



***Town of Tyngsborough
Conservation Commission***

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Town’s inventory of open space must serve a multitude of purposes, which must be limited on sensitive lands where human activity should be restricted due to negative environmental impacts, and may be encouraged on lands where passive recreation should be accommodated through improved public access and awareness. Some lands are suitable for all or many of the purposes listed below while others are too sensitive for such activity. The following activities are allowed by right on Conservation Land during hours of operation set forth in paragraph 1.3.

- Bird watching;
- Natural sound-scape appreciation;
- Fishing and Hunting;
- Cross country skiing and snowshoeing;
- Dog walking (on-leash);
- Dog walking (off-leash in designated areas);
- Environmental education;
- Horse riding;
- Walking and hiking;
- Trail running;
- Night Sky Observations (by permit);
- Bicycling (non-motorized) on bike paths only (not-off trail to protect endangered plant and wildlife habitats);
- Nature Study;
- Photography, sketching and painting;
- Other general public recreational uses (exercise, Tai Chi, and the like.).

1.2 The Commission reserves the right to amend, restrict or otherwise alter the uses set forth above.

1.3 RULES

- 1.3.1 Hours of Operation - Sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise approved by the Conservation Commission.
- 1.3.2 Vehicular traffic is prohibited except on designated paved roads authorized for use by the Conservation Commission.
- 1.3.3 Any behavior, conduct and/or activity unreasonably disruptive that infringes on someone's right to be undisturbed is prohibited.
- 1.3.4 Use of open fires, grills or fuel stoves is prohibited.
- 1.3.5 Drunkenness, breach of the peace, and disorderly conduct are prohibited.
- 1.3.6 All motorized recreational vehicles such as, but not limited to, mini-bikes, mopeds, snowmobiles, ATVs, and the like. are prohibited, except for vehicles used for public safety and emergencies. This shall be enforced by the local and environmental police.
- 1.3.7 No person shall injure, deface, destroy, remove or carry off any sign, structure, facility, or other property.
- 1.3.8 Parades, games, fairs, carnivals, festivals, bazaars, art shows or solicitations for raising or collecting funds are not allowed without Commission approval.
- 1.3.9 Organized events or groups of 20 or more people require Commission approval.
- 1.3.10 Any commercial activity, including display of goods for sale, is prohibited without Commission approval.
- 1.3.11 Posters, leaflets, placards, advertisements or any other sign shall not be distributed on, or affixed to any land without Commission approval.
- 1.3.12 The possession or discharge of any unlicensed firearm is prohibited.
(*See MGL Ch. 140, § 121 et seq.*)
- 1.3.13 Hunting is allowed in accordance with MGL, Chapter 131, § 1 et seq. and is not allowed on Sundays. Tree stands must be removed by the end of the applicable hunting season. That which is in season shall only be allowed to be hunted. Hunting seasons shall be posted on the Town's website. Firearms shall not be used unless a permit under the local by-law is issued by the Chief of Police. A copy of said permit must be submitted to the Conservation Commission.
(*See also MGL Ch. 140*)
- 1.3.14 Hunting is **prohibited** on the Sherburne Estate property.

- 1.3.15 Digging, back-filling, disturbing, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited, except by Commission approval.
- 1.3.16 The disposal of sand, gravel, fill, brush, grass clippings, leaves, yard waste, garbage, trash, and other household or commercial/industrial materials, including refuse and waste materials within the boundaries of any Commission property is prohibited.
- 1.3.17 No person shall drop, throw, or place any litter, garbage, or other refuse.
- 1.3.18 No person shall refuse or neglect to obey any posted regulatory sign, the lawful directions of a police officer, or the lawful directions of any authorized public official.
- 1.3.19 Public nudity is forbidden on any Conservation Commission property.

1.4 ACTIVITIES REQUIRING CONSERVATION COMMISSION PERMIT

- 1.4.1 The activities listed below are subject to fifteen (15) day prior written approval by The Commission.
 - Educational programs
 - Overnight camping
 - Programs held outside of regular public access hours
 - Other appropriate group activities on specific parcels that do not conflict with the purposes of any conservation restriction.

**For complete Massachusetts Laws and Regulations
reference the following:**

Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapters 131 & 140

**Code of Massachusetts Regulations 321 CMR
321 CMR 3.01 et seq. Hunting
321 CMR 4.01 et seq. Fishing**

Abstracts of the Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife Laws