



OFFICE OF THE  
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## **Town of Dunstable's Conservation Land and Open Space Regulations and Fine Schedule – effective April 11, 2011**

**Revised: June 13, 2011**

The Dunstable Conservation Commission welcomes public use and enjoyment of the lands under its care and custody. These lands are open for walking, hiking, snow shoeing, fishing (with a license and in accord with applicable law), picnicking, nature study, cross country skiing, canoeing, jogging, horseback riding, bird watching, photography and other passive recreational activities that do not damage the land or impair other's enjoyment.

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, s 8c, the Commission adopts the following regulations to encourage passive recreational activities while preserving and protecting these properties in a natural state for everyone to enjoy.

Violation of any of the foregoing regulations shall be punishable by a fine, as listed by each offense. Any violation continuing beyond a single day may be considered a separate offense hereunder. Any fine or penalty assessed hereunder may be enforced under the Non-Criminal Disposition Bylaw of the Town of Dunstable. The alleged violator may request, in writing, a hearing to discuss the misuse of the Conservation Commission land. Enforcement of the regulations for The Town of Dunstable's Conservation Land and Open Space will be by the Dunstable Police and/or Conservation Commission members.

- 1) No motorized vehicles are permitted on Conservation lands with the exception of public safety vehicles such as Police and Fire department vehicles for emergency purposes and for enforcement of these Rules, and vehicles on the premises for maintenance or similar purposes under the supervision of the Conservation Commission. (\$250 fine)
- 2) No fires permitted without written approval of the Conservation Commission. (\$100 fine)
- 3) No overnight camping without written approval of the Conservation Commission. (\$100 fine)
- 4) No use of power tools is permitted on Conservation lands unless authorized by the Conservation Commission. (\$100 fine)
- 5) No discharge of firearms is permitted on any Conservation lands. (\$100 fine)
- 6) No re-routing, maintaining or altering trails allowed without permission of the Dunstable Conservation Commission. (\$100 fine)



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- 7) Do not litter. Take out what you bring in – no trash receptacles are provided by the Conservation Commission or the Town of Dunstable. (\$100.00 fine)
- 8) No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile or ill-use any object/structure (natural or man-made), fence, or sign or have possession of any part thereof. (\$100.00 fine)
- 9) No consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on Conservation land. (\$100.00 fine)
- 10) There shall be no disturbance or alteration of waterways, including of the banks, bed and vegetation thereon and therein and including erection of anything that acts to dam the flow in any way. (\$100.00 fine)
- 11) Use of paintballs, pellet guns and sling shots is prohibited. (\$100.00)
- 12) No structure of any type (such as, but not limited to, a lean-to, bridge, handrail or bench) may, or shall be constructed without the written permission of the Conservation Commission. (\$100.00 fine)
- 13) Dogs must be under owner's control at all times. It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses, or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by the dog on any Town Conservation land. (\$50.00 fine)
- 14) No landscape debris, grass clippings, tree cuttings or other similar material shall be dumped on conservation lands. (\$50.00 fine)
- 15) Installation of memorials or displays is prohibited without the written permission of the Conservation Commission. (\$50.00 fine)
- 16) No personal property shall be left on conservation lands without written authorization from the Conservation Commission. (\$25.00)
- 17) Parking shall only be in designated areas and during times when lands are open to access according to posted schedules. (\$25.00)
- 18) Do not remove, cut, pick or damage any trees, shrubs, flowers, grass or other flora. (\$25.00 fine)

Anyone who observes any violation of these rules is asked to assist the Dunstable Conservation Commission by notifying it of what was observed by calling the office: 978-649-4514 x230.

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