

Chapter IX
Department Managed Lands Open to Motorized Vehicles

9.1 (1) State-owned lands, motorized vehicle use prohibited, exception.

Order 9.1 Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, an individual shall not operate a motorized vehicle, other than a snowmobile, in the county listed unless the motorized vehicle is operated on a forest road, designated route, designated trail, or designated area illustrated as open on the access map as published on the department website and dated December 15, 2017:

- (a) Alcona
- (b) Alpena
- (c) Antrim
- (d) Arenac
- (e) Benzie
- (f) Charlevoix
- (g) Cheboygan
- (h) Clare
- (i) Crawford
- (j) Emmet
- (k) Gladwin
- (l) Grand Traverse
- (m) Iosco
- (n) Isabella
- (o) Kalkaska
- (p) Lake
- (q) Leelanau
- (r) Manistee
- (s) Midland
- (t) Missaukee
- (u) Montmorency
- (v) Ogemaw
- (w) Osceola

(x) Oscoda

(y) Otsego

(z) Presque Isle

(aa) Roscommon

(bb) Wexford

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9.2 Certain state-owned lands, Cheboygan county, camping, motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct.

Order 9.2. An individual shall not operate a wheeled-motorized vehicle which is greater than 50 inches in width on the posted scramble area in sections 1 and 12, T36N R01E.

Publisher's note: Refer to section 4.13 for snowmobile restrictions.

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9.3 Alpena county, Devil's lake snowmobile trail, prohibited conduct.

Order 9.3 A person shall not use a wheeled motorized vehicle upon the devil's lake snowmobile trail located in the following described sections whenever snow depths exceed 4 inches:

(1) Sections 2, 11, 12, and 13, T30N R7E, Alpena county;

(2) Sections 6, through 9, 16, through 21, 28 through 30, and 33, T30N R8E, Alpena county;

(3) Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, and 36, T31N R7E, Alpena county;

(4) Section 31, T31N R8E, Alpena county;

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9.4 Certain state-owned lands, Gladwin county, wheeled motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct.

Order 9.4 (1) A person shall not operate a wheeled motorized vehicle on state-owned lands within sections 3-10, and 16-18, T20N R2W, Gladwin county, at a speed in excess of 15 mph within designated campgrounds or in excess of 25 mph outside of designated campgrounds.

(2) A person shall not do any of the following on state-owned lands of the Gladwin field trial area, being all or portions of sections 3-10, T20N R2W, Gladwin county:

(a) Operate a motorized vehicle, other than a snowmobile, on any forest trail or road within the above specified location that has been closed by berms, gates, or formal posting.

Publisher's note: Refer to section 4.19a for snowmobile restrictions.

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9.5 Midland county, Kawkawlin creek flooding, temporary closure to motorized vehicles.

Order 9.5 (1) The following regulations shall apply to the Kawkawlin creek flooding located in sections 17 and 18, T16N R2E, Midland county:

(a) A person shall not use or operate a motorized vehicle, other than a snowmobile, on the south and east dikes, except that the road on the east dike will be open to such vehicles from August 15 through February 1 unless temporarily closed by the department during erosive, wet weather conditions.

Publisher's note: Refer to section 4.32 for snowmobile restrictions.

History: Issued Am. 5, 2017, Post Dec. 20, 2017.

9.6 Certain state-owned lands, Osceola county, motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct.

Order 9.6. An individual shall not operate a wheeled motorized vehicle which is greater than 50 inches in width upon state owned lands in the SW ¼ of section 30, T19N R08W, as identified by on-site boundary signs and markers.

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9.7 Pigeon river country state forest. Cheboygan, Montmorency and Otsego counties; ORV use, elk retrieval.

Order 9.7 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 9.7(2) of this order, an individual may operate a wheeled motorized vehicle in the pigeon river country state forest as defined in section 4.34 of this order only if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The vehicle is currently registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300.

(b) The vehicle is operated on a forest road designated and illustrated as open on the access map referenced in section 9.1 of this order.

(2) An individual may operate an ORV only under direct supervision by the department at a speed not exceeding 5 miles per hour only to retrieve a legally harvested elk starting at a point open to vehicles registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300 using the most direct route that does not enter a stream, river, or wetland except over a bridge, culvert, or similar structure. This does not apply upon state-owned lands lying within the W1/2 of section 3, sections 4, 5, 8-10, 15-17 and 19-22, and that part of section 29 lying northerly of the sturgeon valley road, T32N R2W, commonly known as the green timbers management unit, where ORVs are prohibited.

History: Issued Am. 5, 2017, Post Dec. 20, 2017.

9.8 State game and wildlife areas, motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct.

Order 9.8. In managed state game areas and wildlife areas designated in section 13.1 of the wildlife conservation order, an individual shall not operate or use an amphibious or all-terrain vehicle or any other motor-driven vehicle in any area posted "state game area - hunting by permit only," "wildlife refuge," or any area posted against such use, except for vehicles authorized by the department.

History: Issued Am. 5, 2017, Post Dec. 20, 2017.

9.9 State public access boating sites, motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct, exceptions.

Order 9.9. An individual shall not enter, use, or occupy a state-operated public boating access site with an ORV except to set, place, erect, or use a fishing shanty consistent with fisheries order 251.17, or to access a waterbody to operate an ORV on the frozen surface of public waters.

History: Issued Am. 5, 2017, Post Dec. 20, 2017.

9.10 Official duties, exception.

Order 9.10 This chapter shall not apply to department employees and their designees performing official duties, or to fire, emergency or law enforcement personnel performing official duties.

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