

TOWN OF NORWELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF LAND UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE NORWELL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The following rules apply except as authorized in writing by the Conservation Commission.

- 1. Conservation areas are open dusk to dawn, unless otherwise posted.
- 2. Obey all State, Local, and Federal Laws, especially **hunting**, **fishing**, and **littering** statutes.
- 3. All dogs <u>must be leashed</u> on Conservation Properties, and on town pathways (Town Bylaws Chapter 45, Section 14).
- 4. <u>Clean up after your dog</u>. All dog waste must be picked up and removed from the property or disposed of in Dog Waste bins where available.
- 5. The Town of Norwell assumes no liability for injury or loss of personal property.
- 6. With permission from Conservation, hunting and trapping are allowed on all Conservation Areas **except** Fogg Forest, Norwell Wompatuck Entrance, and Jacobs Pond. Hunting at Jacobs **is allowed** west of trails JP10 and JP13. Hunting on or from Conservation Trails, or the firing or discharging of firearms, or release of arrows over trails are **prohibited**.
- 7. Plants and animals, living or dead, may not be removed from Conservation Areas except as authorized by the Conservation Commission.

The following activities are **prohibited** from Conservation Areas except as authorized in writing by the Conservation Commission or noted below.

- A. The firing or discharging of firearms, use of crossbows, or release of arrows on Conservation Property, with the exception of hunting as stated above (#6).
- B. Overnight camping. (Camping is allowed on Jacobs Island on a first come, first serve basis. Reservation Forms are available in the Conservation Office and on the website)
- C. Open fires. (A burn permit from the Fire Department must be obtained for camping on Jacobs Island).
- D. Motorized vehicles, except for municipal purposes.
- E. Alcoholic beverages.
- F. The use of metal detectors, and/or the removal of artifacts and historical items through any means from Conservation Properties without special approval from the Commission.
- G. Depositing or leaving rubbish, litter, demolition or yard debris, garbage, excavated fill or any other waste.
- H. Disturbing, defacing, or removing barriers, natural features, or installed information features including kiosks, signs, posters, or similar.

Violation of the Rules and Regulations may be enforced through fines issued pursuant to the Non-Criminal Disposition statute, Chapter 40, Section 21D. Please report violations to the Norwell Police Department at 781-659-8151. Hunting violations may be reported to the Environmental Police at 800-632-8075.

Discussed and Amended to prohibit the use of metal detectors and removal of artifacts without Commission permission by the Conservation Commission at Public Meeting on January 23rd, 2024.