

SECTION 804 USE OF ADAMS FARM POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The purpose of the policy is to create a guideline for interested groups/parties for the use of the town owned property, "Adams Farm".

Any group/party interested in using the property at Adams Farm must first request approval through the Adams Farm Committee using the attached application. A copy of this application shall be forwarded by the Adams Farm Committee to the appropriate Town officials. The applicant shall obtain approval from the Police and Fire Departments for comment. This request, accompanied by the recommendation of the Adams Farm Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen who shall have the final approval for any use. It shall be the responsibility of the Adams Farm Committee to keep a schedule and advise the Board of Selectmen on a quarterly basis of upcoming events.

Should the group/party desire approval for a series of uses or an annual or recurring use of the Adams Farm Property this must be stipulated within the application and upon receipt of the recommendation of the Adams Farm Committee the Board of Selectmen may grant series, and/or reoccurring use through onetime approval. The Board of Selectmen must approve all events/uses regardless of whether or not the applicant has received prior approval from the Board of Selectmen for an event/use. Please note: the Adams Farm Committee must make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen whether to give approval for each event. It will be the responsibility of the Adams Farm Committee to inform the Board of Selectmen of the Committee's approval of prior use and to work with applicants to create a workable schedule.

It shall be the responsibility of any party seeking to use the property to adhere to the regulations for use of Adams Farm. The following uses are strictly prohibited:

1. Hunting & Animal traps
2. Unauthorized motorized vehicles, including but not limited to cars, trucks, tractors, 4 wheel drive vehicles, any type of All terrain vehicle, motorcycles, trail bikes, or snowmobiles.
3. Alcoholic beverages & illegal substances of any type
4. Open fires; Including Grills and Fire Pits (unless granted permission by the Walpole Fire Department and if applicable the Board of Health)
5. use of firearms, other weapons, explosives, or projectiles. (Unless approved by the Walpole Police Department)
6. Dumping & littering(Clean up the site you are using)
7. Disturbing, removing cutting, or otherwise causing damage to a natural feature, sign, trail, markers, poster, barrier, building or other property.
8. Damage to crops and/or fields used for agricultural purposes
9. Camping (Unless granted permission by appropriate Town officials)
10. Conduct which disturbs the tranquility of Adams Farm, our neighbors privacy or enjoyment of this property by others and any illegal action under the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or Walpole By Laws.

The following uses are **permitted**:

1. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Ensure that your pet does not interfere with others enjoyment of the property. Owners must pickup any waste left by their animals.
2. Mountain bikes are permitted on designated trails, except during March, April and/or in wet conditions when extensive deterioration of the trails can result. Group rides of 6 or more requires written permission from the Walpole Board of Selectmen via the Adams Farm Committee.
3. Horseback riding is permitted. Group rides of 6 or more requires written permission from the Walpole Board of Selectmen.
4. Any other organized group activities require written permission from the Walpole Board of Selectmen via the Adams farm Committee.
5. Cross country skiing.

User groups interested in using the Adams Farm Barn/Pavilion must review and sign the User Group Sign off Sheet. Upon approval the Barn/Pavilion may be reserved.

While in the woods, please adhere to posted instructions regarding private property.

Visitors are welcome, but on the understanding that they use the area at their own risk and that they will comply with all of the above regulations. Whosoever disregards or violates any of these regulations is hereby forbidden to remain upon these premises **and is subject to arrest, a fine not to exceed \$100.00, as well as, civil liability for damages to property and imprisonment as provided by law. The Town of Walpole cannot assume responsibility for injuries or loss of personal property.**

Thank you for your cooperation.