

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR LONGMEADOW CONSERVATION LAND**

*(Adopted in accordance with Mass. G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C)*

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy Town Conservation areas from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. The Conservation Commission hopes you will utilize this natural outdoor recreational environment for your pleasure while appreciating and following the Regulations set forth below for protection of this Town resource.

### **ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGED**

1. Nature study: observation of plants, birds, animals and fish; quiet enjoyment of the out-of-doors.
2. Passive recreation such as walking, running, jogging, bicycling or cross-country skiing.
3. Ice-skating at one's own risk.
4. Gardening in designated areas.
5. Picnicking with the understanding that all refuse will be carried away and the area is left litter-free.
6. Fishing and non-motorized boating subject to Town and State regulations.

### **ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED**

Violations subject to fines up to \$100.00

1. Littering, dumping or disposing of trash, fill or any pollutant.
2. Cutting or taking of trees, crops or plants or any parts thereof; removal of soil, stones or other material.
3. No fires shall be lighted without a permit from the Fire Chief.
4. Clearing or maintaining a trail.
5. Camping.
6. Disseminating any insecticide, herbicide, fungicide or pesticide.
7. Erection of any structure such as lean-to, bridge, tower or handrail.
8. Trapping.
9. Damage to agricultural crops.
10. The carrying or discharge of firearms.
11. The use of alcoholic beverages and drugs is forbidden on all Conservation land.
12. Leaving accepted town roadways and entering with any type of motorized vehicle upon land owned by the Town for purposes of Conservation, except where posted by the Conservation Commission for access and parking. This regulation shall not apply to authorized agricultural equipment or vehicles of the DPW, Police or Fire Departments or the Conservation Commission. Parking is permitted in designated areas or at roadsides.

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13. Defacing any sign, building or equipment.
14. Construction of temporary rafts, bridges, or the use of inflatable craft.
15. Damming Town brooks.
16. Posting, painting, affixing or displaying any sign, notice placard or advertising device.
17. No person shall engage in business, sell or expose for sale, or give away any goods, wares or circulars.
18. Washing, cleaning, oil changing or other routine maintenance of a motor vehicle.

**Permission for certain of these activities may be granted by the Conservation Commission when deemed appropriate.**

### LIABILITY

The Town of Longmeadow and the Longmeadow Conservation Commission do not assume any liabilities for injuries to person or damage to property or any other loss occurring upon lands managed by the Longmeadow Conservation Commission. Persons entering upon Conservation lands do so at their own risk.

### ENFORCING REGULATIONS

The Conservation Commission supports the right of all visitors to use Conservation land without annoyance or abuse from others.

Longmeadow's Police Dept., Massachusetts Environmental Police and Conservation Commission have authority to enforce these regulations.

Copies of these regulations are available in the Town Clerk's office, the Select Board's office, the Police Dept., the Fire Dept., the Longmeadow Library and the Conservation Commission webpage.

It is the intent of the Longmeadow Conservation Commission that all lands under its management shall be kept as nearly as possible in a natural state. The only alterations would be to enhance use by the public and to improve the quality of the environment.

**PLEASE USE AND CARE FOR YOUR CONSERVATION LAND**