



Eastham Conservation Office
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Town of Eastham

Conservation Area Regulations

Adopted: January 16, 1991, Revised: June 9, 2015

1.0 Authority

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, § 8C, the Conservation Commission has adopted the following rules and regulations.

2.0 Purpose

In order to preserve and protect wildlife and wildlife habitat, ecological, environmental, aesthetic, surface and groundwater resources and conservation values of the Town of Eastham's conservation areas.

3.0 Applicability

These regulations apply to all land within the care and custody of the Conservation Commission, herein referred to as "Conservation Land".

4.0 General Regulations

- 4.1 Conservation areas are open to the public from one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset, unless otherwise posted.
- 4.2 No hunting shall be permitted in any conservation area with the exception of waterfowl in Wiley Park in season by a licensed person(s) in accordance with applicable laws.
- 4.3 No person shall feed or leave food, disrupt, harm, collect, release, chase or harass any animals in the conservation areas.
- 4.4 Work of any type directly affecting flora and fauna is not permitted without prior written permission from the Conservation Commission. "Work" includes but is not limited to trail construction, maintenance, excavation, filling, plantings, building structures and posting signs.
- 4.5 No person shall cut, break, remove, disrupt or damage any growing trees, bushes, plants or flowers in the conservation areas.
- 4.6 Dumping, littering, filling or deposition of household garbage or yard waste is prohibited.
- 4.7 Motorized vehicles are prohibited except for emergency response vehicles, or maintenance activities, or with prior permission from the Conservation Commission and except in designated roads and parking areas.

- 4.8 No alcoholic beverages shall be permitted at any time.
- 4.9 Open fires are prohibited.
- 4.10 Activities and uses not set forth herein require prior permission by the Conservation Commission.
- 4.11 Users of conservation areas shall remain on marked trails and designated areas such as parking and beach areas. Users may not enter or disturb posted exclusion areas such as wildlife nesting areas or habitat restoration unless otherwise previously authorized by the Conservation Commission.

5.0 Violations and Penalties

These regulations may be enforced by the Conservation Agent or Natural Resources Officer and/or Police Officer (or designee of the Conservation Commission).

- 5.1 The penalty for violation of any provision of these regulations shall be a fine of up to \$300.00 per violation with each day of continuing violation constituting a separate violation.

When enforced through the provisions of General Law CH. 40 §21D (Non-Criminal Disposition), the penalties shall be as follows:

First Offence:	\$100.00
Second Offence:	\$200.00
Third and successive Offences:	\$300.00

The Eastham Conservation Commission welcomes and encourages public use and enjoyment of the land under its stewardship. Enjoy hiking and exploring the trails, woods and ponds. Please help us keep the conservation areas beautiful. To report violations or problems, please call the Natural Resources/Conservation office at (508)-240-5971.

Thank You