

This document contains the Connecticut regulations for Public Use of State Controlled Field Trial, Dog Training Areas and Wildlife Management Areas. This document was prepared by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and is provided for the convenience of the reader. This is not the official version of the regulations. The official regulations are published by the State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch, Commission on Official Legal Publications in the Connecticut Law Journal. In the event there is inconsistency between this document and the regulations published in the Connecticut Law Journal, the Connecticut Law Journal publication will serve as the official version.

26-16-2. Limitations on public use of state controlled Field Trial and Dog Training Areas.

The public use of state-owned and state-controlled dog training and field trial areas administered by the Department of Environmental Protection shall conform with the following regulations:

- (a) The area shall be closed for all purposes from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- (b) There shall be no other use of the area while an authorized field dog trial is being conducted.
- (c) Running and training of dogs is restricted to the area so posted.
- (d) Discarding of trash is prohibited.
- (e) Garbage, trash and other materials shall not be brought to the area for disposal.
- (f) Vehicles shall be parked only in authorized locations.
- (g) The maximum speed of any vehicle shall not exceed 20 miles per hour.
- (h) Kindling or open fires is prohibited.
- (i) Camping is prohibited, except with written authorization from the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (j) Gambling in any form, disorderly conduct, intoxication, obscene or indecent behavior is prohibited.
- (k) Damaging any building, fence, facility, poster, tree or shrub is prohibited.
- (l) No notice, poster or sign shall be erected or placed without permission of the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (m) Horses shall be kept off the oil-treated portion of any roadway.
- (n) Only artificially propagated gamebirds (pheasants, chukar partridge, quail, ducks), and pigeons of either sex may be liberated. Special permits for other birds or animals must be obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection.
- (o) All birds liberated shall be full winged and capable of maintaining normal flight and shall be in a condition suitable to maintain themselves in the wild.
- (p) No birds or animals are to be shot except during the open season; use of blank cartridges will be permitted. This restriction shall not apply to field trials held at Nod Brook management area, Dr. John E. Flaherty Field Trial Area or Mansfield Hollow Dam which are sanctioned by AKC, CASDFTA, or NAVHDA.
- (q) Upon the completion of a field trial, no dogs shall be allowed to run free on the area until the morning of the following day.

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, 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.

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