



TOWN OF WESTFORD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
55 Main Street
Westford, Massachusetts 01886

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF TOWN OF WESTFORD
CONSERVATION LANDS
(Adopted by Westford Conservation Commission, 3/11/09)
(Revised 6/8/22)**

The Westford Conservation Commission welcomes public use and enjoyment of the lands under its care and custody. Please help preserve the natural values and beauty of these lands by carrying out your trash and removing any other litter you may 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 groundwater resources
- Protection of wildlife habitat
- Protection of natural wild land ecological systems
- Protection of open space and outdoor passive recreation opportunities

The following rules and regulations shall apply to all Town land under the care and custody of the conservation Commission, except as they may be modified in Special Rules and Regulations issued for specific parcels of land. Please report all violations of these rules to the Westford Conservation Commission, and/or the Westford Police Department.

1. Conservation land is open to the public from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise permitted by the Conservation Commission. Hours may be extended for a specific event or use if prior written permission has been obtained from the Commission.
2. Overnight camping is permitted only with the approval of the Conservation Commission.

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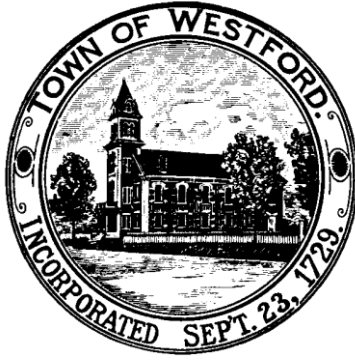


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3. Any use by commercial or organized groups requires prior written permission from the Conservation Commission.
4. No, cars, trucks, or other powered vehicles, including but not limited to motorcycles, dirt motorcycles, all terrain vehicles, snow mobiles and motorized boats are permitted on the lands except where specifically allowed by the Conservation Commission. Public safety vehicles, including Police and Fire department vehicles may enter the properties for emergency purposes and for enforcement of these Rules.
5. No work of any type is permitted without permission from the Conservation Commission. "Work" includes but is not limited to trail construction, maintenance, excavation, filling, building structures and posting signs.
6. Cutting, removing or otherwise altering vegetation is prohibited without permission of the Conservation Commission.
7. No hunting or trapping or discharge of firearms is permitted, except in designated areas.
8. Use of paint balls, pellet guns, bows and arrows and slingshots is prohibited, with the exception that bows and arrows may be used as part of a supervised recreation program approved by the Conservation Commission.
9. Fishing is permitted in season, with a license, and in accord with applicable law.
10. No fires are allowed without the approval of the Conservation Commission and a permit from the Chief of the Fire Department. All wood for fires must be brought onto the property by the permittee, and no trees may be cut or downed wood taken for use in any fire.
11. No grilling is allowed without the approval of the Conservation Commission.



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12. Dumping, littering, filling or deposition of any kind of rubbish or yard waste, including but not limited to leaves, grass clippings or brush is prohibited. Said activities shall also be subject to enforcement per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 270, Section 16.
13. Debris is to be placed in containers (if provided), otherwise removed from the premises.
14. No consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on Conservation Land, without written permission of the Conservation Commission. Individuals or groups receiving such permission shall have the permission document in their possession and available for inspection on request by an authorized enforcement officer.
15. Installation of memorials or displays is prohibited without the written permission of the commission.
16. Dogs brought onto the property shall be under the owner or keeper's control as required by Chapter 84.3 of the Town of Westford's General Bylaws. All dog solid waste products shall be immediately removed.
17. The Conservation Commission may undertake or contract with others to undertake all necessary management actions notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this document.
18. A fine of not more than \$100.00 per day shall be imposed for any violation of these regulations, according to the following schedule: \$50.00 for a first offense, \$75.00 for a second offense, and \$100.00 for a third or subsequent offense. These fines may be imposed under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 21D by the police, Town Bylaw Enforcement Officer, or Commission staff.