

RULES AND REGULATIONS
Regarding the use of conservation Land
PREFACE

The Conservation Commission invites everyone to enjoy the conservation lands in Norfolk. The Commission has adopted the following regulations under the authority of the Conservation Commission Act (HB 13.08). These regulations protect wildlife habitat, prevent erosion, and provide an enjoyable experience for all hikers on the trails. A list of conservation lands is available at the Commission office.

Basic Regulations

1. Conservation lands are open from dawn to dusk.
2. The Conservation Commission does not patrol, and cannot assume for the Town of Norfolk, liability for injuries, damage to property or other losses. Those persons using the conservation lands assume all risks involved.
3. The regulations may be made more restrictive for specific parcels as deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission. In emergencies or for the public safety, the Commission may make exceptions to these regulations.
4. All cans bottles, litter, and garbage are to taken away by the user.

Allowed Activities and Uses

1. Conservation land may be used for passive recreation, which includes hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, picnicking, berry picking, and nature study.
2. Pets must be leash controlled. Pets shall not be allowed to endanger wildlife or the natural vegetation.
3. Horses are permitted except on restricted trails. Horseback riding may be limited during wet seasons or when the ground is soft as such use damages the trails.
4. Non-motorized bicycle riding is permitted except on restricted trails. The bike rider shall not damage the trail or endanger other trail users.
5. Fishing is allowed. No lead sinkers/weights are allowed. All state laws regarding fishing apply. No fishing gear, including line and lures may be left on site. Digging for bait is not allowed.

Activities and Uses Allowed by Special Permit Only

1. For night use, such as vernal pool studies or other nature studies, written permission from the Conservation Commission is necessary.
2. Overnight camping is prohibited except at the designated campsite in the Harold Campell Town Forest. Camping in this area is limited to youth organizations having adult supervision present at all times. Prior written permission must be obtained from the Conservation Commission. The Chief of Police must be notified of the exact dates of use and identify the accompanying responsible adult.
3. Open fires require a permit from the Norfolk Fire Department and the Norfolk Conservation Commission.
4. The cutting and maintenance of trails and the erecting of trail signs are prohibited without written approval of the Commission.

Prohibited Activities and Uses

1. No motorized vehicles, including but not limited to cars, trucks, motorbikes, or other powered vehicles or tools, except for municipal vehicles, are permitted outside of specified parking areas.
2. No hunting, trapping, shooting, or carrying of a weapons. (etc. firearm or bow and arrow, traps/snares)
3. No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or ill-use any structure, fence, sign, growing trees, bushes, plants or flowers. No trails shall be cut or marked, no dams built, nor any structure such as a lean-to, bridge etc. be constructed.
4. No person shall engage in business, sell or expose for sale, or give away any goods, wares, or circulars.
5. The disposal of trash, yard waste, or other material is prohibited.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS
Regarding the use of Conservation Commission Properties

1. Conservation areas in the Town of Norfolk open at sunrise and close at sunset.
2. No motorized vehicles, including but not limited to cars, trucks, motorbikes, or other powered vehicles or tools, except for municipal vehicles are permitted outside of specified parking areas.
3. If not posted, fishing is allowed in season with proper licenses in accordance with applicable laws. Hunting is not allowed.
4. In these areas, no person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or ill-use any structure, fence, sign, growing trees, bushes, plants or flowers. No trails shall be cut or marked, no dams build, nor any structure such as a lean-to, bridge etc. be constructed.
5. No person shall engage in business, sell or expose for sale, or give away any goods, wares or circulars.
6. Overnight camping in these areas may be permitted to organizations having adult supervision present at all times. Prior written permission must be obtained from the Conservation Commission, and the Chief of Police must be notified of the exact dates of occupancy and identify of the accompanying responsible adult.
7. Open fires require a permit from the Norfolk Fire Department and the Norfolk Conservation Commission.
8. All cans bottles, litter and garbage are to be taken away by user.
9. The Conservation Commission does not patrol, and cannot assume, for the Town of Norfolk, liability for injuries, damage to property or other losses. Those persons using the conservation areas assume all risks involved.

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