

**CHAPTER 6218**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**PUBLIC WATER ACCESS**

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Subpart 1. **Parking restrictions.** Vehicles must be parked only in designated parking areas and may not obstruct any avenue of ingress or egress to the site or launch area, except when loading and unloading watercraft or other equipment.

Subp. 2. **Taking of wildlife prohibited.** A person may not take any wildlife species, except fish by angling, on a public water access site.

Subp. 3. **Restrictions on possession of firearms, bows and arrows, and other weapons.** A person may not possess loaded firearms within a public water access site or use any firearm, bow and arrow, air rifle, slingshot, or other missile propelling weapon.

Subp. 4. **Plants at public water access sites protected.** A person may not remove, destroy, or damage any vegetation from a public water access site, except as posted or permitted.

Subp. 5. **Livestock prohibited.** A person may not permit livestock to enter a public water access site.

Subp. 6. **Burning prohibited.** Burning within a public water access site is allowed only in designated locations.

Subp. 7. **Destruction of public property prohibited.** The destruction of any public property within a public water access site is prohibited.

Subp. 8. **Camping prohibited.** A person may not camp on or remain in a vehicle overnight in any public water access site, unless the site is posted for this use by the commissioner.

Subp. 9. **Abandonment or storage of fish houses, dark houses, other structures, or property prohibited.** A person may not leave, store, or abandon a fish house, shelter house, dark house, other structure, or property within a public water access site.

Subp. 10. **Storage of watercraft prohibited.** A person may not leave, store, or moor any watercraft on a public water access site overnight.

Subp. 11. **Obstruction prohibited.** A person may not place any obstacle or moor any watercraft in a manner that obstructs ingress or egress to a public water access site.

Subp. 12. **Compatible uses.** Public water access sites may be used for swimming unless otherwise posted.

Subp. 13. **Intoxicating liquor prohibited.** A person may not consume intoxicating liquor within a public water access site.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 86A.06*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**6218.0200 PUBLIC WATER ACCESS SITES WITH RESTRICTED USES.**

Subpart 1. **Limited use.** Unless otherwise posted, a person may not use the following public water access sites for any purpose other than loading or unloading a watercraft or other equipment or while legally performing activities related to the exercise of a license or registration issued by the department:

- A. North Long Lake, T. 135, R. 31, Crow Wing county;
- B. Round Lake, T. 135, R. 31, Crow Wing county; and
- C. Lake Washington, T. 109, R. 25, Le Sueur county.

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Subp. 2. **Limited hours; Gull Lake.** Unless otherwise posted, and except for the walleye season opener on inland waters, a person may not use the following public water access site for any purpose from the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.: Gull Lake, Sec. 26, T. 135 N., R. 29 W., Crow Wing county. A person may use this public water access site starting at 12:00 a.m. on the first day of the walleye fishing season on inland waters through the first Monday after the opening of the walleye fishing season on inland waters.

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