

Town Conservation Land Uses

Welcome! The Townsend Conservation Commission has the responsibility of maintaining its land in accordance with any conditions imposed at the time of purchase or gift, and in accordance with proper conservation management practice. The Commission will, to the best of its ability and available finding, manage the conservation land under its control to enhance habitats for wildlife, promote biological diversity, improve access for passive recreation, and enhance the quality/quantity of timber products. These are your lands! Please enjoy and protect them.

- Townsend's conservation lands are open for all to enjoy from hour before sunrise until hour after sunset.
- No motorized vehicle or equipment will be permitted without written permission from the Conservation Commission.
- Dumping or leaving litter or garbage is prohibited. No receptacles are available; therefore anything brought in must be carried out.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- No person shall disturb any structure, fence, sign or stone.
- No vegetation shall be cut, defaced, removed or planted without prior written permission from the Conservation Commission.
- No trains shall be made, dams constructed or structures built without prior written permission from the Conservation Commission.
- No person shall engage in any activity related to business, sale, giveaway or promotion of any sort.
- Horses will be permitted only on trails designated for that use.
- Pets must be controlled at all times and have a current rabies certification. Please pick up and properly dispose of your pet's waste.
- Overnight camping is prohibited except with prior written permission from the Conservation Commission.
- Fire is a serious danger in woodlands, especially in areas that are inaccessible to the Fire Department. Smoking and fires of any kind are strictly prohibited.
- The Conservation Commission reserves the right to limit activities by large groups.
- The Conservation Commission reserves the right to issue fines for violations of these rules. Per MGL Ch. 40, Sec. 8C, Conservation Commissions may issue fines up to \$100 per violation.
- You are entering upon the land at your own risk! The Town of Townsend assumes no liability for injuries to persons or damage to property while on Townsend's trails or conservation land.

Voluntary contributions for maintenance, improvement and/or the purchase of additional properties are gratefully appreciated.