

Lyme Great Lakes Timberlands - Public Recreation Guidelines (Rev. 2/26)

Welcome to Lyme Great Lakes Timberlands. Our forest is privately owned but generally open for public recreation. Our primary business is growing and sustainably harvesting our trees for forest products.

Please follow these guidelines to ensure continued access for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 906-789-9076.

Ownership & Mapping

If you have questions about a specific parcel:

- Visit www.lymegreatlakes.com
- Click on “**Hunting, General Recreation, and Land Leasing**”
- Use the interactive ownership map to zoom into specific areas.

These guidelines apply **only to Lyme Great Lakes Timberlands property**.

Commercial Forest (CF) lands allow for **foot access only** for hunting, fishing, and trapping. A map showing all CF lands is available on the Michigan DNR website.

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/forestry/private/cf>

Camping

- Maximum stay: **Two weeks in one location**
- No littering or dumping — **Carry in, carry out**
- **No campfires** - Cook using camp stoves only

Hunting & Fishing

Hunting, fishing, and baiting game are allowed in accordance with state regulations.

Temporary blinds and stands are permitted **if they do not damage trees**.

The following are **not allowed**:

- No nails, bolts, wire, tree steps, or anything that damages trees
- No cutting vegetation or creating shooting lanes
- No permanent blinds on CF lands
- No planting of anything on our property

All temporary blinds/stands must:

- Display the owner’s name and phone number
- Be removed no later than **January 1** following the deer hunting seasons

Road Use

Motorized road use is a **privilege**, permitted only when roads are open and suitable for traffic.

A road is considered **closed** if you see:

- A locked gate, a berm or rocks blocking the road, or a “Closed Road” sign

Additional road guidelines:

- Do not drive on roads if your vehicle is causing damage/rutting
- Stay on designated ATV/ORV/snowmobile trails when operating these equipment types
- No off-road or off-trail travel, including all types of ATVs/ORVs and snowmobiles
- Do not block roads, park out of the way for through traffic
- Avoid active hauling routes
- Do not recreate near active timber harvest sites

Gates & Signs

- Do not block gates - vehicles blocking access may be moved or towed without warning
- Posting signs intended to restrict public CF access or intimidate others are not permitted

Removal of Resources

The following are **not permitted**:

- Removal of dead and live trees, boughs, sand, gravel, dirt, or other materials

You may only remove legally harvested game and fish with proper licensing.

Guiding

Commercial guiding is **not allowed** on CF properties.

Foraging

Non-commercial foraging of berries and mushrooms is allowed.

Not permitted:

- Digging or picking plants including ginseng and wildflowers

Non-Motorized Recreation

Allowed on our road systems:

- Hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, and horseback riding

Please call the office to ask about other activities.

Enforcement

If you observe a law violation:

- Contact local law enforcement - the County Sheriff or DNR Conservation Officer

If you see a Lyme guideline violation, you may contact our office to make us aware of the situation.

Thank you for using our forest responsibly.

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