



## **Rules and Regulations for Conservation Land**

As approved by the Walpole Conservation Commission

The following regulations apply to land owned by the Town of Walpole and under the control of the Walpole Conservation Commission. Conservation land is open to the public for passive recreation and other activities that adhere to the purpose of the land as acquired by the town.

All users of Conservation Land shall comply with any posted signs or any verbal direction given by the Walpole Police Officers, Conservation Agent, or Commissioners of the Town of Walpole.

Disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace or illegal actions under Federal, State and/or the Town of Walpole enforced and may result in immediate removal from the property.

**Hours:** Open ½ hour before sun-rise. Closed ½ hour after sun-set. Written permission from Conservation Commission is required for after hours use and Walpole Police Department shall be notified of exact time and date of use.

### **Prohibited Activities:**

1. Unauthorized tree cutting, removal or destruction of any plants, natural features, or wildlife habitats;
2. Killing, trapping, or endangering of any wildlife;
3. Defacing or removal of signs, trees, trail makers, buildings, trash containers, benches, picnic tables, ramps, walls, or other property items;
4. Unauthorized construction of structures of any kind;
5. Discharging of firearms, arrows, explosives, paintballs, or any other projectiles;
6. Dumping and littering including leaves, yard waste and cigarette butts;
7. Use of unauthorized motorized vehicles, boats or watercrafts, and other motorized equipment such as ice augers;
8. Unauthorized camping;
9. Use of fire;
10. Unauthorized agricultural uses.

### **Definitions:**

**MOTORIZED VEHICLES:** No motorized vehicles (including but not limited to: cars, trucks, all terrain vehicles (ATVs), dirt bikes snow mobiles, ice augers, motorcycles and water crafts) are allowed on Conservation land or within the waterways or wetland areas except vehicles controlled by the Conservation Commission/Agent, Fire Department, Police Department, Highway Department, or

other Town/State/Federal vehicles for the reason of public health and safety, management of the property, and/or as allowed in writing by the Conservation Commission.

**BOATS AND WATERCRAFTS:** Only non-motorized vehicles are allowed on the ponds, lakes and other waterways. This includes no paddleboats or other similar devices. The Conservation Commission may make an exception for maintenance and management purposes.

**CAMPING:** Activity that constitutes staying on the property after hours and overnight. Written permission for overnight camping shall be obtained from the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission and notification shall be made to the police department.

**FIRES:** Fire of any kind is prohibited unless permission is received from the Walpole Fire Department and the Conservation Commission.

**AGRICULTURAL USES:** Any use of Conservation Commission land for agriculture, aquaculture or animal husbandry shall be by written permission from the Conservation Commission only.

Violation of these Rules and Regulations may result in fines of up to \$100.00. Variations to these Rules and Regulations shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission in writing for consideration. These Rules and Regulation do not override specific deed restrictions or other federal, state or town laws and regulation that may apply.