



Conservation Commission

**RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF CONSERVATION COMMISSION LANDS
AND TOWN-OWNED OPEN SPACE**

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

We hope that you enjoy the sights and sounds of natural Mashpee during each visit.

1. Conservation Lands are open for public access, 24 hours a day, year round
2. Except for emergency and municipal vehicles, motor vehicles are only allowed on public roads within Conservation Lands.
3. Hunting and fishing in season with a license and in accordance with applicable federal and state laws is allowed in designated areas only. For information on hunting regulations, setbacks and guidelines for the state of Massachusetts, contact **Mass Wildlife at (508) 389-6300**
4. The removal, harassment, cutting or injury of trees, shrubs, plants, flowers and wildlife is prohibited.
5. The use of Conservation Lands for commercial activities is prohibited except by written authorization of the Commission.
6. Alcoholic beverages and glass containers are prohibited on Conservation Land
7. Horseback riding and mountain biking is allowed in designated public cart paths within Conservation Lands such as the South Mashpee Pine Barrens and Jehu Pond Conservation Area.
8. Birding, botanizing and wildlife viewing in a responsible and thoughtful manner are encouraged in all Conservation Lands and Town-owned open space.
9. Dogs and cats can harass and predate ground nesting birds such as quail and small mammals such as chipmunks. Therefore, please keep your dog (and cat) on a leash while on Conservation Land. There is also a "pooper scooper" Town Bylaw, Chapter 79-1, please pick up after your canine.
10. Please do not spoil these areas for other users by littering. There is a \$300 fine per offense. Dumping of any kind of trash (including landscape debris) is prohibited and subject to a \$300 fine per offense.
11. ATVs and motorized bikes are not allowed on Conservation Land or Town-owned open space.
12. Discharge of firearms is prohibited except pursuant to lawful hunting under Massachusetts and Federal Hunting regulations.
13. Man-made fires are prohibited in Conservation Lands and Town-owned open space (enclosed or open)