

## **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 by bow only is permitted in the following designated conservation lands (the number following the area corresponds to the Attachment A map): South River Bogs (area #105), Camp Wing (area #104), Ashdod Forest (area #93), and a portion of the Lansing Bennett Forest (area #92) between Keene and Franklin Sts.
    - B. Tree stands are allowed but must be portable stands and must be removed at the end of the season.
    - C. No hunting is permitted within 150 feet of any marked walking trail.

- D. The sunrise to sunset access restriction to Conservation Land has been removed for authorized hunting activities only.
  - E. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on salt marsh owned by the Conservation Commission and the Camp Wing area (area #104) as indicated on Attachment A.
  - F. 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. The Town's animal Control By-Law Chapter 7.1 shall apply on all conservation property. All dogs shall be effectively restrained and controlled by a chain or leash, or otherwise under the immediate and effective control of a handler, or confined to a motor vehicle. Each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog shall remove and properly dispose of any feces left by his/her dog.
  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.