFISH DUNES STATE PARKS AND POINT BEACH STATE FOREST.** No person may be in any area other than on a designated trail in the dune portion of the Whitefish Dunes state natural area in Whitefish Dunes state park or any dune portion of the property indicated by department signage, unless authorized to do so in writing by the department. For purposes of this chapter, a designated beach is not part of a dune.

**(13) YELLOWSTONE LAKE STATE PARK.** On the waters of Yellowstone lake in Lafayette county, no person may operate a motorboat at a speed greater than 5 miles per hour or in excess of steerage or no wake speed when within 200 feet of the shoreline, or operate any motorboat in any area where notices are posted prohibiting the operation and use of motorboats except that battery-powered electric motors may be operated in the posted areas at a slow-no-wake speed and in no case at a speed to exceed 5 miles per hour. On these waters, no person may operate a motorboat towing a person on water skis, aquaplane or similar device between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and the following 10:00 a.m. No person may leave any boat unattended whether anchored, moored or beached on the waters of Yellowstone lake or on the land within the boundaries of the Yellowstone wildlife area or Yellowstone Lake state park except within the areas designated and posted for these purposes.

**(14) BRULE RIVER STATE FOREST.** (a) On department-owned or managed lands on the Brule river in the Brule River state forest, boats or other watercraft may only be launched or removed at the following designated launching sites:

1. County highway P (T45N, R11W, sec. 8)
2. Stone Chimney fisher access (T46N, R11W, sec. 35)
3. Stone's bridge (T46N, R10W, sec. 30)
4. Winneboujou canoe landing (T47N, R10W, sec. 34)
5. Bois Boujou campground (T47N, R10W, sec. 23)
6. Highway #2 (T47N, R10W, sec. 14)
7. Copper Range campground (T48N, R10W, sec. 26)
8. Pine Tree canoe landing (T48N, R10W, sec. 26)
9. Highway #13 (T49N, R10W, sec. 34)
10. Mouth of the Brule (T49N, R10W, sec. 10)

(b) No person may possess any of the following containers on the Brule river within watercraft launched from or removed at designated launching sites specified in par. (a) on the Brule river state forest:

1. Glass bottles.
2. Unopened or empty beverage containers that are not secured in a larger container that is fastened to the watercraft.

**(14m) FLAMBEAU RIVER STATE FOREST.** (a) No person may possess glass bottles within the Flambeau River state forest boundary in the following locations:

1. At Little Falls – Slough Gundy scenic area.
2. Within watercraft launched or removed from designated launching sites on the Flambeau river.

(b) Within watercraft launched or removed from designated launching sites on the Flambeau river. Unopened or empty beverage containers and litter shall be secured in a larger container that is fastened to the watercraft.

**(17) RICHARD BONG STATE RECREATION AREA.** (a) *Definition.* “Richard Bong state recreation area” means that portion of township 2 north, range 20 east, town of Brighton, Kenosha county posted with department markers or signs.

1. ‘Hunting zone.’ All that portion of the Richard Bong state recreation area except that portion described in subd. 3.

2. ‘Special use zone.’ All that portion of the Richard Bong state recreation area lying south of state highway 142 posted with department markers or signs.

3. ‘Intensive use zone.’ All that portion of the Richard Bong state recreation area posted with department markers or signs.

(b) *Special use zone.* 1. Reservations are restricted to groups of 25 or more individuals.

2. Reservations shall be submitted on department forms and will be accepted no more than one year and not less than 10 days in advance of the requested date. The forms are available at the Richard Bong state recreation area headquarters.

3. Reservations may be made at the Richard Bong headquarters in person or by mail.

4. Reservations shall be approved subject to the special use zone calendar under par. (c).

5. Reservations shall be accepted and made on a first–come, first–served basis consistent with the special use zone calendar.

(c) *Special use zone calendar.* The department shall establish and maintain an annual calendar of use for the recreational uses listed par. (d) recognizing the priority of special uses designated in this section for the dates indicated.

(d) *Permitted recreational uses.* 1. Bird watching

2. Cross–country skiing

3. Dog sledding

4. Dog training

5. Dog trials

6. Falconry

7. Foot racing

8. Hang gliding

9. Hiking

10. Horseback riding, competition and horse drawn vehicles

11. Hot air ballooning

12. Hunting

13. Land sailing

14. Model aircraft flying

15. Model rocket flying

16. Nature study

17. Scout jamborees

18. Sky diving

19. Sleigh riding

20. Snowmobiling

21. Steeplechase events

22. Off–highway motorcycling

23. Trapping

24. All–terrain vehicles

25. Off–road bicycling (mountain biking)

(e) *Picnics and camping.* Picnicking and camping incidental to a use in par. (d) is authorized if indicated as such in the permit.

(f) *Priority activities.* The following uses shall have priority on a first–come, first–served basis over all other uses during the period indicated:

1. Horse activities, model aircraft flying, dog training on foot, retriever trials, falconry, land sailing, hang gliding, snowmobiling, trail biking and hot air ballooning:

a. The weekends of June and July,

b. The first 3 weekends of January, February and August and weekends in December following the close of pheasant season,

c. The 3–day Memorial Day weekend.

2. Dog trials, dog training and model aircraft flying:

a. Weekends in March, April, May (except Memorial Day weekend) and September,

b. Labor Day,

c. One weekend near mid–October if not in conflict with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.24,

d. First weekend of October.

3. Hunting during pheasant and waterfowl seasons in accordance with ss. NR 10.01 and 10.24.

5. Waterfowl and bow deer hunting in season as specified in ch. NR 10.

(g) *Availability.* The zone shall be available to groups on a first–come, first–served basis consistent with the scheduling calendar if not previously reserved.

(h) *Uses not listed.* Recreational uses not listed in par. (d) shall be approved by the natural resources board prior to authorized use in the zone. Such approved uses shall be adopted as rules on a periodic basis.

(i) *Permit limitations.* No person may be in any zone or area other than that assigned by department permit or otherwise authorized by the department.

**(18) KETTLE MORAINE STATE FOREST, LAPHAM PEAK.** No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any wild animal, or discharge any firearm or air gun as defined in s. 939.22, Stats., or any bow, crossbow, slingshot, or spring–loaded device designed for shooting a projectile while on any department lands designated by posted notice within the Lapham Peak Unit–Kettle Moraine state forest.

**(19) AMNICON FALLS STATE PARK.** No person may jump or dive into waterways contrary to posted notice at Amnicon Falls state park.

**(20) GREAT RIVER STATE RECREATION TRAIL.** The following use zones are established on the Great River state recreation trail. No person may hunt, trap or operate a snowmobile except in the appropriate use zone established in this section.

(a) *Hunting zone.* The hunting zone is all that portion of the Great River state recreation trail lying north and west of CTH “ZN” in La Crosse county to the village of Trempealeau limits in Trempealeau county, and all that portion of the Great River state recreation trail lying north and west of Lehmann road to the Trempealeau national wildlife refuge access road at the junction of West Prairie road in Trempealeau county.

(b) *Snowmobile zone.* The snowmobile zone is all that portion of the Great River state recreation trail in La Crosse county and Trempealeau county lying south and east of the junction with Lehmann road in Trempealeau county.

(c) *Trapping zone.* The trapping zone is all that portion of the Great River state recreation trail lying north and west of the CTH “ZN” in La Crosse county to the village of Trempealeau limits in Trempealeau county, and all that portion of the Great River state recreation trail lying north and west of the village of Trempealeau limits to the Trempealeau national wildlife refuge access road at the junction of West Prairie road in Trempealeau county.

**(21) KETTLE MORAINE STATE FOREST, NORTHERN UNIT.** No person may take, catch, kill, hunt, trap or pursue any wild animal, or discharge any firearm or air gun as defined in s. 939.22 (2), Stats., or any bow, crossbow, slingshot, or springloaded device designed for shooting a projectile while on any department lands designated by posted notice in sections 13 and 24 east of Long Lake, and section 25 north of county highway F, T14N, R19E, town of Osceola, Fond du Lac county.

**(22) NEVIN SPRINGS FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA.** The department may by posted notice restrict the use of center–fire and rim–fire rifles, handguns and shotguns with slugs.

(23) AZTALAN STATE PARK. Sledding, skiing and snowboarding are prohibited on the Indian mounds at Aztalan state park.

(25) BIG BAY STATE PARK. No person may operate a dog sled on state lands in Big Bay state park unless authorized in writing by the property manager.

(26) LAKESHORE STATE PARK. The following rules and fees are established:

(b) *Fireworks events.* Subject to compliance with terms in a lease agreement and special event permits, fireworks events may be allowed by the department. The park is closed to public thoroughfare while fireworks events are taking place and until documented safety clearance is completed. Permittees are responsible for ensuring the park is properly closed during fireworks events, in accordance with the terms in the lease agreement and special event permits.

(c) *Marina operations.* The following prohibitions and restrictions apply to the marina located at Lakeshore state park:

1. Swimming off docks or piers is prohibited.
2. Fishing off docks or piers is prohibited.
3. Sleeping on docks or piers is prohibited.

(d) *Boat moorage fees.* 1. ‘General.’ All moorage fees are determined by the department and overnight moorage fees shall be based on the overall length of the watercraft as shown on the boat registration.

2. ‘Exemption.’ Watercraft that are the property of the United States, the State of Wisconsin, and other governmental entities during the performance of official duties are exempt from all moorage fees.

3. ‘Daytime fees.’ a. Daytime fees apply to all watercraft tied to the dock.

b. The park manager shall have discretion in determining if and for what time period the temporary moorage is allowed.

(f) *Rules for doubling.* 1. Watercraft that are doubled properly to the pier shall each be charged the normal dockage rate.

2. When two boats are moored in a slip, the second boat may not be provided electric power. The second boater may make arrangements with the first boater to share electric power but the first boater is under no obligation to do so.

3. The park manager shall have discretion to allow doubling.

(27) THORNAPPLE RIVER STURGEON SPAWNING PROPERTY–RUSK COUNTY. No person may discharge any firearm for the purpose of target shooting in areas designated by posted notice within the Thornapple River sturgeon spawning property, Rusk County.

(28) KOHLER–ANDRAE STATE PARK, SHEBOYGAN COUNTY. No person may swim or scuba dive within any area delineated by posted notice.

(29) HARRINGTON BEACH STATE PARK, OZAUKEE COUNTY. Swimming and scuba diving in any areas may be prohibited by posted notice. No person may swim or scuba dive within the area delineated by posted notice.

(30) RED CEDAR STATE TRAIL. No person may jump or dive into waterways contrary to posted notice along the Red Cedar state trail.

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**NR 45.14 Exceptions.** (1) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit or hinder the department, its supervisors, managers, foresters, wardens, rangers or other duly authorized agents, or any peace officer from performing their official duties.

(2) The department may waive in writing any provision of this chapter for commercial filming on state lands.

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