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09-137 CMR CH 5 § 5.03

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09-137 CMR CH 5 § 5.03 Shooting Ranges

A. Hours of Operation

The commissioner may set hours when a shooting range is open for public use. These hours shall be posted prominently at the entrance to each shooting range.

B. Range Safety Officers

The commissioner may designate range safety officers to monitor public use of shooting ranges. Users of shooting ranges must comply with the directions of Department authorized range safety officers.

C. Targets

On rifle and pistol ranges, the only allowable targets are paper targets attached to approved target frames, and steel targets. On shotgun ranges, only clay targets may be used. Explosive targets are prohibited on all Department shooting ranges.

D. Loaded Firearms

The possession of a loaded firearm or the discharge of a firearm from any location other than an established shooting station is prohibited. Exception: Holstered lawfully carried pistols are allowed to be loaded on the range outside of an established shooting station.

E. Ammunition

The use or possession of armor piercing, incendiary, explosive, tracer, or steel core ammunition is prohibited.

F. Intoxicating beverages and controlled substances

The use or possession of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances is prohibited.

G. Certain calibers

The use or possession of any firearm chambered in .50 BMG is prohibited.

H. (Not in use)

I. Litter

Depositing litter or refuse is prohibited except in approved refuse containers.

J. Minimum Age



Persons under 16 years of age may not use shooting ranges unless accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older.

K. Prohibited Activities

The following are prohibited on shooting range facilities: bicycles, fireworks, model airplanes, kites, drones, golfing, and pets.

L. Exception for approved training events

The provisions of this section do not apply to training events authorized by the Department.

94-293 CMR CH 1 § 5 Vehicles and Transportation

5.1 No vehicle over nine (9) feet high, seven (7) feet wide, or 22 feet long for a single vehicle or 44 feet long for combined units may enter the Park. Oversize units may be authorized to use the Park road system by special use permit, subject to conditions set by the Director. The Director may restrict the use of vehicles by persons without camping reservations.

5.2 Within each campground or picnic area, all vehicles must park in designated areas. A maximum of two vehicles may park at each campsite for which parking space is provided. No vehicle may park on the traveled portion of any Park road, or obstruct a designated parking space.

5.3 All vehicles must display an entrance permit while in the Park. Vehicles parked overnight without an entrance permit displayed or with an invalid permit may be towed away at the owner's expense.

5.4 The operation of Motorized trail bikes, and ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) is prohibited within the Park except as specified in 5.7 below. The operation of Motorcycles is prohibited beyond Togue and Matagamon gatehouses within the Park. Unless further restricted for safety reasons, bicycle use within the Park shall be restricted to maintained roads and the Dwelley Pond Trail. Bicycle use is allowed on the Abol Stream Trail December 1 to April 1.

5.5 Take-off and landing of aircraft in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon, Nesowadnehunk, and Webster Lakes. Persons landing aircraft on permitted waters in the Park must register with Park Headquarters or a gatehouse in advance. "Aircraft" is defined to include any machine or device capable of deriving support in the atmosphere from the reactions of the air, including, but not limited to model craft, hot air balloons, hang gliders, para-sails, para-gliders and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). The possession or use of a UAV within the Park boundaries is prohibited. UAVs may be transported through the Park if kept in a car trunk, enclosed in a case, or otherwise inaccessible to use.

5.6 All boats and canoes left in the Park and not registered with Park Headquarters will be disposed of as abandoned property. The use of motor boats or outboard motors in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon, Nesowadnehunk, and Webster Lakes. Outboard motors of ten (10) horsepower or less are permitted on Upper and Lower Togue Ponds.



5.7 Snowmobiles and ATVs (all terrain vehicles) may be used on (the frozen surface of) Matagamon, Nesowadnehunk, Webster Lakes, and Lower Togue Pond. Snowmobiles may be used on the following road or trail segments within Baxter State Park:

5.7A. The Park Tote Road between the southern Park boundary at so-called Caribou Pit and the Park boundary just south of Matagamon Landing;

5.7B. The so-called Logan Pond Road along the north shore of Lower Togue Pond;

5.7C. The spur road between the Park Tote Road and Camp Phoenix; and

5.7D. The existing trail along the East Branch of the Penobscot River from Second Lake Matagamon to the northern boundary of the Park.

Unauthorized use of snowmobiles in any other portion of the Park is prohibited. Operators of snowmobiles must comply with all requirements of State Law.

94-335 CMR CH 1 § 1 Regulations for Administration and Public Use of Wells Reserve

(A) Reserve regulations are superseded by US Fish and Wildlife Service regulations on the property of the Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge and the submerged lands of the Bureau of Parks and Lands at the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry.

(B) Any use of the Reserve and its facilities may be suspended by the Wells Reserve's Executive Director without advance notice.

(C) DEFINITIONS

(1) "Authorized Official" means any federal, state, or local official empowered to enforce provisions of these regulations.

(2) "Daylight Hours" means the hours between 7 a.m. and Sunset.

(3) "Group" means any assemblage of people larger than nine people.

(4) "Laudholm Property" describes approximately 400 acres of land and the buildings within the northern section of Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve and bounded by the Little and Merriland Rivers and Drakes Island Road. This area, containing the Wells Reserve visitor center, parking lot, and developed trails, comprises the primary contact point for Wells Reserve visitors. The Laudholm Property is part of a State of Maine-designated "Wildlife Sanctuary" (see §1-C-8 below).

(5) "Laudholm Trust" is a 501(c) (3) public charitable trust whose purpose is to support the programs, facilities, and land of the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve.

(6) "Wells Reserve" means the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve.

(7) "Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve" means all buildings, lands, waters, and interests administered as part of the Wells Reserve. These areas include land owned by the Town of Wells, the State of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry/Bureau of Parks and Lands, the Authority, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service included



within the boundaries of the Reserve as agreed in various memoranda of understanding.

(8) "Wildlife Sanctuary" means specific lands designated by the State of Maine to protect animals and plants as outlined in Maine law 12 M.R.S. §§ 12701, 12706, 12707.

(9) "Public Access Points" includes the public parking lot on Skinner Mill Road, the Service Entrance on Laudholm Farm Road; and the trailheads on Skinner Mill Road, Laudholm Farm Road, and Drakes Island Road.

(D) PUBLIC ENTRY AND ACCESS

(1) The primary use of the Wells Reserve shall be for research and education by scientists, educators, the public, and school children.

(2) Recreational uses, including but not limited to sightseeing, nature observation and photography, fishing, swimming, boating, and picnicking, are permitted subject to State and Federal laws and Municipal Ordinances.

(3) No person shall trespass, including but not limited to entering, occupying, using, or being in the Wells Reserve except as specifically authorized in these regulations.

(a) Pedestrian access is limited to daylight hours and established trails. Entrance fees will be assessed as described in § 1. I (1).

(b) Vehicular access to the Wells Reserve is restricted to the parking lot at Laudholm Property during daylight hours. Entrance fees will be assessed as described in 1. I (1).

(4) Hours or areas of entry may be modified by special permit by the Executive Director.

(E) PUBLIC NOTICE

(1) Whenever public access, use, or activity previously permitted is curtailed, the Public may be notified by any of the following methods:

(a) official signs posted conspicuously at appropriate intervals;

(b) special regulations posted and available in the Reserve's Visitor Center

(c) maps available in the Reserve's Visitor Center;

(d) other appropriate methods which give the public actual or constructive notice of permitted or curtailed public access, use, or activity.

(F) PERMITS

(1) Permits required by these regulations can be obtained at the administrative office in the Reserve's Visitor Center.

(a) Any person in the Wells Reserve shall, upon request of any authorized official, exhibit the required federal, state, local, or Reserve permit or license authorizing their presence and activity on the area and shall furnish such other information for identification purposes as may be requested.

(b) The following activities require permits:

(i) Use of the Reserve for any scientific research, including sampling and collecting of specimens and the use of scientific instruments.

(ii) Deer hunting on the Laudholm Property, which is a State of Maine-designated Wildlife Sanctuary.



- (2) The Executive Director may issue special permits to allow use of special access not normally allowed.
- (3) A permit may be terminated or revoked at any time for:
 - (a) non-compliance with the terms thereof or of these regulations;
 - (b) non-use
 - (c) violation of any law, regulation, or order applicable to the Wells Reserve or to protect public health or safety or the resources of the Wells Reserve.

(G) PROHIBITED ACTS AND RESTRICTIONS

- (1) Taking or introducing natural objects, harassing wildlife, starting fires, walking off designated trails, bike riding on trails, littering, camping
 - (a) No person may remove any animal, plant, rock, mineral, or other natural object from within the Wells Reserve with the following exceptions:
 - (i) Shellfish and game fish may be taken by persons duly licensed and permitted by the appropriate federal, state, or local agency in specially designated areas.
 - (ii) Collecting for the purpose of management related research may be done by permit from the Executive Director.
 - (b) No person shall camp overnight within the Wells Reserve.
 - (c) No plant or animal or their parts may be introduced or released into the Wells Reserve except native species under special permit from the Executive Director.
 - (d) No person shall light or maintain fires within the Wells Reserve.
 - (e) No person shall harass or disturb wildlife within the Wells Reserve.
 - (f) No person shall litter within the Wells Reserve.
 - (g) No person shall ride a bike on the walking trails of the Wells Reserve.
 - (h) All persons shall remain on the designated trails of the Reserve.
 - (i) No person shall operate Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (“drones”) or other remote-controlled air, water, and terrestrial craft within the Wells Reserve.
 - (j) No person shall release helium-filled balloons within the Wells Reserve.
 - (k) No person shall Open Carry firearms within the Wells Reserve.

(2) Vehicles

- (a) Travel or use of any vehicle, including but not limited to automobiles, off-road vehicles, golf carts, motorcycles, bicycles, and mopeds shall be limited to access roads and parking areas.
- (b) Vehicles shall be parked only in places designated for that purpose.
- (c) Stopping, parking, or leaving any vehicle so as to obstruct the free movement of other vehicles or persons is prohibited, except in the event of accident or other condition beyond the control of the operator.
- (f) All persons shall obey the lawful order or signal of any authorized official directing, controlling, or regulating the movement of traffic.

(3) Pets

With the exception of service animals, domestic pets are prohibited from the Wells Reserve.

(4) Smoking



(a) Smoking and other tobacco products, vaping, and electronic cigarettes are prohibited throughout the Wells Reserve except at one designated location in the public parking lot.

(H) OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

(1) Violation of these regulations is a Class E Crime.

(2) Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to relieve a person from the obligation to comply with any other applicable requirements imposed by a local ordinance or by a statute or regulation of the State of Maine or of the United States.

(I) FEES

(1) A seasonal entrance fee is charged at all public access points beginning on the Saturday directly before Memorial Day through Columbus Day. Dues-paying members of Laudholm Trust are admitted free of charge.

(2) The entrance fee is reviewed, established, and approved before the start of the calendar year by the Authority. A schedule of fees is available at the administrative offices of the Reserve

