



## PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS - STATE LAND RULES

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(This excerpt contains rules relevant to State Parks and Recreation Areas Effective October 18, 2001.)

Issued by authority conferred on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by Section 504 of 1994 PA 451 MCL 324.504.

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### R 299.927 State parks and recreation areas; unlawful acts.

**Rule 27.** In addition to the unlawful acts specified in R 299.922, in state parks and state recreation areas, it is unlawful for a person or persons to do any of the following:

**(j)** To allow a dog or other animal within a water or land area designated as a bathing beach or in any other water area used for swimming or wading; to bring a dog, except leader dogs for the blind, or other animal into an enclosed park building or leave a dog or other animal unattended at any time; to permit a dog or other animal to run loose or create a disturbance unless the dog is being used in hunting, or in field trials, or while being trained, when upon lands open to such uses; or to fail to properly control a dog or other animal. Any dog found not in the possession of, or under the immediate control of, its owner or the owner's agent, or any dog creating a nuisance or disturbance, may be removed from the park.

**(k)** To possess a dog or other animal unless it is under immediate control on a leash that is not more than 6 feet in length. This provision does not apply to a dog being used for hunting, or in field trials, or while being trained, when upon lands open to such uses.

**(l)** To ride, permit, or allow a horse or other riding animal in any area, except for a designated bridle trail or horseperson's campground, or when in compliance with a permit issued for a field dog trial.

### VIOLATION OF RULES (History: Eff. Oct. 18, 2001)

**R 299.929** - Violation of rules; revocation of permit or eviction. Rule 29 - In addition to any other penalty prescribed by law, violation of any of these rules may result in the revocation of a camping permit or eviction from the state park, recreation area, access site, game area, or designated campground, or both.

**R 299.930** - Persons exempt from the rules. Rule 30 - Department employees acting in the line of duty, and persons performing specific acts or conducting activity authorized by written permission are exempt from these rules.

### PENALTY

**MCL 324.504 (Excerpt)** (History: 1994, Act 541, Eff. March 30, 1995; - Am 1996, Act 171, Imd. Eff. April 18, 1996.) A person who violates a rule. or an order.is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

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