

6100.0800 PUBLIC SAFETY; HUNTING; FIREARMS; WEAPONS.**Subpart 1. Restrictions.**

A. While in a state park, or while in or within 200 feet of a forest recreation area, except as provided in subpart 2 or by special permit from the commissioner, it is unlawful for a person to:

- (1) possess explosives or fireworks of any kind;
- (2) possess a firearm, unless the firearm is unloaded and completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose, which is fully enclosed by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, or unless unloaded and contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed;
- (3) possess a bow and arrows, unless either unstrung or completely contained in a case or contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed;
- (4) use or display any other type of weapon including slingshots, switchblade knives, traps, and spears; and
- (5) hunt, trap, or take wild animals in any manner except as authorized by the commissioner.

B. It is unlawful while hunting to pursue wildlife into a state park or to chase wildlife out of a state park without permission of a park officer.

Subp. 2. Exceptions.

A. When hunting, trapping, or taking wild animals is authorized in a state park, the restrictions in subpart 1 on firearms, bows and arrows, and traps are waived to the extent necessary to allow the authorized activity.

B. During the open seasons for hunting, a person may carry an unloaded, uncased firearm or bow and arrows from a forest recreation area to engage in hunting outside of the forest recreation area.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 24 SR 208]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 24 SR 208]

Subp. 5. **Hunting and shooting; forest lands.** Forest lands are open to hunting and to target, trap, and recreational shooting except where prohibited by law, posted or designated closed for management or public safety purposes, or otherwise restricted by this part.

Subp. 6. **Shooting ranges; forest lands.** Items A to G govern the use of designated shooting ranges on forest lands.

A. Shooting range hours are from sunrise to sunset, except that no shooting is allowed before 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.

- B. Shooting ranges are closed during the firearms deer season.
- C. Alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited on a shooting range.
- D. Firearms must be unloaded and cased unless on the firing line.
- E. Use of a firing point is limited to one hour when others are waiting.
- F. Shooting is permitted only from the designated firing points on ranges where they are provided.
- G. Targets permitted are:
 - (1) rifle or pistol - paper targets or steel silhouettes only. Paper targets must be attached to target holders where provided; and
 - (2) shotgun - clay targets only.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.045; 84.03; 85.052; 85.053; 85.20; 86A.05; 86A.06; 89.031; 89.19 to 89.21; 89.71*

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