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**Natural Resources**

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# Guide to Safe and Sustainable Recreation on State Trust Lands

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# Guidelines for Recreating on DNR-managed Lands

**T**he Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sustainably manages 3 million acres of state trust lands to earn revenue for trust beneficiaries, such as K-12 public schools, universities, and county services. State trust lands also provide essential habitat for native wildlife and access for a wide range of recreation activities including camping, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, off-road vehicle riding, hunting, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, snowmobiling, and more.

DNR wants you to enjoy your visit to these lands and asks that you protect the lands and recreate safely.

**Know before you go.** Be aware of seasonal restrictions or closures. Trust lands are working forests, so watch out for heavy equipment and other traffic on forest roads.

## Keep pets on a leash.

Pets are allowed on DNR-managed lands, except in areas that are posted "closed to pets or animals to protect wildlife, sensitive natural systems, special cultural areas, or for other purposes." Pets accompanying horses and pack stock must be under voice control. Dispose of pet waste appropriately.



**Don't mix riding or boating with alcohol or drugs.**

**Pack out what you pack in.** Leave the area cleaner than when you arrived.





Watch out for heavy truck traffic on forest roads.  
Always yield to these vehicles.

Enjoy Your Visit!



## SHARE THE ROADS & TRAILS, AND BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS



- 1 Horses always have the right-of-way.
- 2 Hikers yield to horses.
- 3 Bicycles yield to hikers, horses.
- 4 Motorized traffic yields to all non-motorized traffic.
- 5 In general, downhill traffic yields to uphill traffic.



EVERYBODY  
YIELDS  
TO



BICYCLES  
YIELD  
TO



MOTORIZED  
TRAFFIC YIELDS  
TO



When a horse is nearby,  
dismount bike, and stand  
off the trail, downhill  
if possible.

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# Camping on DNR-managed State Trust Lands

## OBSERVE STAY LIMITS

Stay limits vary at each campground. If not posted at campground or on DNR's website, maximum stay is 10 days in a 30-day time period.

Unless posted, all campsites are first-come, first-served. Saving campsites is not allowed.

Dispersed camping may be allowed outside of developed recreation facilities. When camping outside of designated areas, locate your campsite at least **200 feet from streams** and other water resources, and camp on durable surfaces. Camping is not allowed in some areas, such as those posted as "day use only."



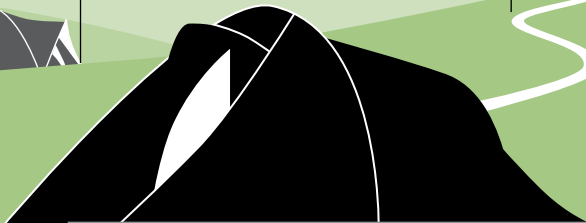
Quiet hours:  
After 10 p.m.  
and before  
7 a.m.

Campfires are permitted in approved fire pits only. Completely extinguish the fire before you leave.

MIN. 200 FT. TO STREAMS




APPROVED  
FIRE PITS ONLY



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Collect firewood only from dead and down material 12 inches or less in diameter at its largest point.

# Target Shooting on DNR-managed Lands

 Target shooting is allowed **ONLY** in areas with an unobstructed, earthen backstop that can safely stop all projectiles and debris. Some areas may be designated or posted as "no shooting."

**Pack out what you pack in.** Pack out all shells, brass, paper, and other debris.



No shooting within 500 feet of a recreation site or structure.



Unless otherwise posted, target shooting is not allowed 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.



No shooting from across, along, or down roads or trails.



Use paper targets only.

**SHOOT ONLY IN AREAS WITH UNOBSTRUCTED, EARTHEN BACKSTOP.**

# Non-Motorized Trail Use on DNR-managed Lands

DNR-managed lands provide opportunities for multi-use recreation activities. Some areas limit recreation use to specific activities and are posted.

**BE SAFE. ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET**



**Control your mountain bike.** Inattention for even a moment could put you and others at risk. Ride within your limits and abilities.

**Yield appropriately.** Let your fellow trail users know you're coming. Bicyclists must yield to other non-motorized trail users.

**YIELD**



**Know more about the dirt you're on.** Wet and muddy trails are more vulnerable to damage than dry trails.



**Leave no trace.** It is illegal to build trails without approval from DNR.



**All recreation activities must yield to horses and animals.** Downhill travel has right-of-way.



**Never scare wildlife.** Animals easily startle at sudden movement or loud noises. Give animals enough room and time to adjust to you.



# Motorized Trail Use on DNR-managed Lands



**NEVER RIDE WITH A CHILD IN FRONT OF THE DRIVER.**

Never ride an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) with a passenger unless the vehicle is certified for two riders.

**RIDE ONLY ON TRAILS DESIGNATED FOR YOUR TYPE OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLE**



**ATV TRAIL ONLY**

**Protect the environment and natural resources.** Stay on designated roads and trails.

**Tread lightly.** It is illegal to build trails without approval from DNR.



Working and approved spark arresters are required on all motorcycles and ATVs.

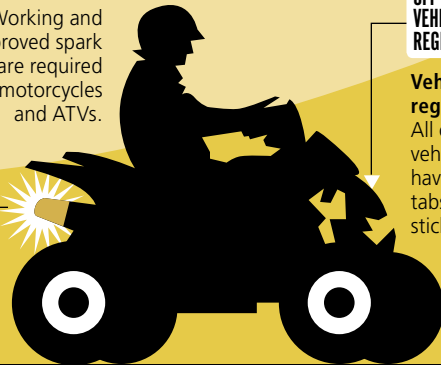


**Children under 13** may operate an off-road vehicle on a non-highway road designated for off-road vehicles if they are directly supervised by a person 18 years of age or older with a valid license.

**OFF-ROAD VEHICLE REGISTRATION**



**Vehicle registration.** All off-road vehicles must have current tabs and stickers.



Seatbelts are required for 4x4 use.



**DOT-approved helmets are required.** For extra safety, consider wearing a full-face helmet and other protective gear.

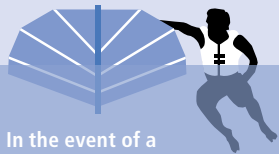
Inspect your gear before you ride.

Off-road vehicles must be registered in the state where the user resides.

# Water Sports on DNR-managed Lands



Always wear a fitted, Coast Guard-approved life vest or other personal flotation device (PFD).



In the event of a capsize, stay with your boat. Learn how to self-rescue in the event of a capsize; learn how to assist others.

Learn proper paddling techniques from a certified instructor.

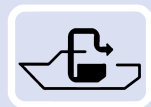


Hypothermia can happen—even in warm weather. Learn about cold water safety.

Be aware of the weather. Conditions can change quickly.

## Mooring Buoy

Check with DNR to see if your mooring buoy qualifies for free use in state-owned aquatic lands.



Keep our water clean. Use pumpouts provided at marinas.

## Mid-line Float System (Preferred)

Keeps the anchor line from dragging on the bottom, which can harm or kill marine vegetation.

HELIX ANCHOR SYSTEM

NOT TO SCALE



When fueling, take every precaution to avoid spilling fuel into water.



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Learn navigation and know the area where you are exploring.

**30-DAYS**

Boats may moor or anchor in the same area of state-owned aquatic lands for up to 30 days.



# Winter Recreation on DNR-managed Lands

**Respect designated areas,** trail use signs, and established ski tracks.



**Snowmobiles**  
**Be safe, wear a helmet.** Ride snowmobiles only when there is adequate snow cover. All snowmobiles must have current registration.

**Beware of the weather.** Conditions can change quickly.

**Yield the right-of-way to traffic.** Snowmobiles yield to skiers, snowshoers and those travelling uphill.



Carry a headlamp or flashlight and extra batteries.



**Always check on avalanche conditions before you go.** Consider carrying an emergency shelter and/or sleeping bag.



Carry a portable shovel and, in avalanche country, carry an avalanche beacon.



**Plan ahead:** Be self-sufficient. Carry necessary supplies and appropriate gear for changes in weather or other conditions.



Avoid close contact with wildlife. Minimize noise to keep from frightening animals.

Avoid damaging vegetation.

# Prevent Wildfires

Only dispose of lit smoking materials in ashtrays or cup of water, so that they will not ignite another source.



Burning of any material, except firewood, is prohibited.



**No fireworks.**  
Fireworks are not allowed on DNR-protected lands.

**AT DNR CAMPGROUNDS, USE APPROVED FIRE PITS ONLY**



**NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNATTENDED.**

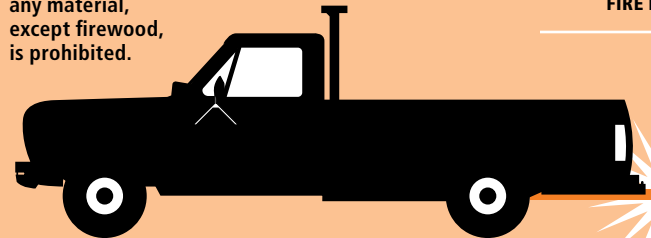
Keep a shovel and water close at hand when a campfire is burning. Use water to drown the campfire, and use a shovel to stir the coals to cool it down. Repeat as needed. **Completely extinguish the fire before you leave.**



**NO**



**YES**



**Never park vehicles, including recreational vehicles, on dry vegetation.**  
The exhaust system can get hot enough to start a fire.



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**TO REPORT A FIRE, PLEASE  
CALL 1-800-562-6010**

# More Information on Safe and Sustainable Recreation

## Recreation on DNR-managed lands: [dnr.wa.gov/recreation](http://dnr.wa.gov/recreation)

Find a DNR-managed campground. Find out about seasonal or emergency closures. Download trail maps and more.

## Interested in volunteering on DNR-managed lands?

[dnr.wa.gov/volunteer](http://dnr.wa.gov/volunteer)

Winter recreation requirements  
(Sno-Park Permits or Discover Pass):

[www.parks.wa.gov/winter](http://www.parks.wa.gov/winter)

Boating and boating safety:

[www.parks.wa.gov/boating](http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating)


Leave No Trace: [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)

Northwest Weather & Avalanche Center: [www.nwac.us/](http://www.nwac.us/)

Tread Lightly: [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)



Information on this brochure comes from a variety of sources, including DNR's revised recreation rules (WAC 332-52) and generally accepted best practices for outdoor recreation.

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▲ The Discover Pass is your ticket to millions of acres of Washington State parks, wildlife areas, trails, campgrounds, natural areas, and water-access sites. Revenues from the pass help keep state recreation lands open.

Purchase the pass where hunting & fishing licenses are sold or



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