

## **Foxborough Conservation Land Rules & Regulations**

Foxborough conservation land is managed by the Foxborough Conservation Commission for passive or recreational activities, where appropriate, as well as to promote biodiversity.

The Conservation Commission (“Commission”) and the Conservation Agent (“Agent”) are tasked with maintaining, enhancing and/or conducting studies on conservation lands and are exempt from these Rules and Regulations.

### **1. Hours / Trails**

- a. Conservation land is open year-round from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, unless authorized by the Commission or the Agent.
- b. The cutting of trails and erection of signs is prohibited without the Commission’s written approval.
- c. During “mud season” or for other environmental reasons, trails may be closed without prior notice; trail closure notifications will be posted on the Commission’s website.

### **2. Property**

- a. The dumping of yard waste and debris is prohibited.
- b. Carry out what you carry in; littering and/or dumping of any materials are prohibited.
- c. Possession of alcoholic beverages or glass containers is prohibited.
- d. Metal detectors are not allowed; removal of artifacts is prohibited.

### **3. Vehicles**

- a. The operation of motor vehicles including, but not limited to, motorcycles, dirt bikes, ATVs, OHVs, and snow-mobiles is prohibited (see Foxborough Code, Part II, Ch. 256).
- b. Vehicles should park in designated parking areas or, where unavailable, safely along public roads.
- c. Parking after authorized hours is prohibited, unless permitted by the Commission or Agent.

### **4. Animals**

- a. Control of pets must conform to the Town’s animal control laws (Foxborough Code, Part II, Ch. 78).
- b. The collection of wildlife is prohibited.
- c. The introduction of any non-native wildlife is prohibited.
- d. Target shooting and trapping are prohibited.

### **5. Hunting**

Hunting is allowed *only* on Commission-approved hunting areas, on the following conditions:

- a. Before hunting season, all hunters must visit the Conservation Office in Town Hall to:
  - 1) Submit their name, address, and a copy of their current hunting license;
  - 2) Review all hunting rules with the Agent; and
  - 3) Obtain a copy of the Commission’s hunting maps.
- b. Approved hunting areas/maps: Most entrances to approved hunting areas will have a Foxborough Conservation Commission sign, but if not, you may be illegally entering private property.
  - 1) Canoe River Wilderness Area (*except for Norfolk County land, off East Street*);
  - 2) Harold B. Clark Town Forest (*abuts the State Forest, which also allows hunting*);
  - 3) Murray’s Brook Area; and
  - 4) Rumford River Greenbelt.

- c. Without Exception, the discharge of any firearms or release of an arrow from a bow is prohibited:
- 1) Within 500 feet of any dwelling;
  - 2) Within 150 feet of a hard surfaced roadway; or
  - 3) Within 100 feet of a conservation trail.

## 6. Plants

- a. The removal, cutting or damaging of trees, shrubs, plants, flowers and/or fungi is prohibited.
- b. The collection of plants is prohibited.
- c. The introduction of non-native plants is prohibited.

## 7. Group Activities and Camping

Group activities (ten or more people) are allowed on conservation land *only* after obtaining specific written permission from the Commission.

A completed "*Request for Group Use of Foxborough Conservation Land*" application must be submitted to the Commission at least 21 days in advance of any proposed group activity. Application forms are available online and at the Foxborough Town Hall. Completed applications must include (a) evidence that the Chief of Police has been notified of the proposed group activity, and (b) if a fee is to be charged for a group event, proof of insurance liability coverage.

The following activities may be allowed with the Commission's written permission:

- a. Group activities such as scouting events, classes of instruction, picnics, weddings, outdoor dances, business lunch meetings and other similar events.
- b. Recreational activities such as foot races, hikes, orienteering, skating, etc.
- c. Camping or similar use.
- d. Use of land for agriculture or forestry.
- e. No open fires or cooking fires, without written approval of both the Commission *and* the Fire Department.
- f. Organized or commercial events, which charge fees or raise or collect funds for any purpose.

If a group activity has been approved, the Commission's written permission must be carried by the person in charge of the event at all times during the event.

## 8. Additional Important Information

- a. The Commission reserves the right to amend these regulations and to prohibit any inappropriate activities, not specifically listed above.
- b. You are entering upon the land at your own risk. Neither the Town of Foxborough nor private landowners assume any liability for injuries to persons or damage to their property while on conservation land.
- c. These regulations will be enforced by the Foxborough Police Department, the Commission, the Agent (who is authorized to act on behalf of the Commission), and/or the Forest and Park Supervisor of the F. Gilbert Hills State Forest.
- d. Copies of all current regulations are available online and at the Foxborough Town Hall.
- e. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Agent at the Town Hall. In the case of an emergency, please call the Foxborough Police at 911.
- f. Please enjoy your visits to the conservation lands of Foxborough. These regulations have been published for your benefit, safety, and enjoyment of conservation lands.

***It's Your Land... ENJOY IT!***