

Governing the use of Maryland State Parks, pursuant to the provisions of § 5-209 of the Natural Resources Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Any violation shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00.
(Costs imposed in the discretion of the court)

Maryland's State Parks are managed for the protection of our shared natural resources, and for the use and enjoyment of the public. In order to maintain State Parks in the most beneficial and responsible manner, to protect them from damage resulting from improper use, and to ensure the safety of our visitors, each individual must conform to both the letter and spirit of these regulations. In furtherance of those objectives, and to conserve Maryland's State Parks in the best interest of the public, these regulations will be strictly enforced.

.03 Hunting.

A. General.

- (1) The Superintendent may establish designated hunting areas, species to be hunted, methods of harvest, seasons, and weapons to be used within the State park system...
- ...(5) An individual may not construct permanent game shooting stands, or use stationary blinds for hunting in State parks. The Service reserves the right to construct these facilities and regulate their use.
- (6) Except by written permit, an individual may not trap or attempt to trap game in a State park. The permit shall be issued by the Superintendent.
- (7) An individual may not hunt in violation of provisions of a permit issued for the purpose of hunting in a State park.
 - B. Baiting or Feeding...
 - ...(2) An individual may not hunt, shoot, or attempt to hunt, shoot, or kill a game bird or a mammal by the aid of bait, on or over a baited area.

.04 Weapons.

- ...B. Except as provided in Regulation .03 of this chapter and in C and D of this regulation, an individual other than a law enforcement officer may not possess a weapon in a State park. The Service may approve an exception for an archery range, firearms range, or an exhibition.
- C. During hunting season, a licensed hunter may carry firearms and bows and arrows across State parks in order to get to hunting areas or to other State or private property which is open to hunting. The firearms shall be carried unloaded and cased, or canted unloaded with breach open or broken. Arrows shall be carried in a quiver or case.
- D. Target shooting is permitted at designated shooting ranges. The regulations governing the use of these ranges shall be posted and strictly observed.

.05 Fishing.

- A. Except in a posted area, an individual may fish in the waters of a State park for finfish, if the individual complies with State fishing laws...

.06 Closing Against Entry.

- ...B. The Superintendent may, by notice, close areas of State parks to public entry and travel.
- C. An individual, vehicle, or vessel may not enter or remain on lands or waters owned or managed by the Service after posted hours of closing to public use.
- D. A vehicle remaining on lands or waters after the posted hours of closing to public use, or on areas closed to public entry, may be removed and placed in storage at the owner's expense.

.07 Swimming.

Unless posted as prohibited, an individual may wade or swim in State park waters.

.08 Camping.

- A. An individual may establish a camp or occupy a cabin in a State park, if a permit is obtained from the Service...
- ...B. A permit may be revoked by a park official.

.09 Commercial Enterprise.

- ...B. Unless a permit is obtained from the Service, an individual may not sell, hire, or lease an object of merchandise, or a vessel or vehicle designed or used for the transportation of passengers or property.

.17 Pets.

A. Developed Areas...

- ...(2) The Service reserves the right to designate pet areas in a State park. In these areas pets shall be on a leash with a maximum length of 6 feet.
- B. Undeveloped Areas. Pets are permitted on a leash with a maximum length of 10 feet.

.18 Relics, Treasures, and Metal Detectors.

...B. Without a permit from the Office of Archeology, Maryland Historical Trust, Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department, an individual may not dig in search of buried relics or treasures, remove prehistoric or historic artifacts, or use metal detectors, except as provided in §D of this regulation, within the boundaries of lands, beaches, or under waters controlled by the Service...

...D. Metal Detector Exception.

- (1) An exception to the permit requirements of this regulation is for the use of a metal detector in the search for modern coins, jewelry, and other items on designated swimming beaches operated by the Service, with the exceptions of Point Lookout and Calvert Cliffs.
- (2) An individual shall obtain permission to use a metal detector as set forth in this regulation from the Service.
- (3) A metal detector may be used during normal park hours with the following exceptions:
 - (a) 9 a.m. through dusk from May 30 through Labor Day; and
 - (b) Other times at the discretion of the park manager.

.19 Intoxicants.

- A. An individual younger than 21 years old may not transport or possess an intoxicating beverage within a State park.
- B. An individual may not consume or possess an open container of an intoxicating beverage on a parking lot, roadway, trail, or other designated area within a State park.
- C. The Superintendent may prohibit intoxicating beverages in an area of a State park.
- D. Permit.
- (1) Intoxicating beverages are permitted in designated picnic shelters or other designated areas of a State park if the person who reserves the designated shelter or the designated area purchases an alcohol permit for \$35...

.20 Disorderly Conduct.

- An individual may not act in a disorderly manner in a State park by:
- A. Making loud and unseemly noises or profanely cursing, swearing, or using obscene language;
 - B. Indecently exposing their person or performing an indecent act;
 - C. Throwing missiles, to the annoyance of the public;
 - D. Interfering with, encumbering, obstructing, or rendering dangerous any public place;
 - E. Engaging in, instigating, or encouraging a confrontation or fight;
 - F. Operating a generator or electronic audio equipment, or playing a musical instrument at a sound level annoying to other park users, with the use of these prohibited after posted hours of permissible operation; or
 - G. Causing a disturbance of the public peace.

.21 Lawful Order of Park Officer.

An individual shall obey a lawful or reasonable order of a park warden or law enforcement officer in connection with the enforcement of Natural Resources laws, regulations, or other State laws.