

State of Connecticut
Regulation of
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Concerning
Public Entry into Squantz Pond State Park When Capacity Is Reached.

Section 1. Sec. 23-4-1. The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding subsection (dd) as follows:

(NEW) Subsection (dd) Prohibiting **Entry into Squantz Pond State Park when capacity is reached and Park is closed.**

- (1) No person shall enter or attempt to enter the Squantz Pond State Park by any method when Squantz Pond State Park is closed due to being at capacity.

Statement of Purpose

This new section will create an infraction enforcement mechanism to support Public Act 23-43. If this regulation is not adopted, enforcement of this new statute would require that the state charge a violator with criminal trespass, which is a misdemeanor offense and carries serious repercussions. Section 23-4-5 is the penalty section of the regulation and identifies the appropriate fine for violations of prohibitions listed in Section 23-4-1 (maximum fine is \$75). An infraction fine is a more appropriate penalty level and is consistent with other violations of DEEP's Park and Forest Regulations. Infractions are much faster to issue, require less resources to enforce, and will ultimately result in better compliance with the new statute.