



WILDERNESS AREAS

Under the authority of the Act of Congress of June 4, 1897, as amended (16 USC 551), and the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations 36 CFR 261.50(a) and or (b), the following acts and omissions are prohibited within the boundaries of the specified wilderness areas on the Ottawa National Forest:

A. McCormick, Sylvania and Sturgeon River Gorge Wilderness Areas:

1. Storing equipment, personal property or supplies within a wilderness.
36 CFR 261.57(f)
2. Possession or discharge of fireworks in a wilderness.
36 CFR 261.57(c)
3. Possessing or using a wagon, bicycle or other wheeled or mechanical device.
36 CFR 261.57(h)
4. Entering or being in the wilderness in possession of a metal detector without a special use authorization.
36 CFR 261.57(a)

This section applies to the Mc Cormick, Sturgeon River Gorge and Sylvania Wilderness. (See attached maps)

B. Sylvania Wilderness

1. Entering or being in the wilderness while in possession of, or using, a saddle, pack or draft animal.
36 FR 261.57(a)
2. Camping except in a campsite that is designated by a Forest Service constructed fire ring or grill.
36 CFR 261.58(e)
3. Using an individual campsite by more than six (6) persons at one time
36 FR 261.58(f)
4. Camping in the same campsite for a period of longer than fourteen (14) consecutive days.
36 FR 261.58(a)
5. Entering or being on a trail, portage, or other land area of the wilderness by more than ten (10) persons at any one time or traveling as a group by more than ten (10) persons on any land or water area of the wilderness.
36 FR 261.57(a)



6. Building, maintaining, attending, cooking, or using a fire or campfire including charcoal fires outside of a Forest Service constructed fire ring or grill, except when using pressurized liquid or gas stoves.
36 FR 261.52(a)
7. Entering or being in the wilderness in possession of a sailboat or other sail craft.
36 CFR 261.57(a)
8. Possessing any metal or glass food or beverage containers, including deposit bottles, cans and Styrofoam, except for containers designed and intended for repeated use.
36 FR 261.57(d)
9. Between May 15 and September 30, entering or being in the Wilderness without a valid Overnight Camping Permit, or without a Day Use Permit that is valid only until midnight on the day issued.
36CFR 261.57(a)
10. Entering or being in the Wilderness while possessing a dog, pet, or other domestic animal that is not on a six (6) foot (or shorter) leash; or allowing a dog, pet, or other domestic animal to be unattended or otherwise not under control; except during Michigan State sanctioned hunting seasons while actively pursuing game consistent with State hunting regulations.
36 FR 261.57(a)
11. Being on any island within the Wilderness between “ice-off” and July 15 of each year.
36 CFR 261.57(a)
12. Possessing, storing, or transporting any Small-mouth or Large-mouth Bass, or parts thereof, across National Forest System lands within the wilderness or while leaving the wilderness, except on Crooked Lake and between Crooked Lake and the Forest Service designated campsites on Crooked Lake.
36 CFR 261.58(s)
13. Washing dishes or bathing with soap in any lake, stream or wetland except when on land and greater than one hundred fifty (150) feet from shorelines.
36 CFR 261.57(a)
14. Entering of being on the portion of Devils Head, Crooked, or Big Bateau Lakes within the Sylvania Wilderness boundary while using or possessing any motor or mechanical device capable of propelling a watercraft by any means. **Except:** one electric motor with a maximum size of 24 volts or 48 pounds of thrust (4 horsepower) or less, per watercraft, will be permitted on the three lakes mentioned above.
36 CFR 261.57 (a)

This section applies to the Sylvania Wilderness, including the portions of Devils Head, Crooked and Big Bateau lakes that are within the wilderness boundary. (See attached map and land description)



These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Sub-part A.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following person(s) will be exempt from the order:

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty. Permission from the Forest Supervisor is required for exemption of B (14), listed above.
2. Individuals in possession of distress flares or other emergency signaling devices as long as they are used for emergency purposes only.
3. Persons with a valid permit in their possession signed by the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. Permission from the Forest Supervisor is required for exemption of B (14), listed above.

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571)

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