

ACTON TOWN LAND RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Acton Town Charter vests the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for Town land, other than Conservation lands, with the Town Manager, who may delegate administration and enforcement to Town staff. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 8C vests the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for Conservation Lands with the Conservation Commission, who may delegate the administration and enforcement of those rules and regulations to Town Staff. Non-criminal Jurisdiction for these offenses was approved as Article 29 of the 1993 Annual Town Meeting.
2. Town lands are closed from one hour after sunset until one hour before sunrise, except with special permission.
3. No motor vehicles or tools are allowed on the Town lands except as otherwise authorized.
4. Hunting is allowed only upon application to and receipt of written permission from both the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission.
5. No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or ill-use any structure, fence, or sign, or have possession of any part thereof.
6. No growing trees, bushes, plants, or flowers shall be cut or defaced without written permission.
7. No person shall engage in business, sell or expose for sale, or give any goods, wares or brochures, upon Town property without prior written permission.
8. Overnight camping upon Town lands may be permitted to organizations having an adult leader present at all times. Every group so utilizing these lands shall obtain written permission prior to such camping use. A fire permit must be obtained from the Fire Chief prior to use of open fires in these areas. Notification will be made to the Chief of the Police Department prior to such use for camping of the inclusive dates of occupancy, and name of responsible attending adult.
9. No facilities of an enduring nature, such as a bridge, tower, building, lean to, tent platform, or trail may be constructed without prior written permission.
10. Trapping is allowed only upon written permit from both the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen.
11. Constructing, placing, or installing a blind, tree stand, or other feature that could facilitate hunting is prohibited without prior written permission. Features so installed are subject to immediate confiscation and/or destruction by the Town Manager or his designee.
12. Private property left unattended for three days will be presumed to be abandoned and may be confiscated and disposed of at the discretion of the Town Manager or his designee.

13. Possession of firearms or archery equipment on Town land, except by police officers or other public officials in pursuit of their official duties, or as authorized in writing by the Town Manager or his designee is prohibited.
14. Disposal of trash, debris, litter, or other materials, either natural or man-made, on Town lands is prohibited.
15. Use of Town land for organized or league games without permission from the Town Manager or his designee is prohibited.
16. Cutting, trimming, removing, or damaging Public Shade Trees as defined by M.G.L. Chapter 87, Section 1, without permission of the Tree Warden, is prohibited.
17. Affixing notices, signs, advertisements, or other things to Public Shade Trees, as described in M.G.L. Chapter 87, Section 9, without permission of the Tree Warden, is prohibited. All such items affixed to Public Shade Trees are subject to immediate confiscation and destruction.
18. Violations of these Rules and Regulations may be enforced by the constable, Police Chief, Police Officer, Municipal Properties Director, Conservation Administrator, or other agent allowed by law.
19. Violations of these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to a fine of \$50.00 per violation. Each day of a continuing violation will be deemed to be a separate violation.

APPROVED BY THE ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION, MAY 4, 1994

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