KINGSTON CONSERVATION LAND
RULES & REGULATIONS

The Kingston Conservation Commission welcomes and encourages public use and enjoyment of the land under its stewardship. Enjoy exploring the trails, woods, ponds, streams, and fields. Please help us keep our properties beautiful by removing any litter you find and by reporting any vandalism or substantial illegal dumping to the Conservation office at 781-585-0537. If you witness acts of vandalism or illegal dumping please call the Kingston Police Department immediately at 781-585-0522.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, § 8C, the Conservation Commission has adopted these rules and regulations in order to preserve and protect the conservation values of these properties in perpetuity including: protection of surface and groundwater resources; protection of unfragmented forest habitat; protection of wildlife and its habitat; protection of open space for passive recreation; and enjoyment and study of the natural world.

1. Conservation land is open to the public from sunrise to sunset.

2. In accordance with G.L. Chapter 11, Article 3, motor vehicles are not allowed on conservation land except: other power-driven mobility devices used by individuals with mobility disabilities; Town vehicles and equipment; emergency vehicles; and utility vehicles (with notification to Commission). Other vehicles may be allowed, but only with special permission granted by the Conservation Commission. Use of unauthorized motor vehicles is punishable via fines under G.L. Chapter 11.

3. No person shall engage in business, sell, expose for sale, or give away any goods or circulars on conservation land.

4. No person shall dump or discharge any litter, rubbish, stumps, brush, leaves, sand, stones, deleterious material or fill upon lands under the stewardship of the Conservation Commission. Illegal dumping on public lands is punishable via fines under M.G.L. Chapter 260, § 16 & 16A.

5. No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or misuse any structure, fence, sign, stone wall or remove any part thereof.

6. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on all conservation lands.

7. Overnight camping is not permitted unless by organizations that have an adult leader present at all times and who have requested and received written permission from the Conservation Commission.

8. Open fires are not allowed. Contained campfires may be allowed by authorized camping groups, but only with a permit from the Kingston Fire Department and with notification to the Conservation Commission.

9. Trees, shrubs, plants and flowers shall not be removed, cut or damaged. Fruit may be harvested.

10. Soils, rocks, downed trees, limbs, brush, wood and any other on-site materials shall not be disturbed or removed without authorization of the Conservation Commission.

11. Trails and structures, including deer stands, shall not be constructed without authorization of the Conservation Commission. Deer stands shall be removed at the end of the hunting season.

12. Private memorials shall not be placed on conservation lands.
13. Hunting is allowed in season by licensed persons in compliance with Massachusetts law except at Bay Farm, Calista Farm, F. Sherburne Carter Preserve & Arbor Hills Trails, Hall Property, Kingston Shores Woodland, Marshall Joyce Wildlife Sanctuary, Mulliken's Landing, Patuxet Park, Three Rivers Basin, Triphammer Park, Tree Farm Landing Open Space, and anywhere where the 150-foot setback to roads and the 500-foot setback to dwellings and buildings in use cannot be met.

14. Target shooting is prohibited on all properties.

15. Fishing is allowed in town-owned waterbodies by licensed persons in compliance with Massachusetts law.

16. Dogs must be leashed in accordance with the Kingston Leash Law, G.L. Chapter 10. Dog feces must be picked up and disposed of in a rubbish barrel. Mutt Mitt dispensers and rubbish barrels are provided at most conservation properties for your convenience.

17. No person, except under written Permit from the appropriate agencies, shall dig or disturb any artifacts or archaeological remains nor remove any items found.

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