

# PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION

## STATE GAME LANDS REGULATIONS

### **It shall be unlawful to**

1. Camp or use campsites;
2. Contaminate, pollute or degrade groundwaters or surface waters or any waterways;
3. Graze or permit the grazing of domestic livestock, place or maintain beehives or beekeeping apparatus;
4. Solicit or place private advertisements, signs or posters;
5. Plant, gather, cut, dig, remove or otherwise injure any plants or parts thereof including trees, shrubs, vines, flowering plants and cultivated crops; ( Mushrooms and fruits of berry-producing plants may be picked. )
6. Travel on lands by means of any vehicle or conveyance propelled by motorized power; ( Exemption for individuals with Disabled Person Permit for battery powered motorized wheelchair. )
7. Ride a nonmotorized vehicle, conveyance or animal, except on roads normally open to public travel, or designated routes as posted, or while lawfully engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing;
8. Ride a nonmotorized vehicle, conveyance or animal from the last Saturday in September until the third Saturday in January, and prior to one hour after close of lawful shooting hours for spring turkey season from the second Saturday in April through the last Saturday in May inclusive, except on Sundays or while lawfully engaged in hunting trapping or fishing;
9. Ride a nonmotorized vehicle, conveyance or animal on roads open to foot travel only;
10. Drive motor vehicles with or without attachments having a registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 12,000 pounds;
11. Use boats propelled by a motor. Battery powered electric motors may be used on waterways unless posted otherwise;
12. Fish from dam breasts posted against fishing;
13. Swim in any dam, pond, lake or stream;
14. Injure, destroy or cause damage to property - real, personal or mixed;
15. Remove or attempt to remove any manmade or natural object except wildlife and fish lawfully taken during the open season. Objects which may not be removed include animals, rocks, minerals, sand and historical or archaeological artifacts;
16. Participate in, become a part of, contribute to or engage in disorderly conduct as defined in 18 Pa. C.S. §§ 5503 and 5505 ( relating to disorderly conduct and public drunkenness. )
17. Travel on roads open to vehicular travel with vehicle or conveyance propelled by motorized power which is not licensed or authorized for operation on a public highway under 75 Pa C. S. ( relating to the Vehicle Code. )
18. Violate, fail or neglect to follow instructions posted on signs authorized by the Director;
19. Destroy, mutilate or remove any sign or placard;
20. Travel by mechanical or motorized conveyance or ride animals on newly constructed, seeded or planted roads, or other areas, when posted against the travel:
21. Consume, possess or transport any alcohol, liquor, beer, malt or brewed alcoholic beverage;
22. Use or possess any controlled substance as defined or classified under The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act;( 35 P. S. §§ 780-101 - 780-143. )
23. Occupy, use or construct, place or maintain structures or other tangible property, except that portable hunting blinds or stands may be used, provided no visible damage is caused to trees;
24. Feed wildlife or lay or place any food, fruit, hay, grain, chemical, salt or other minerals;
25. Release domestic animals, captive bred or captive raised game or wildlife;
26. Operate a motor vehicle in willful and wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property or in excess of posted speed limits, or where no speed limit is posted, in excess of 25 miles per hour;
27. Target shoot with firearms, bows and arrows or devices capable of launching projectiles in a manner that could cause injury to persons or property, or on areas posted closed to those activities;
28. Except as provided in Subchapter J ( relating to shooting ranges ), discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, or device capable of launching projectiles that is not a lawful device to hunt game or wildlife;
29. Engage in an activity or event involving more than ten persons, which may conflict with the intended purposes or uses as defined in Section 722 of the Act (relating to use of property ), or poses a potential environmental or safety problem;
30. Sell, distribute, deliver, service, guide or rent any equipment, material or commodity or otherwise transact or engage in any commercial activity. Commercial activity is any activity in which a person directly or indirectly accepts consideration of value as compensation for the provision of goods or services, including transportation.
31. Use State Game Lands for any personal, organizational or commercial purpose other than the intended use as defined in Section 722 of the Act; ( relating to use of property. )
32. Operate under authority of a contract, lease, agreement or permit and fail to abide by the terms and conditions contained in the contract, lease, agreement or permit;
33. Except on Sundays, be present on State Game Lands from November 15 through December 15 inclusive when not engaged in lawful hunting or trapping and fail to wear a minimum of 250 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange-colored material on the head, chest and back combined or, in lieu thereof, a hat of the same colored material. The material shall be worn so it is visible in a 360 degree arc. Persons using shooting ranges are exempted from this requirement.
34. Small open fires for cooking or warming purposes are permitted, except when the Fire Index Rating, used by the Bureau of Forestry, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, is high, very high or extreme. Fires must be contained and attended at all times;
35. Snowmobiles, as defined in the All Terrain Vehicle Act of 1985 ( 75 Pa. C. S. Chapter 77 ), may be driven beginning on the third Sunday in January through April 1 only on designated areas, roads and trails marked with appropriate signs, as long as snowmobiles are properly registered and display a valid registration decal;