



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:31-15-05 Public hunting areas; general provisions.

Effective: February 1, 2024

(A) No hunting, no trapping, no trespassing, and safety zones.

On any public hunting area, unless otherwise authorized by the chief of the division of wildlife or their designee, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

- (1) Hunt within any area posted with signs or buoys indicating no hunting or safety zone;
- (2) Trap within any area posted with signs or buoys indicating no trapping;
- (3) Enter into or trespass at any time within any land or water of any public hunting area posted with signs or buoys indicating no trespassing, trespassing unlawful, controlled access area, controlled hunting area, restricted area, refuge, or any other signs that indicate that a permit is required for entry;
- (4) Violate the provisions of any permit or written authorization to access, hunt, or trap in an area restricted under this section;
- (5) Train, work or exercise a dog, or permit a dog to run at large, within any area posted with signs or buoys indicating no hunting;
- (6) Hunt or shoot from a parking area, boat ramp, dock, observation deck, or boardwalk.

(B) State parks designated as public hunting areas.

(1) Hunting and trapping are allowed in the public hunting areas administered by the division of parks and watercraft when done in accordance with the Revised Code and the Administrative Code. Provided further, it is lawful to hunt game birds, game quadrupeds and furbearing animals, and trap furbearing animals in these areas when done in accordance with the official hunting maps for the



parks listed. Official hunting maps indicate those areas of the park open and closed to hunting and trapping, and any restrictions on hunting or trapping in those areas. The official copies of the maps are filed with the chief of the division of parks and watercraft. At least thirty days prior to the effective date copies of the maps are posted in accordance with the administrative code and filed at the respective parks and watercraft area headquarters office.

(2) Unless otherwise authorized by the chief of the division of wildlife or their designee, it shall be unlawful to:

(a) Hunt or trap in any way that is contrary to the official hunting map for a public hunting area administered by the division of parks and watercraft;

(b) Take, kill, or harass a wild animal in any state park at any time except during the open season.

(C) All definitions set forth in section 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code apply to this rule.