

MONTANA CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES (MCE) RANCH DAM AND RESERVOIR FISHING

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Fishing is allowed in designated MCE Ranch reservoirs and dams for Department of Corrections (DOC) employees working at the DOC Correctional Facilities in Deer Lodge. Fishing will be allowed in Powell Reservoir, Conley Lake, Tin Cup Reservoir, Upper and Lower Taylor Reservoir. DOC employees may bring guests that must be escorted at all times by the DOC employee.
2. Persons wishing to fish in MCE Ranch reservoirs and dams should contact the MCE Administrator or Ranch Director for prior approval. Authorized persons wishing to fish must check in and out through MSP Check Point. The MSP Check Point officer will notify the Shift Commander when persons enter the area for fishing prior to any vehicles or persons going to a fishing area.
3. The MSP Check Point officer will control the traffic in and out of the MCE Ranch fishing areas by means of the hunting/fishing/motorized retrieval/land use logbook. The officer will complete the appropriate information in the logbook and obtain the driver's license or other form of picture ID of all persons in the fishing party. Drivers licenses or other forms of picture IDs will be returned when persons fishing on MCE Ranch lands exit the facility.
4. NO FIREARMS, TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL is allowed on prison property. All vehicles entering MSP and MCE Ranch lands may be subject to search at any time. It is a violation of state law, 45-7-307, M.C.A., to transfer or receive any illegal article or weapon to or from a prisoner. Transferring or receiving illegal articles or weapons to or from a prisoner in a state prison is a felony, and is punishable by up to 20 years in a state prison. The following items are illegal articles: weapons of any kind; ammunition; dangerous drugs; money, currency cash, checks, money orders, credit cards, debit cards, electronic teller cards; and tobacco products of any kind.
5. ALL FISHERMEN MUST PARK IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS ONLY. DO NOT PARK IN UNAUTHORIZED AREAS. Parking areas at the MCE Ranch reservoirs or dams will be marked with signs. All parked vehicles will be secured with all loose equipment locked in the vehicle.
6. No overnight camping is allowed.
7. Check in times for fishing are one hour before light and one hour after dark.
8. All FWP fishing regulations must be adhered to. Periodic checks by the Game Warden may occur.
9. All fishing is catch and release only, except for children (under 14) and senior citizens (65 and over, or residents of a nursing home) who will follow FWP regulations on daily fish limits.
10. Fishing must be by artificial flies and lures only. Barbless hooks are recommended.
11. Motorized watercraft is prohibited from all MCE reservoirs and dams.
12. MCE and MSP reserve the right to close the MCE Ranch reservoirs and dams at any time to fishing. Advance notice may not be given.
13. Any questions pertaining to the parking areas or regulations governing fishing should be directed to the MCE Administrator or the MCE Ranch Director at 846-1320 extension 2296.
14. In the event that an emergency occurs, the siren will sound. All fishermen will immediately go to their vehicle at the parking lot, get in the vehicle, lock the vehicle and drive to the MSP Check Point. The officer at MSP Check Point will account for the persons in the vehicle and provide instructions on what to do. EXCEPTION: On the last Saturday of each month, a siren test is conducted between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:30 am. Fishermen using the property can disregard this siren test.
15. A copy of the complete procedures on MCE Ranch Land Public Access (MSP Operational Procedure 2.1.3) is available on the Montana Department of Corrections web page <http://www.cor.mt.gov> and FWP web pages. A copy of the procedure is also available through the MCE Ranch Office.
16. Persons violating these procedures may lose their privilege to fish in MCE Ranch reservoirs and dams on a permanent basis.

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