

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR USE OF TOWN OF DUXBURY CONSERVATION LANDS

The Duxbury Conservation Commission welcomes and encourages public use and enjoyment of the land under its stewardship. Enjoy hiking, jogging, skiing, and exploring the trails, woods, ponds, streams, and fields. Please help us keep our properties beautiful by removing any litter you find.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, s. 8c, the Conservation Commission has adopted these rules and regulations in order to preserve and protect in perpetuity the wildlife, aesthetic, ecological, environmental, and conservation values of these properties, which include:

- Protection of surface and ground water resources
 - Protection of unfragmented forest habitat
 - Protection of wildlife habitat
 - Protection of open space and the Town's greenbelt system
1. Conservation land is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, except as permitted below.
 2. Hours may be extended for hunting, a specific event, or use if prior written permission has been obtained from the Conservation Commission.
 3. Any use by commercial or organized groups requires prior written permission from the Conservation Commission.
 4. No work of any type is permitted without written permission from the Conservation Commission. "Work includes but is not limited to trail construction, maintenance, excavation, filling, building structures, and posting signs".
 5. Cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited without written permission from the Conservation Commission.
 6. No hunting or trapping is permitted except with written permission or as follows:
 - A. Deer hunting permitted with a bow in the following designated conservation lands: South River Bogs, Camp Wing, 354 acres (#101), Ashdod Forest, and a portion of the Lansing Bennett Forest – between Keene and Franklin Sts. (See bow hunting regulations map – Attachment A)
 - Bow hunting by portable tree stand only.
 - B. No hunting is permitted within 150 feet of any marked walking trail.
 - C. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on salt marsh owned by the Conservation Commission.

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- D. All hunting shall be conducted in compliance with Massachusetts law.
7. Dumping, littering, filling, or deposition of rubbish or yard waste is prohibited.
 8. Motorized vehicles are prohibited except for emergency response by the Police and Fire Departments, or maintenance activities, or with prior written permission of the Conservation Commission.
 9. Dogs must be leashed or under the direct control of the handler. Dog feces are to be removed from all walking trails and environmentally sensitive areas.
 10. No fires are permitted except with prior written permission of the Conservation Commission.
 11. No camping is permitted except with prior written permission of the Conservation Commission.
 12. Use of firearms, paintballs, and pellet guns is prohibited.
 13. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on any Town property.
 14. Installation of memorials or displays is prohibited.
 15. Any activities and uses not set forth here require the permission of the Conservation Commission.
 16. The Conservation Commission may undertake or contract with others to undertake all necessary management actions notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this document.
 17. A fine of not more than \$100 per day shall be imposed for any violation of these regulations, according to the following schedule: \$50 for a first offense, \$75 for a second offense, and \$100 for a third or subsequent offense. These fines may be imposed under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 21D by the police or by Commission members or staff. Each day shall constitute a new offense.

DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

The Duxbury Conservation Commission has the authority under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, section 8c to manage conservation land and to implement rules and regulations to accomplish that goal. Because of the threat of an over-population of deer in Duxbury leading to damage by over-browsing and a public health threat of lyme disease and an increase of automobile collisions, the Conservation Commission is proposing the following deer herd management proposal.

- Limit hunting to the remote larger tracts of town-owned conservation land, specifically South River Bogs, 106 acres (#106 on the open space map,), Camp Wing, 354 acres (#101), Ashdod Forest, 316 acres (#98,), and a portion of Trout Farm – between Keene and Franklin Sts., 139 acres(#94), for a total of 915 acres. (Refer to map on back)
- Permit only use of bow and arrow on deer
- Permit bow hunting by portable tree stand only
- No hunting is permitted within 150 feet of any marked walking trail
- Any walking areas will be posted for “Hunting is allowed”
- Bow Hunting is allowed for the entire hunting season
- Notification of the environmental police and the local police of these rules
- The sunrise to sunset access restriction has been removed for these authorized hunting activities only
- Track the number of deer taken in Duxbury
- Notification of the School Department of these rules
- Request the local police to track the vehicle/deer collisions and the Animal Control Department to record where deer complaints

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Attachment A



**TOWN OF DUXBURY
CONSERVATION AREAS
WHERE BOW HUNTING IS ALLOWED
(Areas # 94, 98, 101, & 106)**



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