



Park Rules

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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Act 261 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1965, as amended, the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission herewith promulgates and publishes the following rules for the use, protection, regulation and control of all of its services, facilities and park, recreation, conservation, education, historic, and scenic areas and preserves and parkways.

CHAPTER I: DEFINITIONS

1. "Commission" shall mean the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.
2. "Commission Property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, including but not limited to public park property owned by Saginaw County.
3. "Person" or "Persons" shall mean individuals, male or female, singular or plural; firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
4. "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons on the ground or in any other manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, trailer tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, boat or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises or waters within any park or recreation area administered by Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. "Rules" shall mean the rules and amendments thereto, adopted by the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission and approved by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, applicable to all property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the said Commission, including but not limited to public park property owned by Saginaw County.
6. "Park Hours" shall mean the time that a park is open and available for public use. Each park's opening and closing times are posted at the entrance to the park and may change according to the season(s). In parks that close at "dark" or "dusk", that is defined as ½ hour (30 minutes) after sunset.
7. "Motorized Vehicle" shall mean any piece of equipment with a motor (internal combustion, electric or other) which is able to transport an individual by converting energy, other than that provided by the person riding the equipment, into motion. This includes but is not limited to: automobiles, cars, trucks, vans, motor homes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), go-karts, tractors, mopeds, scooters, motorcycles and snowmobiles. Motorized wheelchairs or scooters for disabled individuals are excluded from this definition provided that the vehicle is used by someone that has a documented physical disability.
8. "Bark Park" shall mean certain designated and confined areas designed for dogs to run unleashed while supervised by their handler.

CHAPTER II: PUBLIC USE AND HOURS

Section A - Permits

Application for a permit for reserved park space or special activity shall be made upon forms to be furnished by the Commission. Application shall be made in advance of the time of the reservation requested as posted.

Application for pavilion rentals or a temporary camping permit may be obtained between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., on normal county business days, at the office of the County Parks and Recreation Commission, in the County Governmental Center. A deposit will be required for the key to the front gate at Price Nature Center Campground. In the event more applications for reserved space are received than space is available, such applications shall be considered in the chronological order received.

Nothing contained herein shall operate to exempt the users of reserved space from full compliance with all rules of the Commission relating to use of and conduct on Commission property.

Section B - Hours

No person shall enter or remain upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission outside of the posted Park Hours unless said person has a valid temporary camping permit or is a member of a group covered by a valid temporary camping permit or is a participant in a Commission sponsored program. It shall be unlawful for any person to enter upon any portion of park lands or waters, which have been designated as closed to public use.

Section C – Security Protection

The Commission occasionally provides security personnel on park lands. However, the Commission assumes no liability for actions of others. Unlawful acts should be reported to the County Sheriff or local municipal police force for actions.

CHAPTER III: PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

Section A – Destruction of Buildings, Markers, Monuments and Other Properties

No person shall, upon the Commission Property:

1. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post or blaze, marking or designating any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.
2. Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge or other structure.
3. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited.
4. Appropriately excavate, injure or destroy any historical or pre-historical ruin or any object of antiquity, without permission of the Commission.



Section B – Destruction of Plant Life and Natural Surroundings

No person shall, upon the Commission Property:

1. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sapling, seedling, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or chip, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or break or remove any branch, foliage, flower or any tree, shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove or destroy any flower or plant of grass.
2. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel or sand, without written permission of the Commission.

Section C - Fires

No person shall, upon the Commission Property:

1. Willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brush land, grassland or meadow.
2. Build any fire upon Commission Property except within the fireplaces, fire pits, receptacles, or open spaces approved and designated by the Commission for such purpose.
3. Drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning cigars, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other inflammable material.

CHAPTER IV: PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE

Section A – Animals and Birds

Unless otherwise posted, no person shall bring, drive, lead or carry onto Commission Property any dog or other animals or pet which is unleashed, or upon a leash more than six (6) feet in length and under immediate control of a responsible person. Provided however, dogs are permitted to run unleashed in designated “Bark Parks”. Specific rules for this type of area are provided in Chapter VIII.

No person shall hunt, trap, catch, wound or kill, or treat cruelly, attempt to trap, catch, wound or kill any bird or animal, molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal, in or upon any land or waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Provided, however, fishing will be permitted within or upon Commission Property in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the rules of the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Michigan and the rules of the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission in such areas designated for such purposes.

Exception: Hunters and trappers will be allowed to use Saginaw Valley Rail Trail property to access property on which they have legal permission to hunt or trap provided they have a valid license to engage in such hunting or trapping activity. Guns, bows or other weapons must be unarmed while on the property. The use of motorized vehicles is not permitted.

Section B - Contraband

All game, animals, fowl, birds, fish and other aquatic life, hunted, killed, taken or destroyed, bought, sold, bartered or had in possession, contrary to any of the provisions hereof, shall be and the same are declared to be contraband and the same shall be subject to seizure and confiscation and shall be turned over to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for disposal.

Provided further, that any weapon or object carried or used by any person in violation of these rules, shall be subject to seizure by the Commission or its agents and disposed of according to law.

Exception: This rule shall not apply to hunters using the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail to access property as stipulated in Section A, provided they have valid licenses allowing the taking of such game, all weapons are unarmed, and have obtained the game through legal means.

CHAPTER V: REGULATIONS GOVERNING ACTIVITIES AND OTHER USES

Section A – Swimming, Bathing and Wading

No person shall:

1. Swim, bathe or wade, between sunset and sunrise, in any of the watercourse, lakes, ponds, or sloughs located within or upon the properties administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
2. Swim, bathe or wade except at such times and places as may be provided or designated for such purpose by the Commission.

Rules for the swimming area at the William H. Haithco Recreation Area are provided in Chapter VIII.

Section B - Boating

No person shall bring into use, via Commission Property, any boat, yacht, canoe, raft or other water craft upon any water course, river, lagoon, lake, ponds, or slough except at such time and place as may be provided and designated for such purpose.

Rules for boating at the William H. Haithco Recreation Area and boat rentals are provided in Chapter VIII.

Section C - Camping

It shall be unlawful to camp except in such areas as may be provided and designated for such purposes by the Commission. No person shall camp without a written permit issued by an authorized representative of the Commission.

Rules for the Price Nature Center Campground are provided in Chapter VIII.



CHAPTER VI: VEHICLES

Section A – Parking in Prohibited Areas

It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.

Section B - Horses

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride, lead or cause or suffer a horse to be upon any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission EXCEPT on specifically designated and posted areas or bridle paths or by permit on field trail area.

Rules regarding horses on the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail are provided in Chapter VIII.

Section C – Motor Driven Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Operate a motor driven vehicle of any kind or nature except on roads or designated parking areas, or except as is provided hereinafter under C(3).
2. Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 5 miles per hour or at any speed greater than that posted.
3. Operate any recreation vehicle, including but not limited to, motor-driven sleds, toboggans or snowmobiles on any property under the management, supervision or control of the Commission subject to the following:
 - a. Recreation vehicles shall not cross park boundaries EXCEPT at authorized points of ingress or egress and in a manner as hereinafter described.
 - b. No person shall drive a recreation vehicle into or out of a park but rather said recreation vehicles must be towed in a manner permissible under State Law.
 - c. The minimum requirements of Public Act 178 of 1971.

Section D – Operation of Bicycles

Bicycles shall be operated as closely to the right hand curb or right hand side of the path, trail or road way as conditions will permit.

It shall be unlawful for the operator of any bicycle where upon any path, trail, or roadway, to carry any person upon the handlebar or frame of any bicycle, or for any person to so ride upon such bicycles. Persons must ride on seats as designated by the manufacturer.

Bicycles may be operated upon such paths, trails, or roadways as may be posted allowing such use; provided however, no such use shall be allowed between sunset and sunrise.

Section E - Drone Policy

No person shall operate a drone, model aircraft, model watercraft, hot air balloon or model rocket vehicle which are more remote controlled and/or powered by battery, gas, fuel, or fuel pallet, on any Saginaw County Park's property without written consent from the Saginaw County Parks Commission office

CHAPTER VII: TRESPASS

Section A - Livestock

No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission, without the written permission of the Commission.

Section B – Peddling and Soliciting

It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatever, or to distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs on any lands, waters, structure, or property administered by or under the control of the Commission, or to use such lands, waters, structures or property unless first authorized in writing by the Commission or its authorized agent.

Section C – Unlawful Obstruction

No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidations, unlawful fencing, enclosing, or by any other means; prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Section D – Hindering Employees

No person shall interfere with, or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the Commission while performing their official duties.

Section E – Resisting Authorized Park Ranger

No person shall interfere with any authorized Park Ranger in the discharge of his duties; or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any Park Ranger.

Section F – Impersonation of a Park Ranger

No person shall impersonate an authorized Park Ranger for any reason whatsoever.

Section G – Alcoholic Beverages, Illegal Substances

No person or persons shall, at anytime, bring into or upon the Commission Property alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or other substances where such property is publicly posted to prohibit the possession, use or transport of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or other substances without written permission from the Commission.

Section H – Personal Conduct

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace, or to disturb or annoy others, while in or on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling lottery or game of chance upon park property.

Section I – Use of Loudspeaker

It shall be unlawful to use a loudspeaker, public address system or amplifier within or upon Commission property without a written permit issued by the Commission.

Section J - Fireworks

No persons shall, at any time, bring into or upon the Commission Property, nor have in their possession, nor discharge, or set off anywhere upon said properties a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air rifle, air gun, water gun or any gun, rifle, firearm or other weapon that discharges projectiles, air, explosive substance or any other force. Provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any deputy sheriff, police officer, peace officer, park ranger or other duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of their position nor to any persons while on or in those areas which may from time to time be designated as hunting areas by the Commission or while upon designated target ranges or areas.

Section K – Littering and Pollution of Waters

It shall be unlawful:

1. To discard or deposit refuse of any kind or nature in or upon Commission Property except by placing said refuse in containers provided for such purpose.
2. To throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in water administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid which may or shall result in the pollution of said water.
3. Suffer a dog or any other animal, bird, or pet to enter any public building or to be upon any designated beach, EXCEPT a trained and working leader dog.
4. Cause or permit any horse or other animal to stand on any Commission Property unless securely hitched or in charge of some competent person.
5. Torture, ill treat or neglect any animal or fowl.
6. Individuals tending to a pet or other animal shall be responsible for any injuries, damages, repairs or other maintenance needs which the animal creates. This includes but is not limited to filling holes, cleaning up fecal matter, and damage to public or personal property.

Section L – Special Permits

No erection, construction or maintenance shall be made above or below ground, across or beneath Commission Property by any persons, firm or corporation without first having obtained written permission from the Commission authorizing such installation or construction and a permit specifying in detail the work to be done and the conditions to be fulfilled pursuant to the terms of such approval.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions hereof, the Commission, or its agent, may, upon written application, grant specific use permits for special uses when in the opinion of the Commission or its agents special consideration is warranted.

Notwithstanding any of the provisions hereof, the Commission, or its agent, may, upon written application by a citizen, grant the placement of a memorial in accordance with this policy. Such memorials shall be recognized by the placement of a plaque at a central location within the park property and the form of such memorials shall be approved by the Commission, or its agent.

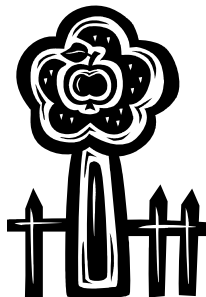
Section M – Fees and Charges

It shall be unlawful for any person to use for which a fee or charge has been established by the Commission without payment of such fee or charge.

Section N – Emergency Powers

Nothing in these rules shall:

1. Prohibit or hinder duly authorized agents of the Commission or any peace officers from performing their official duties.
2. Prohibit the Commission or the director from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare and safety of park visitors and to protect park property.



CHAPTER VIII: RULES FOR SPECIFIC PARKS OR AREAS OF PARKS

Section A – William H. Haithco Recreation Area Beach Rules

Any person or persons that do not adhere to the following rules are subject to dismissal from the park without reimbursement of admission fees:

1. Swim only in designated area when lifeguard is on duty, the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. We reserve the right to close the swimming area due to weather or water conditions, special events, or other circumstances.
2. Glass containers, pets, air mattresses, inner tubes, and inflatable devices, except beach balls are not permitted. U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices only.
3. Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (18 years or older).
4. Food or drinks are not allowed in the water.
5. Abusive language, rough play and littering will not be tolerated.
6. Children not toilet trained must wear waterproof pants in the water.
7. Pulling or hanging on buoy lines and climbing on lifeguard stands is not permitted.
8. Individuals may be required to demonstrate swimming ability prior to entering deeper water.
9. Lifeguards have the authority to expel patrons from the beach area who are behaving improperly, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or showing signs of physical illness.
10. The Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
11. No person shall carry or consume any food or beverage of any kind, nor have in their possession any glass or metal container on any beach or in any area so designated as being prohibited or in the water adjacent thereto.
12. No person shall allow any animal to swim in an area designated as a public swimming area or in any area so designated as being prohibited.

Section B – William H. Haithco Recreation Area Scuba Diving Rules

Scuba diving is permitted at the William H. Haithco Recreation area from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. All scuba divers must:

1. Have proof of certification from a recognized certification agency, sign a waiver/disclaimer and leave their certification cards & drivers license at the park office.
2. Dive with another certified diver (“diving buddy”).

3. Display and use the diver's flag in accordance with State law (a red flag with a white diagonal line going through it).
4. Dive in designated areas only. Divers cannot dive closer than 100 feet of the boating beach, harbor, docks, or the swimming area.

Section C – William H. Haithco Recreation Area Boating Rules (Private Boaters)

1. Sailboats, V-bottom boats, jon-boats and canoes that are 17 feet in length or less and meet Federal/State/U.S. Coast Guard safety standards are eligible for lake access. Inflatable devices or crafts of any kind are not eligible for lake access.
2. All boats must be either man-powered or wind-powered. A motorized or mechanized device that can propel the vessel will not be allowed on or in any vessel.
3. Boating hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.
4. An admission fee of \$1.00 per boat will be assessed in addition to the motor vehicle entrance fee.
5. All vessels and equipment must be transported manually from the parking lot or drop off area to the shoreline.
6. An adult 18 years or older must occupy the vessel when in operation.
7. All vessel occupants must wear proper U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices at all times.
8. The craft's load and capacity plate must be followed at any time the craft is on the water.
9. All vessels must maintain a distance of 100' from the docks, harbor, and swimming area.
10. All vessel occupants must remain in the vessel at all times (i.e. no water entries).

Section D – WH Haithco Recreation Area Windsurfing & Kiteboarding Rules

1. Windsurfing & kiteboarding hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.
2. During the summer season (Memorial Day – Labor Day), windsurfers and kiteboarders are required to check in at the park office and sign a waiver.
3. Windsurfers and kiteboarders are subject to the same \$1.00 admission fee as boats in addition to the motor vehicle entrance fee.
4. All equipment must be transported manually from the parking lot or drop off area to the WINDSURFING BEACH.
5. All vessels must maintain a distance of 100' from the docks, harbor, and swimming area.
6. All windsurfers and kiteboarders are required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD).

Section E – Rules for Boat Rentals (William H. Haithco Recreation Area and Imerman Memorial Park)

1. You must be 18 years old, sign a waiver/disclaimer, and leave a valid driver's license or acceptable identification card with park staff while on the boat,
*10 years or older accompanied by a parent/guardian at William H. Haithco Recreation Area.
*16 years or older accompanied by a parent/guardian at Imerman Memorial Park.
2. Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) must be worn at all times. Please remain seated at all times.
3. Rental hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All boats must be returned by 8:00 p.m. We reserve the right to limit when boats are rented due to weather conditions, special events, or other circumstances.
4. Fishing is not allowed on paddleboats. If you would like to fish, you must use a canoe or rowboat.

Section F – WH Haithco Recreation Area Splash Pad Rules

Open 11am-7:30pm, Memorial Day through Labor Day

This splash pad was designed for use by youth and families of all abilities. Please be considerate of other park patrons and abide by the following rules:

1. Children under 13 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 years or older
2. Swim suits or appropriate attire must be worn at all times. Water shoes/sandals are strongly recommended
3. Health Restrictions: Persons who have contagious disease, diarrhea, skin or eye irritations or infections, respiratory infections, open lesions, wounds or cuts are prohibited from using the splash pad. Drinking splash pad water, spitting or spouting water from the mouth is prohibited.
4. Children not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper.
5. The following items are strictly prohibited: Soaps, detergents or shampoos, glass containers, food and/or drinks, pool toys, inflatables, chairs, athletic equipment, water scooters, etc. Tobacco and marijuana products of any kind including vapes. Drugs and alcohol. All pets of any kind *(with the exception of service animals).
6. The following behavior is strictly prohibited: Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol; abusive language or profanity, rough play and running; pulling, hanging, or climbing on equipment or spray features.

Persons violating established rules & regulations shall be prohibited from using the W. H. Haithco Splash Pad and shall be removed from the facility.

Section G – Imerman Memorial Park Bark Park Rules

All persons entering the Bark Park do so at their own risk. Saginaw County shall not be liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog in the Bark Park.

1. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
2. The Bark Park is for dogs, their owners/handlers and those accompanying them. No other use is allowed.
3. Dogs may be off a leash only within the designated fenced area. Owners/ handlers must carry a leash while in the Bark Park.
4. No more than three dogs per person are permitted in the Bark Park.
5. Dogs that are in heat, ill or with internal and/or external parasites (fleas, ticks, worms) are not allowed in the Bark Park.
6. All dogs must have current rabies shots and have a current dog license tag displayed in ready view to enter the Bark Park.
7. Puppies under four months old are not permitted in the Bark Park.
8. Gates must be closed at all times.
9. Owners/handlers must remain at The Bark Park with their dog, clean up after the dog and monitor its behavior.
10. Owner/handler is responsible for all actions of dog while in the Bark Park.
11. If owners/handlers dog becomes aggressive it must be removed from the Bark Park immediately.
12. If your dog digs, please fill the hole.
13. Dogs and their owners/handlers who violate these rules are subject to removal from the Bark Park and possible suspension from Bark Park use.
14. **The County of Saginaw assumes no responsibility for owners/handlers and or their dog(s) injured in the Bark Park or on park amenities including but not limited to benches, picnic tables and agility obstacles.**



Section H - Imerman Memorial Park Tennis/Pickleball Court Etiquette

Tennis and pickleball are unique sports, one that is often played without supervision, referees or officials. As a tennis or pickleball player, it is important that you know and follow the rules and practice the courtesy of good sportsmanship and etiquette in the court. Please know and abide by the following rules which will ensure a better playing experience for all members.

1. Court usage is on a first come first serve basis. If tennis players are playing and you want to play pickleball you must courteously wait until they are finished and vice versa. Intimidating or otherwise chasing the other players off the court is not acceptable.
2. No picnic tables or other obstructions should be placed on the court.
3. No profanity, yelling or screaming at any time while on the court.
4. Show respect to all players at all times.
5. Please keep the courts clean by picking up all balls and throwing away any trash.
6. If you need to cross a court that is occupied to access yours, please only cross in between points.
7. Do not retrieve a ball from another court while their point is still in progress. Please wait until they finish their point.
8. No skateboards/scooters allowed. ONLY tennis and pickleball are played on the courts!
9. If you are around the tennis courts but not playing, please keep noises to an appropriate level and respect members who are playing.
10. Before starting play, ensure the court is free from hazards (extra balls, picnic tables, cans or other debris).
11. Always be safe. Do not participate in any behavior that would risk any injury to anyone else, such as throwing or hitting balls when not asked to, throwing racquets or any other object on or off the court.
12. Have fun! The entire objective of playing tennis and pickleball, aside from being good aerobic exercise, is to have fun. You can follow these rules of etiquette and still have a good time on the courts—the players on the adjacent courts will appreciate it.



Section I – Price Nature Center Campground Rules

1. Reservations start at 3:00 p.m. on the day of the reservation. The campground should be cleared by 11:00 a.m. the following day.
2. Groups of ten (10) or more persons may use certain designated camping areas within Commission property for the purpose of camping by making application and being granted a permit by the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Publicly recognized groups or organizations will be given preference in the scheduling of reservations.
3. Tents or “ground camping” is the only acceptable means of camping. RVs, motor homes, trailers, or sleeping in vehicles is not permitted.
4. Parking in designated areas only.
5. All fires must be made in the designated fire circles. No fires outside those circles and all fires must be put out before you leave. A limited amount of firewood will be provided.

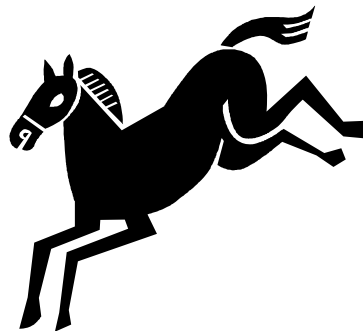
Section J – Hunting and Trapping Access from the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail

Hunters and trappers may use the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail to access property on which they have legal permission to hunt or trap provided they have a valid license to engage in such hunting or trapping activity. Guns, bows or other weapons must be disarmed while on the property. The use of motorized vehicles is not permitted.

Hunters may possess contraband as listed in Chapter IV, Section B if they have used the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail to access property as stipulated above, provided they have valid licenses allowing the taking of such game, all weapons are unarmed, and have obtained the game through legal means.

Section K – Horses on the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail

It shall be unlawful for any person to ride a horse in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to create a nuisance or to endanger the life, property or persons of others on any lands administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Horse riders must yield right of way to all other users of Commission property.



CHAPTER IX: ENFORCEMENT

Section A – Fines and Imprisonment

1. The operation of a vehicle on a recreational trailway at a time, in a place, or in a manner prohibited by these rules is a municipal civil infraction, subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00. MCL 46.364.
2. Any persons violating any provision of the foregoing rules except as provided shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$100.00 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding 90 days or both, for each offense. MCL 46.364

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