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Sec. 26-16-1. Prohibited activities in access areas

At any boating access area which is under the control of the Department of Environmental Protection and is intended to provide public access, or parking related to such access to streams, lakes, ponds or tidal waters, including Long Island Sound, the following regulations shall apply:

- (a) No person shall discard any fish or portion thereof.
- (b) No person shall dispose of any litter, as defined in Section 22a-248 of the Connecticut General Statutes, except into a receptacle provided for such purpose, and no person shall dispose at such facility of any litter not generated at such access area.
- (c) No person shall wash or clean any vehicle except a boat trailer. A vessel or boat trailer may be cleaned only with plain water. No person shall use any detergent or chemical agent to clean a vessel or boat trailer.
- (d) No person shall park a vehicle except in an area designated by the Commissioner for parking.
- (e) No person shall kindle a fire.
- (f) No person shall engage in camping.
- (g) No person shall engage in disorderly conduct.
- (h) No person shall damage any building, equipment, poster or vegetation.
- (i) No person shall use any such facility for purposes other than:
 - (1) fishing, where permitted;
 - (2) parking where permitted for the purpose of fishing, boating, hunting, or observing wildlife;
 - (3) launching of boats or;
 - (4) The observation of wildlife from constructed observation decks.
- (j) No person shall use any such facility for any purpose when it is posted closed by the Commissioner.
- (k) No person shall tie up, moor or anchor a vessel in a manner that may obstruct or interfere with the launching of any other vessel except when actively launching or retrieving a vessel.
- (l) No person shall leave any vessel unattended in the water or on land, or tied to any state dock or pier.
- (m) No person shall moor or anchor a vessel or leave a vessel on land at any such facility.
- (n) No person shall engage in any commercial activity at such facility unless so authorized by the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (o) No person shall erect or post any notice or sign unless authorized in writing by the Commissioner.
- (p) No person shall consume any alcoholic liquor. "Alcoholic liquor" as used in this subsection, shall have the same definition as in Section 30-1 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- (q) No person shall engage in sport fishing from the courtesy docks or from the ramp

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surface when said sport fishing interferes with boating activities. “Courtesy docks” means, in this subsection, floating or non-floating platforms that are located adjacent to a launch ramp for use by boaters to facilitate the loading or unloading of boats.

(r) No person shall engage in bathing, swimming, snorkeling or scuba diving.

(s) Dogs must be on a leash no longer than seven (7) feet and under the control of their owner or keeper. The person responsible for the dog must hold the leash at all times. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the proper use of dogs while in the act of hunting, however, all dogs may be prohibited on any area or during any time period when so posted by the Department.

(Effective April 23, 1993; Amended March 9, 2004; Amended February 29, 2008)

Sec. 26-16-2. Limitations of public use of state controlled field trial and dog training areas

The public use of state-owned and state-controlled dog training and field trial areas administered by the Department of Environmental Protection shall conform with the following regulations:

(a) The area shall be closed for all purposes from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

(b) There shall be no other use of the area while an authorized field dog trial is being conducted.

(c) Running and training of dogs is restricted to the areas so posted.

(d) Discarding of trash is prohibited.

(e) Garbage, trash and other materials shall not be brought to the area for disposal.

(f) Vehicles shall be parked only in authorized locations.

(g) The maximum speed of any vehicle shall not exceed 20 miles per hour.

(h) Kindling or open fires is prohibited.

(i) Camping is prohibited, except with written authorization from the department of environmental protection.

(j) Gambling in any form, disorderly conduct, intoxication, obscene or indecent behavior is prohibited.

(k) Damaging any building, fence, facility, poster, tree or shrub is prohibited.

(l) No notice, poster or sign shall be erected or placed without written permission of the department of environmental protection.

(m) Horses shall be kept off the oil-treated portion of any roadway.

(n) Only artificially propagated gamebirds (pheasants, chukar partridge, quail, ducks), and pigeons of either sex may be liberated. Special permits for other birds or animals must be obtained from the department of environmental protection.

(o) All birds liberated shall be full winged and capable of maintaining normal flight and shall be in a condition suitable to maintain themselves in the wild.

(p) No birds or animals are to be shot except during the open season; use of blank cartridges will be permitted. This restriction shall not apply to field trials held at Nod Brook

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management area, Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area or Mansfield Hollow Dam which are sanctioned by AKC, CASDFTA, or NAVHDA.

(q) Upon the completion of a field trial, no dogs shall be allowed to run free on the area until the morning of the following day.

(Effective October 1, 1986)

Sec. 26-16-3. Repealed

Repealed August 20, 1974.

Sec. 26-16-3a. Limitations of Public Use of State Controlled Wildlife Management Areas

(a) Target shooting is prohibited on any wildlife management area unless so designated by the Department.

(b) All-terrain vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and all other motorized vehicles shall be prohibited on any wildlife management area unless so designated by the Department.

(c) Horses and other riding animals shall be prohibited on any wildlife management area posted against such activities.

(d) Except as provided in Section 26-16-2, camping is prohibited on any state controlled Wildlife Management Area, except on the Sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area where camping, conducted in conjunction with an educational program approved by the Commissioner, shall be permitted only if authorized in writing by the Commissioner.

(e) Wildlife Management Areas shall be closed to the public from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise except for hunting, fishing or other activities authorized by the Department.

(f) Dogs must be on a leash no longer than seven (7) feet and under the control of their owner or keeper. The person responsible for the dog, must hold the leash at all times. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the proper use of dogs while in the act of hunting or the training of dogs for the specific purpose of hunting, however all dogs may be prohibited on any area or during any time period when so posted by the Department.

(g) In Wildlife Management Areas, the use of bicycles shall be prohibited on any trail, road, path or other area posted against such activity.

(Effective October 18, 1996; Amended April 27, 2005; Amended February 29, 2008; Amended September 9, 2013)