

## 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. 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 while allowing for the enjoyment and recreational use of these properties.

1. General Use. All users shall:
  - a. Follow the rules and regulations herein.
  - b. Park motor vehicles only in indicated lots and not in front of gates or unsafe locations.
  - c. Exhibit courtesy for others.
  - d. Yield to equestrians.
  - e. Use the property in a manner that leaves no trace of use.
2. Hours. Conservation land is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, unless specific written permission has been obtained from the Conservation Commission.
3. Groups. Any use by commercial or organized groups of more than five (5) persons requires prior written permission from the Conservation Commission.
4. Work. No cutting, removing vegetation, trail construction, maintenance, excavation, filling, building structures, posting signs, installation of memorials or displays or other work is allowed without written permission from the Conservation Commission.
5. No Dumping. Dumping, littering, filling, or deposition of rubbish or yard waste is prohibited.
6. Motorized Vehicles. 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.
7. Animal Control/Dogs. 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. For current rules see:  
<https://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/animal-control>

8. Fires. No fires of any kind are permitted except with prior written permission of the Conservation Commission.
9. Camping. No camping is permitted except with prior written permission of the Conservation Commission.
10. Weapons. Use of firearms, paintball guns, and pellet guns is prohibited, other than limited use for hunting (See Section 14).
11. Alcoholic Beverages. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
12. Bicycles. Bicycles may use open trails subject to the following:
  - a. Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians and horses.
  - b. Bicyclists must ride safely and exhibit caution and courtesy, especially on heavily used trails.
  - c. Riding must occur in a manner that does not erode or damage trails.
13. Fishing. Fishing is permitted on water bodies within the Conservation Lands subject to applicable Commonwealth of Massachusetts fishing license ~~and~~ regulations.
  - a. Fishing activities must be performed in a manner that does not disturb other users.
  - b. All fishing lines and tackle must be removed.
14. Hunting. Hunting is not permitted except as follows:
  - a. All applicable Federal, Massachusetts, and local firearms and hunting regulations must be adhered to for any hunting activities.
  - b. Only archery hunting of deer is permitted on designated conservation lands; go to [www.town.duxbury.ma.us/conservation](http://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/conservation) to see where archery hunting is allowed.
  - c. Archery hunting of deer is allowed for the entire Massachusetts deer hunting season.
  - d. Portable tree stands and ladders with strap fasteners only are allowed; nothing may be nailed or screwed into trees.
  - e. Tree stands may be erected no sooner than two weeks before the start of the Massachusetts archery season and must be removed no later than 4 weeks after deer season ends.

- f. No hunting is permitted within 150 feet of any marked (blazed) walking trail.
  - g. Waterfowl hunting is permitted on salt marsh owned by the Conservation Commission and the Camp Wing Conservation area (go to [www.town.duxbury.ma.us/conservation](http://www.town.duxbury.ma.us/conservation)).
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.