

Rest area Slikken van Voorne

Restricted access to Slikken van Voorne applies throughout the whole of the year with the exception of the activities listed below:

Seine Net Fishing:

Seine net fishing is permitted throughout the whole of the year under the following conditions. This concerns one enterprise, namely vessel Tholen 5:

- A distance of at least 250 m must be kept from high water refuge areas on mud flats.
- The fishing vessel must be equipped with serviceable tracking equipment for enforcement purposes.

More detailed information:

Access restriction decree Verklikkerplaat and Slikken van Voorne May 2008.

Gat van Hawk

In the Gat van Hawk the maximum speed permitted is 7 knots (13 km/h).

Rest area Hinderplaat

Restricted access to Hinderplaat applies to all types of activities throughout the whole of the year with the exception of the activities listed below:

Organised Canoe Trips:

A total of ten organised canoe (kayak) trips are permitted in the period between 01 September and 01 May with a maximum of two such trips on any one day. The following supplementary conditions also apply:

- Access is only permitted in a group (maximum sixteen persons) led by a certified tour guide or instructor affiliated to either the NKB (Dutch Canoe Association) or the TKBN (Dutch Tourist Canoeing Association).
- Setting foot on tidal plains is prohibited. Keep a distance of at least 250 m from resting seals.
- Excursions must be registered with the Handhaving Voordelta registration centre at least 48 hours in advance. The registration centre can be contacted via +31704416111.

Trawling:

Beam trawlers with tickler chains and shrimp trawling with an engine capacity of less than 191 kW (260 hp) are permitted to fish between 01 September and 01 May subject to existing permission for such usage at the time of this decree being enacted. This concerns two enterprises, namely vessels OD 2 and SL 22. Continued usage is permitted subject to the following conditions:

- A distance of at least 250 m must be kept from tidal plains.
- The maximum speed permitted is 7 knots (13 km/h).
- Both vessels must be equipped with serviceable tracking equipment for enforcement purposes.

Cast Net Fishing:

Cast net fishing (using gillnets and entangling nets) is permitted throughout the whole of the year subject to existing permission for such usage at the time of this decree being enacted. This concerns one enterprise, namely vessel Goeree 47. Continued usage is permitted subject to the following conditions:

- A distance of at least 150 m must be kept from tidal plains. Before, during and after the common seal's suckling period (01 May to 01 September), a distance of at least 250 m must be kept from tidal plains.
- The maximum speed permitted is 7 knots (13 km/h).
- The fishing vessel must be equipped with serviceable tracking equipment for enforcement purposes.

More detailed information:

Access restriction decree Hinderplaat Bollen van de Ooster and Bollen van het Nieuwe Zand May 2008.

Commercial and Leisure Navigation: summary of access restrictions for the Voordelta Natura 2000 area. Rijkswaterstaat March 2009.

Rest area Bollen van de Ooster

Restricted access to Bollen van de Ooster applies throughout the whole of the year for the smaller summer resting area. From 01 November to 01 April, restricted access is applicable for the larger winter resting area.

Restricted access to Bollen van de Ooster applies to all types of activities with the exception of the activities listed below:

Commercial and Leisure Navigation via Corridor:

Navigation through the winter resting area via the designated corridor subject to a maximum speed of 7 knots (13 km/h). Surfing through the corridor is strictly prohibited.

Canoeing, Windsurfing and Surfing:

Canoeing (kayaking), windsurfing and surfing in the northeastern section of the resting area throughout the whole of the year.

Entering tidal plains in this part of the resting area with the sole purpose of pursuing the abovementioned sports is also permitted.

More detailed information:

Access restriction decree Hinderplaat Bollen van de Ooster and Bollen van het Nieuwe Zand May 2008.

Rest area Verklikkerplaat

Restricted access to Verklikkerplaat applies throughout the whole of the year.

More detailed information:

Access restriction decree Verklikkerplaat and Slikken van Voorne May 2008.

Rest area Bollen van het Nieuwe Zand

Restricted access to Bollen van het Nieuwe Zand only applies from 01 November to 01 May.

More detailed information:

Access restriction decree Hinderplaat Bollen van de Ooster and Bollen van het Nieuwe Zand May 2008.

Seabed protection area

Access to the Seabed protection area in the Voordelta, is to be restricted for beam trawling with tickler chains with an engine capacity greater than 191 kW (260 hp).

More detailed information:

Access restriction decree Seabed protection area May 2008.