

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 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, 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.

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