

**571—61.12(461A) Mines of Spain hunting, trapping and firearms use.**

**61.12(1)** The following described portions of the Mines of Spain Recreation Area are established and will be posted as wildlife refuges:

*a.* That portion within the city limits of the city of Dubuque located west of U.S. Highway 61 and north of Mar Jo Hills Road.

*b.* The tract leased by the department from the city of Dubuque upon which the E. B. Lyons Interpretive Center is located.

*c.* That portion located south of the north line of Section 8, Township 88 North, Range 3 East of the 5th P.M. between the west property boundary and the east line of said Section 8.

*d.* That portion located north of Catfish Creek, east of the Mines of Spain Road and south of the railroad tracks. This portion contains the Julien Dubuque Monument.

**61.12(2)** Trapping and archery hunting for all legal species are permitted in compliance with all open-season, license and possession limits on the Mines of Spain Recreation Area except in those areas designated as refuges by subrule 61.12(1).

**61.12(3)** Firearms use is prohibited in the following described areas:

*a.* The areas described in subrule 61.12(1).

*b.* The area north and west of Catfish Creek and west of Granger Creek.

**61.12(4)** Deer hunting and hunting for all other species are permitted using shotguns only and are permitted only during the regular gun season as established by 571—Chapter 106. Areas not described in subrule 61.10(3) are open for hunting. Hunting shall be in compliance with all other regulations.

**61.12(5)** Turkey hunting with shotguns is allowed only in compliance with the following regulations:

*a.* Only during the first shotgun hunting season established in 571—Chapter 98, which is typically four days in mid-April.

*b.* Only in that area of the Mines of Spain Recreation Area located east of the established roadway and south of the Horseshoe Bluff Quarry.

**61.12(6)** The use of a handgun or any type of rifle is prohibited on the entire Mines of Spain Recreation Area except as provided in subrule 61.12(4). Target and practice shooting with any type of firearm is prohibited.

**61.12(7)** All forms of hunting, trapping and firearms use not specifically permitted by rule 571—61.12(461A) are prohibited in the Mines of Spain Recreation Area.

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