

CHAPTER 173- CONSERVATION LANDS

REGULATION I – General Provisions §173-4- Prohibited Activities on Conservation Lands

- (1) No activity meaning any form of draining, dumping, dredging, damming, discharging, excavating, filling or grading; the excavation or removal of soil, sand, gravel or aggregate materials of any kind; the erection, reconstruction or expansion of any buildings or structures; the driving of pilings, the construction or improvement of roads and other ways; the changing of pre-existing drainage or run-off characteristics, flushing characteristics, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, flood retention characteristics and/or salinity distribution, the intercepting or diverging of ground and/or surface water; the placing of obstructions or objects in surface water; the changing of water levels or water table, the installation of drainage, sewage and water systems; the discharging of pollutants; the application of pesticides or herbicides; the overnight camping, sleeping, etc and/or erection of lean-to's and/or other temporary structures or shelters is allowed on Mashpee Conservation Land without a permit as voted at a public meeting of the Commission.

For any person or persons proposing (or having initiated such activity or alteration), the Commission shall require an application, including the submission of written information and/or plans describing said activity and/or alteration. The Commission may generate and require the use of specific forms (including submittal requirements) relative to said application and information and/or plans. Said written information and/or plans shall be of sufficient detail and completeness as deemed necessary by the Commission to evaluate the effects of the activity and/or alteration upon the environmental values of Section 1 of the Chapter 173 By-law.

The **Mashpee Conservation Commission** welcomes the public enjoyment of these tranquil areas for residents and visitors alike. The Conservation Commission is responsible for the stewardship of this land in not only providing open space for the public but also protecting the flora and fauna that inhabit this area. We ask for your assistance and cooperation in preserving the quality of your experiences in Mashpee by abiding by the following regulations

The following activities are **prohibited** on Mashpee Conservation Lands:

- Motorized vehicle usage on any roads (not designated as ancient ways) within Mashpee Conservation lands without the express written consent of the Mashpee Conservation Commission (with the exception of emergency and municipal vehicles).
- ATV, Motor cross bike, Gators or any other type of all terrain vehicle usage is prohibited on Mashpee Conservation Land without the express written consent of the Mashpee Conservation Commission
- Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages
- Dumping of material any kind including, but not limited to, household trash, construction debris, landscape debris, fill, etc
- Discharging of firearms is prohibited except pursuant to lawful hunting under the Massachusetts State Fish and Wildlife and/or Federal Hunting Regulations, guidelines and setbacks
- Camping within Mashpee Conservation Lands without the express written consent of the Mashpee Conservation Commission.
- Vandalism of signs, kiosks, gates and any other appurtenances associated with Mashpee Conservation Land
- The removal, harassment, cutting or injury of trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, groundcover and wildlife.
- The creation of trails on Conservation Lands and town-owned open space without the express written consent of the Mashpee Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen (town-owned open space)
- The creation of fires (contained or uncontained), construction of fire rings, firepits, etc
- All pets must be leashed while on Mashpee Conservation Lands. Adherence to the “pooper scooper” Town Bylaw, Chapter 79-1 is mandatory on all Mashpee Conservation Lands and Town-owned open space.

All prohibited activities on Mashpee Conservation Land are subject to a fine of up to \$300.00 per offense.