03/08/90 [REVISOR ] PMM/MP AR1576 1 Department of Natural Resources 2 3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Public Use of State Parks and Other Recreational Areas 4 5 Rules as Adopted 6 7 6100.0100 STATUTORY AUTHORITY. Parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400 are authorized by Minnesota 8 Statutes, sections 84.03, 85.052, 89.031, and 89.21. 9 10 6100.0200 PURPOSE. The purpose of parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400 is to provide 11 12 for public enjoyment of the same in a way that will leave them unimpaired and minimize conflicts among users. 13 6100.0300 SCOPE. 14 15 Parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400 apply to state parks, recreational areas, historic sites, waysides, forest 16 campgrounds, and forest day use areas under the control of or 17 operated by the commissioner of natural resources. 18 Parts 6100.1910, 6100.1920, and 6100.2000 also apply to 19 20 posted state forest lands in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial 21 Hardwood State Forest which are under the control of, or 22 operated by, the commissioner of natural resources. Parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400 shall not apply to any person 23 lawfully engaged in the performance of his or her duties in the 24 management and administration of these areas including, but not 25 26 limited to, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner's agents, employees, those persons operating under 27 contract with the Department of Natural Resources, and law 28 29 enforcement officers. 6100.0400 PENALTY. 30 A person who violates any of parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400 31

32 is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to immediate removal from 33 the park, forest campground, forest day use area, or the Richard 34 J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest and to appropriate legal

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2 6100.0500 DEFINITIONS.

3 Subpart 1. Scope. For the purpose of parts 6100.0100 to 4 6100.2400, unless a different meaning is manifest from the 5 context, the terms defined in this part have the meanings given 6 them.

[For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R. 1989]
Subp. 5. Forest day use area. "Forest day use area" means
a designated area to be used for daytime activities such as
picnic areas, swimming beaches, boat accesses, and the like.

11 Subp. 5a. Forest officer. "Forest officer" means a 12 certified Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry 13 employee authorized by Minnesota Statutes and commissioner's 14 operational orders to enforce rules; and, for the purposes of 15 parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400, Minnesota state conservation 16 officers.

17 Subp. 5b. Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest. 18 "Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest" means all 19 posted state forest lands over which the commissioner of natural 20 resources has regulatory authority within the boundaries of the 21 state forest as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.021, 22 subdivision 33.

Subp. 5c. Highway. "Highway" means roads or highways as
defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 160.02.

25 Subp. 6. Intoxicating liquor. "Intoxicating liquor" means 26 intoxicating liquor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 27 340A.101.

[For text of subp 7, see M.R. 1989] 28 Park manager. "Park manager" means all managers Subp. 7a. 29 of state parks acting directly or through authorized employees. 30 Subp. 7b. Park officer. "Park officer" means all 31 certified Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks and 32 Recreation peace officers authorized by Minnesota Statutes and 33 commissioner's operational orders; and, for the purposes of 34 these rules, Minnesota state conservation officers. 35

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1 Subp. 7c. Recreational motor vehicle. "Recreational motor 2 vehicle" means a self-propelled vehicle or a vehicle propelled 3 or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle used for recreational 4 purposes, including, but not limited to, snowmobile, trail bike, 5 or other all-terrain vehicle, hovercraft, or motor vehicle 6 licensed for highway operation, which is being used for off-road 7 recreational purposes.

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[For text of subps 8 to 12, see M.R. 1989]

9 6100.0600 HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION.

Subpart 1. State parks. State parks will be open each day of the year from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except trails otherwise posted, and except during emergencies.

After 10:00 p.m. and until 8:00 a.m. the next day, no 13 14 person shall enter or remain in a state park unless as a registered overnight guest, except that during these hours, park 15 managers may, at their discretion, allow entrance for direct 16 17 access to specific locations within the park so that guests may engage in specific approved activities. Between the hours of 18 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., motor vehicle travel by registered 19 overnight guests shall be restricted to entering their 20 registered place of lodging, or exiting their lodging area for 21 22 specific locations, as above, or to leave the park.

23 Subp. 2. Forest campgrounds and forest day use areas. 24 Forest campgrounds and forest day use areas will be open each 25 day of the year unless otherwise posted.

26 In campgrounds where fees are charged, fees will be 27 collected as long as the facility is being maintained.

After 10:00 p.m. and until 8:00 a.m. the next day, no person shall enter or remain in a state forest campground unless as a member of a registered camping party.

31 Forest day use areas will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00
32 p.m.

33 6100.0700 PERSONAL CONDUCT AND PROHIBITIONS.

A person's conduct shall be as prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section 609.72.

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Without prior permission from the park manager or forest
 officer, no person shall make noise tending reasonably to arouse
 alarm or resentment of others by means of a public address
 system, radio, stereo, amplifier, or power equipment, or by any
 other means.

It is unlawful for any person in a state park to consume
intoxicating liquors, or to display in public intoxicating
liquor containers. Possession of 3.2 beer in a keg is unlawful
without written permission of the park manager.

No person shall engage in brawling or fighting, or use offensive, obscene, or abusive language, or engage in boisterous and noisy conduct tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

14 A person's possession and use of drugs shall be in 15 accordance with state laws.

16 6100.0800 PUBLIC SAFETY; HUNTING; FIREARMS; WEAPONS.

Subpart 1. Restrictions. While in a state park, or while within 200 feet of a shelter or motor vehicle in a forest campground, or forest day use area except as provided in subpart 3 or by special permit from the commissioner, it is unlawful for any person to:

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### A. possess explosives of any kind;

B. possess a firearm, including an air gun, unless the firearm is unloaded both in barrel and magazine 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;

29 C. possess a bow and arrows, unless either unstrung 30 or completely contained in a case or contained in the trunk of a 31 car with the trunk door closed;

D. use or display any other type of weapon including but not limited to slingshots, switchblade knives, traps, and spears; and

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E. hunt, trap, or in any manner take wild animals

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1 except as authorized by the commissioner.

Subp. 2. Waiver of restrictions. When hunting, trapping, 2 or taking wild animals is authorized in a state park, the 3 restrictions in subpart 1 on firearms, bows and arrows, and 4 5 traps are waived to the extent necessary to allow the authorized activity. However, it is unlawful at any time to construct, 6 occupy, or use any elevated scaffold or other elevated device 7 for the purpose of hunting, watching for, or killing big game, 8 except that portable tree stands may be used for this purpose 9 provided they are removed each day at the close of hunting hours 10 and do no permanent damage to trees in which they are placed. 11

12 Subp. 3. Exception. During the official open seasons for 13 hunting, a person may carry an unloaded, uncased firearm or bow 14 and arrows from a forest campground or day use area to engage in 15 hunting outside of the state forest campground or forest day use 16 area.

17 Subp. 4. Restriction on pursuit of wildlife. It is 18 unlawful while hunting to pursue wildlife into or-within a state 19 park or to chase wildlife out of a state park without permission 20 of a park officer.

21 6100.0900 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Subpart 1. Generally. The environment is for the 22 enjoyment of all. No person shall disturb, destroy, injure, 23 damage, deface, molest, or remove any state property, including, 24 but not limited to, wildflowers or vegetation of any kind dead 25 or alive, ruins, wild animals; geological formations, historical 26 or archaeological artifacts or sites; historic structures; 27 signs, or facilities, except edible fruit, mushrooms, and wild 28 animals legally taken, and vegetation unavoidably damaged or 29 destroyed by the ordinary uses of these areas as specifically 30 permitted by parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400. Collections for 31 scientific and educational purposes may be made only with the 32 written permission of the commissioner. It is unlawful to 33 damage vegetation or damage and deface rock formations with 34 35 rock-climbing equipment.

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Subp. 2. State parks. Within a state park, any
 collecting, harvesting, or taking of any tangible object for
 resale or commercial use is prohibited, except by written
 permission of the commissioner.

5 Collection of firewood in state parks, except where6 expressly permitted, is prohibited.

7 Within posted restrictions, rock specimens and fossils may 8 be collected at Hill Annex Mine State Park for noncommercial use. 9 Harvesting wild rice on bodies of water totally enclosed 10 within a state park boundary is prohibited except by written 11 permission of the commissioner.

12 Collecting watercress and ginseng or possessing such plants
13 in a fresh state in state parks is prohibited.

Except for scientific research conducted under special permit from the commissioner and with a state archaeological license, the use of metal detectors in state parks is permitted only for locating specifically identified items of lost personal property. Metal detectors may not be used in any instances without prior written permission from the park manager and under the supervision of the park manager.

Subp. 3. State forest campgrounds and forest day use areas. Within state forest campgrounds and forest day use areas, wood that is dead and lying on the ground may be used to build fires, as long as it is used within the area and not removed.

26 6100.1000 FIRES AND REFUSE.

Prohibition and permitted uses. It is unlawful 27 Subpart 1. to build or maintain a fire except in a fireplace or a fire ring 28 provided for that purpose. However, portable gas- or 29 30 liquid-fueled camp stoves or charcoal burners may be used within a camping or day use area if such use does not create a hazard 31 or danger to the area or to others. It is unlawful to disobey a 32 park officer or forest officer when ordered to extinguish a fire 33 in any location at any time. 34

35 Subp. 2. Fire bans. The commissioner may limit or ban

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fires by declaring that a forest fire emergency exists. The
 declaration will be posted conspicuously at the entrance of the
 area affected.

Subp. 3. Firewood. If firewood is provided at no charge,
the removal of the firewood from the state park, state forest
campground, or forest day use area is prohibited.

Subp. 4. Refuse. It is unlawful to place refuse anywhere except in receptacles provided. If no receptacle is available, the refuse shall be removed from the state park, forest campground, or forest day use area. It is unlawful to place refuse generated outside the state park, forest campground, or forest day use area into the receptacles.

13 [For text of subp 5, see M.R. 1989] 14 Subp. 6. Hot coal disposal. The disposal of hot coals or 15 ashes anywhere within state parks, except in special containers 16 for that purpose or other sites approved by the park manager, is 17 prohibited.

18 6100.1100 PETS.

Although pets are permitted, no person shall allow any dog, 19 cat, or other pet animal except hearing or seeing eye dogs, to 20 enter any building or beach; or permit any dog, cat, or other 21 pet animal to be unrestrained. Pet animals shall be personally 22 attended at all times and shall be effectively restrained by a 23 portable enclosure or by a leash not exceeding six feet in 24 length, and the animals shall not disrupt other persons or 25 deprive them from using any area. 26

Pet waste deposited in mowed or maintained areas must be immediately cleaned up by the pet owner or caretaker and deposited in an appropriate waste container. Horse waste must be removed, by the owner or custodian, from all areas except designated horse trails.

32 Pets and horses are prohibited on ski trails during the 33 winter skiing season.

34 6100.1200 PICNICKING.

35 Picnicking is permitted only in areas designated for

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#### 03/08/90 [REVISOR ] PMM/MP AR1576 1 picnicking. No person or group of persons shall unreasonably 2 exclude others from a picnic area or shelter, except when the shelter has been reserved with consent of the park manager or 3 forest officer. 4 6100.1300 CAMPING AREAS. 5 Subpart 1. State parks. The following camping 6 7 restrictions apply in state parks: A campsite's occupancy is limited to: 8 Α. 9 (1) one camping group of six people or less using; 10 11 (2) one camping shelter; (3) one vehicle; and 12 (4) additional shelters, persons, or vehicles 13 14 only with prior approval of the park manager. 15 Camping is permitted only at assigned sites in Β. designated camping areas or in watercraft within the 16 restrictions described in item A. 17 18 A person, other than a campground host, may not c. 19 camp in the same state park for more than 14 days in succession, provided, however, that the park manager may allow camping for 20 additional days when use conditions warrant. 21 22 D. Each camping party must register. Registration 23 must be in person and is as follows: (1) A responsible person of a camping party shall 24 25 register for the group, giving the number in the group. Names of all persons in the party are required when requested by the 26 27 park manager. 28 (2) The rental period must begin with the day of registration, and all fees must be paid in full at the time of 29 The registration may be canceled if the site is 30 registration. not personally occupied the first night. The park manager may, 31 upon order, remove or have removed any camping equipment placed 32 33 on a campsite by an unregistered party, or any equipment on a site which has been forfeited by failure to occupy the site on 34 the first night of registration. 35

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1 (3) Camping permits shall expire at 4:00 p.m. On 2 departure, the campsite shall be left in a neat and clean condition. 3 4 (4) Campers occupying a campsite must re-register by 11:00 a.m. to hold the campsite for that night. 5 6 Ε. Power units including those used to generate 7 electricity for camping units, shall not be operated between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., nor at other hours of the day 8 9 if such operation causes a disturbance for other visitors. 10 Subp. 2. Forest campgrounds and forest day use areas. 11 Α. A camping fee per campsite per night shall be 12 collected in certain forest campgrounds. The determination of camping fees shall be based upon the nature and cost of 13 14 facilities provided. Campers must pay the camping fee immediately upon occupying a campsite. 15 16 в. Camping outside of designated campsites is prohibited. 17 18 Each camping party must register in fee camping c. areas. 19 A responsible person of a camping party shall register for the group giving the number in the party. 20 21 D. Camping shall be limited to a total period of 14 days in any one forest campground during the period from the 22 23 first Saturday in May through the second Sunday in September, provided, however, that camping for longer periods may be 24 25 allowed at the discretion of the forest officer of any forest 26 campground when conditions or nonuse so warrant. 27 Ε. At all fee camping areas the campsite must be 28 occupied by a member of the party on the first night of the 29 permit. Camping permits in fee campgrounds shall expire at 30 F. 31 4:00 p.m. 32 Setting up camp between the hours of 10:00 p.m. G. and 8:00 a.m. is prohibited. 33 34 н. Any group desiring to occupy more than six 35 campsites must obtain prior approval from the forest officer. 36 I. Only one individual or group shall occupy a single

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campsite. A group cannot exceed eight people unless camping at
 a posted designated group camping site. Additional fees will be
 charged for the use of these sites.

J. A maximum of two motor vehicles per campsite is permitted except that no more than one motor vehicle may be a motorized camper.

7 K. The maximum number of camping shelters permitted 8 per campsite is two, however, no more than one of the camping 9 shelters may be a camping trailer or motorized camper. More 10 than two shelters are permitted at posted designated group sites.

11 L. Disposal of liquid waste from a camping trailer or 12 motorized camper must be in accordance with chapter 4630.

M. Moving or removing picnic tables, fire-rings, or other facilities from a campsite, day use area, or the campground is prohibited.

16 Subp. 3. Other prohibitions. It is unlawful for a person 17 to install or affix in a permanent manner any camping facility, 18 equipment, or structure.

19 The placement of tent stakes or anchors in the ground for 20 the erection of tents is permitted. Digging or excavating is 21 prohibited.

A watercraft used for shelter or sleeping which is tied on water frontage of a state park, state forest campground, or forest day use area, or is anchored in waters which are completely within the boundary of a state park, constitutes camping and is subject to parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400.

In camping areas, the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. are designated quiet hours and it is unlawful to make noise at a level above that of a quiet conversation.

30 6100.1400 BOATING.

Boating conforming to Minnesota laws and rules is permitted on waters within or adjacent to state parks, forest campgrounds, and forest day use areas except that:

A. no one shall operate a boat, watercraft, or motor on any body of water or portion of any body of water

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1 specifically posted prohibiting that use;

B. no one shall moor a boat on any beach or area
specifically posted prohibiting that use; and

C. on any lake entirely within a state park, no person shall water-ski or operate a motorized watercraft in excess of ten miles per hour, unless the lake is otherwise designated and posted.

8 6100.1500 FISHING.

9 Fishing for fish only, is permitted when conforming to 10 Minnesota laws and rules in the waters within and adjacent to 11 state parks, forest campgrounds, and forest day use areas. When 12 spear fishing or bow and arrow fishing is permitted, the 13 restriction on spears or bows and arrows is waived to the extent 14 necessary to allow the activity.

15 If a fish-cleaning facility is provided, no person shall 16 clean fish and dispose of the remains except at that facility. 17 In state parks, where a fish cleaning facility is not provided, 18 fish cleaning shall take place only in areas or sites approved 19 by the park manager.

20 6100.1600 SWIMMING IN STATE PARKS.

Activities in and upon the beaches and swimming areas shall be under the direction of the lifeguard, if one is present. It is unlawful to swim in or enter any body of water or

24 area where prohibited.

25 It is unlawful in any area where swimming is not 26 prohibited, including designated beaches, to:

A. allow any dog or other pet to enter the water with swimmers;

B. while in the water, use air mattresses, inner tubes, and other flotation devices not approved by the Coast Guard, except when an area is specifically designated for that use;

C. enter the water before sunrise or after sunset;
D. engage in any activity which is hazardous and
could cause injury to others; or

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E. use any soap, detergent, or shampoo. In addition to items A to E, it is unlawful on designated beaches to possess glass containers; enter with any boat, canoe, or raft; fish; or change clothes except in a facility designated for that use, where a facility is provided.

6 6100.1700 STATE PARK MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS.

7 Vehicles entering state parks shall be in accordance with
8 motor vehicle permit requirements as stated in Minnesota
9 Statutes, section 85.053, subdivision 2.

10 The permit shall be completely affixed by its own adhesive 11 to the lower right-hand corner of the windshield, and may not be 12 transferred to another vehicle.

13 6100.1710 GROUP DAILY VEHICLE PERMITS.

14 State park managers have authority to issue special group 15 daily vehicle permits to groups consisting of ten vehicles or more at a rate of \$1.50 per vehicle. The permit will be issued 16 by the park manager for one day of use between 8:00 a.m. and 17 10:00 p.m. The group daily vehicle permit will only be sold for 18 days when the park manager determines that use in the particular 19 park is normally minimal, such as weekdays, weekends in some 20 parks, or off-season weekends. 21

22 6100.1800 MOTOR VEHICLE USE; STORAGE, AND ABANDONMENT OF BOATS,23 TRAILERS, FISH HOUSES, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R. 1989] 24 Designated roads. The motor vehicle may be 25 Subp. 2. operated only on designated roads and parking areas, and shall 26 be properly parked in designated parking areas or parking spurs 27 28 only. It may not be driven on roads which are posted, chained, or gated prohibiting motor vehicles. Parking in any area not 29 designated as a parking area is prohibited and subjects the 30 vehicle to being towed at the owner's expense. 31

32 Subp. 3. Speed limit; recklessness. The motor vehicle 33 shall not be operated in excess of posted speeds or in a 34 reckless, careless, or exhibitive manner. No person shall

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operate any vehicle in such a manner as to create unnecessary
 engine noise, tire squeals, skidding, or sliding.

3 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169, governing motor vehicle
4 use on public roads is incorporated by reference to apply to all
5 roads within state parks.

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Subp. 4. Storage and abandonment.

A. No person shall leave standing, whether attended or unattended, a motor vehicle, trailer, boat, fish house, or any other equipment or material in any manner so as to block, obstruct, or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway, water access, parking area, or winter sport facility.

No vehicle, trailer, boat, fish house, or any 12 в. other equipment or material may be stored, abandoned, or parked 13 overnight. This does not apply, however, to overnight parking 14 for the appropriate use of campsites or to fish houses on lakes 15 where overnight use is permitted, or to the temporary storage of 16 such items by a person who remains in the immediate vicinity 17 during normal operating hours. In state parks, for certain 18 approved activities, overnight parking or storage of equipment 19 by persons not remaining in the immediate vicinity may be 20 allowed with prior approval of the park manager. 21 In state forest campgrounds and forest day use areas, overnight parking 22 is permitted in designated parking lots. 23

C. Any vehicle, trailer, boat, or any other equipment or material except fish houses located on the ice surface of a body of water, left for a period longer than 30 days shall be deemed abandoned and shall be transferred to the custody of the commissioner of administration for disposal pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.25.

30 6100.1910 SNOWMOBILES AND RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES IN STATE 31 FOREST CAMPGROUNDS AND FOREST DAY USE AREAS.

No person shall operate a snowmobile or recreational motor wehicle in any state forest campground or forest day use area unless on a trail or road posted and designated for that use.

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1 J. DORER MEMORIAL HARDWOOD STATE FOREST.

No person shall operate a snowmobile or recreational motor vehicle on state forest lands within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest unless on trails, roads, and areas posted and designated for such use.

6 6100.2000 NONMOTORIZED USE.

7 Subpart 1. On foot, ski, or snowshoe. People on foot, 8 ski, or snowshoe may go anywhere that is not posted otherwise, 9 or is not further limited by stipulations in subparts 2 to 6. 10 Subp. 2. Horses. No person shall ride, lead, or have a 11 horse except upon trails and areas designated for use by horses. Horses are prohibited from using state forest 12 13 campgrounds unless the area has been specifically designated for use by horses or a special use permit from a forest officer has 14 15 been obtained.

16 Subp. 3. Bicycles. People riding bicycles may travel only 17 on designated bike trails, or where motor vehicles are allowed 18 except in areas posted to prohibit such use.

Subp. 4. Restricted sensitive areas. Hikers, skiers, and snowshoers shall not knowingly enter deer yards or other sensitive restricted areas.

22 Subp. 5. Ski trails. On groomed and tracked ski trails, 23 activities which tend to damage the track or interfere with and 24 disrupt use by skiers are prohibited.

Subp. 6. Dogsledding. Dogsledding is permitted in state parks only on trails designated for such use, or as approved by the park manager. Any other dogsledding use is prohibited.

No person in a state park, forest campground, or forest day use area, shall bicycle, ski, or ride a horse in a reckless or careless manner, at an unreasonable or out of control speed, or in any way that unnecessarily endangers oneself or other users.

32 6100.2100 RESTRICTED AREAS.

33 It is unlawful to enter by any means a restricted area34 which has been posted to prohibit entrance.

35 It is unlawful for any person to use a state park facility

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that requires a special use permit or a fee, without first
 obtaining a permit or paying the fee.

3 6100.2200 AIRCRAFT.

It is unlawful for any person to land any aircraft on lands or waters totally within the boundaries of any state park except by permit, or on a designated airport, or landing strip, or in making an emergency landing, conducting rescue operations, or in conducting or assisting in official business of the United States of America, the state of Minnesota, or the county in which the park is located.

11 6100.2300 PROTECTION FROM PEDDLING AND SOLICITING.

12 It is unlawful for any person to engage in or solicit 13 business of any nature whatsoever from visitors, or to post 14 signs, handbills, or advertisements, except for authorized 15 concessions, without the prior written consent of the park 16 manager or forest officer.

17 6100.2400 SUSPENSION OF RULES.

In situations of emergency or in the case of authorized special events, the commissioner may provide temporary exceptions to the general rules for a specific state park, forest campground, or forest day use area by posting notice of the exception at the unit.