

TOWN OF AYER**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE
PINE MEADOW CONSERVATION LAND****Adopted May 13, 2010**

The Ayer Conservation Commission welcomes and encourages public use and enjoyment of the land under its stewardship. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8c, the Commission has adopted these rules and regulations in order to preserve, protect and manage in perpetuity the wildlife, aesthetic, ecological, environmental, and conservation values of this property. Please help us keep it beautiful by removing any litter you find.

1. All people are welcome to enjoy the Pine Meadow Conservation Land at no charge from dawn until dusk.
2. No cars, trucks, snowmobiles, ATVs, dirt bikes, power boats, or other motorized vehicles or powered tools shall be allowed except as authorized by the Ayer Conservation Commission. Electric trolling motors may be used. Public safety vehicles, including Police and Fire department vehicles, may enter this property for emergency purposes and for enforcement of these rules and regulations.
3. No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or ill-use any structure, fence or sign or have possession of any part thereof. No dead or growing trees, bushes, plants or flowers or other matter living or non-living shall be defaced, cut or removed. No trails shall be cut or marked. No dams, nor any structure such as a lean-to, bridge, tower or handrail, shall be constructed without written authorization of the Conservation Commission.
4. No wildlife shall be harassed nor wildlife habitat disturbed.
5. Properly licensed dogs and other pets must be leashed or under the direct voice control of their handler. The person accompanying the pet shall promptly remove feces deposited by the pet on conservation land. Pets shall not be allowed to endanger wildlife or the natural vegetation. Nuisance animals shall not be relocated to conservation lands from other properties nor shall pets be abandoned on conservation land.
6. No person shall engage in business, sell or expose for sale, or give away any goods, wares or circulars without written authorization of the Conservation Commission.
7. No overnight camping is permitted except with the written permission of the Conservation Commission.
8. No debris, including but not limited to garbage, landscape debris, grass clippings, leaves, brush, tree cuttings or other similar material or refuse shall be deposited on

conservation lands. Trash and litter generated by users must be removed from the premises.

9. No personal property or personal landscaping improvements, such as, but not limited to, fences, swing sets, grass sod, sandboxes, irrigation systems, invisible fencing, sheds, vehicles, etc., shall be permitted on conservation land without previous written authorization from the Conservation Commission. Items such as canoes, kayaks or other boats can be used but may not be stored on conservation land.

10. No consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on conservation land. The use of glass containers of any sort is also prohibited.

11. Fishing is permitted with a license and in accord with applicable state law.

12. Hunting is limited to the taking of deer as permitted under state law and solely during Massachusetts state-approved shotgun season. Only shotguns and bows and arrows may be used during this time period for deer hunting on conservation land.

13. No trapping is permitted without written authorization from the Conservation Commission.

14. With the exception of law enforcement personnel, the possession and discharge of handguns, rifles, muzzleloaders, paintball guns and pellet guns is prohibited on conservation land.

15. Any activities and uses not set forth here require the permission of the Conservation Commission.

16. Violations hereof shall be subject to a penalty of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense, and \$100.00 for the third or subsequent offenses per Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8c. Repeat offenders may be barred from the property by the Ayer Conservation Commission.

PLEASE NOTE: All individuals enjoying the Pine Meadow Conservation Land assume, by reason of entry, all risks involved. (M.G.L. Chapter 21, Section 17c)