

RULES AND REGULATIONS FUMEE LAKE NATURAL AREA

Unless required by law or any other legal instrument, the following activities are not permitted within the Fumee Lake Natural Area:

1. To introduce any plant or animal life.
2. To place, leave or discard any man-made objects within the area.
3. To introduce, bring or use any pesticides, herbicides or chemicals within the area with the exception of bug spray intended for personal application.
4. To ski, walk, snowshoe or traverse the surface of Big Fumee Lake after ice has formed.
5. To use the Fumee Lake Natural Area for business or commercial purposes unless otherwise authorized by the Fumee Lake Commission.
6. To advertise to the general public any event to be held at the Fumee Lake Natural Area without the permission of the Commission.
7. To clear any area or develop any facilities without County Board approval.
8. To operate a self propelled bicycle or other device on other than established roads, trails or parking lots.

POLICIES FOR THE FUMEE LAKE NATURAL AREA CONCERNING BOATING, HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING

PREFACE: The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has advised Dickinson County that it is without authority to regulate hunting, trapping, fishing and boating within the Fumee Lake Natural Area by way of the adoption of an ordinance. Inasmuch as Dickinson County has certain property and riparian rights by virtue of its ownership of all of the lands surrounding Little Fumee and Big Fumee Lakes (Michigan Attorney General opinion #6786), the Fumee Lake Commission hereby adopts the following policies as they relate to the County's property and riparian rights:

1. Boating: Non-motorized watercraft may only be used on Big Fumee Lake and Little Fumee Lake (but not on adjacent wetlands) subject to the following restrictions:
 1. Access is only permitted through the use of the public parking lot on the east end of the Fumee Lake Natural Area.
 2. Boaters must use the one established portage point between Big Fumee and Little Fumee Lakes.
 3. Boating shall only be permitted from July 1st to September 30th.
2. Hunting and Trapping: No hunting or trapping of any kind is permitted in the Natural Area with the exception that hunting is permitted within the designated hunting zone which includes all land located 500 feet north of the centerline of the abandoned railroad grade located on the north side of Fumee Lake.
3. Fishing: County ordinance prohibits access for the purpose of fishing.

Any person violating any of the Commission's policies concerning boating, hunting, fishing and trapping shall be guilty of trespass and shall be subject to the laws of the State of Michigan as applicable in such situations.

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