

# Town of Franklin

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## Conservation Commission

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## Town of Franklin Conservation Property Rules and Regulations

### Policies:

- Conservation properties are open to all persons free of charge from ½ hour before dawn to ½ hour after dusk. Any property left unattended on Conservation land ½ hour after dusk shall be considered abandoned.
- Persons using Conservation properties do so at their own risk, The Franklin Conservation Commission does not accept any liability resulting from the use of Conservation properties.
- Passive recreation that does not affect the property nor other people is permitted; e.g. hiking, jogging, catch and release fishing, canoeing, kayaking, bicycling, picnicking, bird watching, etc.

### Permitted Activities with Conservation Authorization:

- Written authorization from the Conservation Commission is required for the following activities. Please allow 2 – 3 weeks processing time for permits. The Conservation Commission can be reached at (508) 520-4929.
  - Overnight camping and/or cooking fires in designated fire rings, provided that The Franklin Fire Department has been given prior notification. Their phone number is (508) 528-2323.
  - Construction of any structures such as dams, bridges, lean-tos, etc.
  - Construction of new trails or maintenance of existing trails.
  - Commercial activities or organized group activities.

### Prohibited Activities:

- See Town of Franklin Rules and Regulations -
- Littering. All waste must be removed from Conservation properties.
- Dumping of any kind. Cutting, collecting, disturbing or damaging plants, animals, soils, signs or structures other than previously authorized.
- Motorized vehicles, other than official public safety, maintenance and motorized handicapped vehicles, except on designated ways or parking areas. No overnight parking of vehicles without prior authorization.
- Hunting, trapping, possession or discharge of firearms, pellet guns, paintball guns, bows and arrows.
- Release of animal, or introduction of plant life without authorization.
- Smoking.

- Alcoholic beverages or any type of glass containers.
- Bicycles off of trails.
- Dogs off of leashes. Animal waste shall be removed by the owner.
- Swimming.
- Excessive noise such as generators, tools, RC cars/trucks/boats/aircraft, music, etc.
- Any activity not expressly permitted.

**Enforcement:**

- These rules and regulations are issued with the authority of MGL Ch.40, sec.8C. Violations of these rules are punishable by fines of up to \$100 per day as **authorized by the Town Administrator** and are enforced by the Franklin Police Department and the Conservation Commission **or their Agent**.
- All regulations covered by Town of Franklin Bylaws Chapter 37 Town Properties, Chapter 125 Peace and Good Order and Chapter 151 Solid Waste. These regulations supplement those Bylaws.