

Stony Brook Conservation Land Northern Portion

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF TOWN OF WESTFORD CONSERVATION LANDS

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.
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. 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.
12. Debris is to be placed in containers (if provided), otherwise removed from the premises.
13. 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.
14. Installation of memorials or displays is prohibited without the written permission of the commission.
15. 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.

Chapter 84. Dogs
All owners or keepers of dogs, kept in the Town of Westford, who on the first day of April of each year, have not licensed said dog, or dogs, as prescribed in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 140, section 137, shall be required to pay an additional fee of \$25.

§ 84.2. Definitions. As used in this and subsequent sections, At large shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner, and not under the control of the owner or authorized escort either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise. Owner shall be intended to mean any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog owned or kept in the Town.

§ 84.3. Prohibited activity; exceptions; penalties.
A. Prohibited activity and exceptions. No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit a dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to run at large at any time. The provisions of this section shall not be intended to apply to dogs participating in any dog show, nor to "seeing eye" dogs properly trained to assist blind persons when such dogs are actually being used by blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place, nor to any dogs being trained for or actually being used for hunting purposes.
B. Violations and penalties. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall be punished according to the following procedure and schedule of fines, which are hereby declared to be an alternative to the procedure and schedule set forth in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 140, section 173A.
First offense: \$10
Second offense: \$25
Third and each subsequent offense: \$50

§ 84.4. Authority to pass additional orders. Nothing contained in this chapter shall prevent the Selectmen from passing any orders authorized by Massachusetts General Laws chapter 140, section 167 at such times as they shall deem it necessary to safeguard the public.

§ 84.5. Nuisance dogs; violations and penalties.
A. No person shall own or keep in the Town any dog which, by biting, barking, howling, scratching or crying, or in any other manner disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood, destroys private property, or endangers the safety of any person.
B. Any violation of this section may be enforced by the Animal Control Officer through noncriminal disposition procedure in accordance with the following schedule of fines:
First offense: warning
Second offense: \$25 fine
Third offense: \$50 fine
Each subsequent offense: \$100 fine

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 \$100.00 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.

- Adopted by Westford Conservation Commission, 3/11/2009.

More information on the history of East Boston Camps and Friends of East Boston Camps can be found on the reverse side of this kiosk.



Legend

- ◆ Stony Brook Trail - 0.9 Miles
- ◆ Waki Trail - 0.6 Miles
- ◆ Burge's Pond Trail - 1.3 Miles
- ◆ Captain William O'Donnell Trail - 500 Feet
- ◆ Ice House Road - 650 Feet
- ◆ Nashoba Trail - 0.45 Miles
- ◆ Nelson Trail - 0.2 Miles
- ◆ Ginnie Trail - 350 Feet
- ◆ George S. Fletcher Trail - 750 Feet
- ◆ Blackie Trail - 550 Feet
- ◆ Cielo Trail 350 Feet
- Connector Trail
- Trails
- Unnamed Trail
- Bridges

No Life Guard on Duty

RULES REGARDING MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT ON BURGE'S POND

The Conservation Restriction and Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations governing the East Boston Camps property prohibit unauthorized use of motorized vehicles. This includes use of gas and electric motors on watercraft with the exception that disabled individuals may use electric motorized watercraft with limited horsepower to allow them to board non-motorized watercraft. Violations of this and other rules may be subject to a fine.
- Westford Conservation Commission

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.

If you have questions or concerns, contact the Conservation Commission at 978-692-5524

Please report any suspected rule violations or suspicious activity to the Westford Police at 978-692-2161.

Attention Dog Walkers

Due to the heavy use of this property by walkers with dogs, the Westford Conservation Commission adopted the following Guidelines for Dog Walkers. Having this pristine property to walk your dogs is a privilege. To ensure all visitors feel safe while enjoying this property, please follow these common courtesy rules:

- Prevent your dog, even if friendly, from approaching other dogs or people unless invited. Request and receive permission prior to allowing your dog to interact with other dogs or people.
- Keep your dog under firm control at all times.
- Remove all waste from the trails and roads.
- Walk no more than 3 dogs per person.
- Each dog on the premises must have a leash or coupler with a leash.

Visitors who do not abide by these rules may be subject to eviction from the conservation land and/or receive a fine.
Thank you for your efforts to preserve this refuge for the enjoyment of all who visit.

Closed from Sunset to Sunrise