

Bourne Conservation Commission Policy 10-4
Regulations for the Four Ponds Conservation Area

These regulations are promulgated under MGL Chapter 40, section 8C, the Conservation Commission Act. These regulations are enforceable by any Conservation Commissioner, any Town Natural Resource Officer, State Environmental Police Officer, Town of Bourne Conservation Agent and any Town or State Police Officer who are hereby made "agents of the Commission" for this purpose. Violation of any of these regulations may result in court action and/or a fine not to exceed \$100.00 for each violation.

1. **PERMITTED USES:** Walking, jogging, cross country skiing, fishing (if licensed to do so by the Commonwealth), mountain biking on designated trails only, nature study, horse back riding, walking leashed pets, and hunting (according to "C" below and any posted regulations).
 - a. Property is open to the public between 5 am to 10 pm.
 - b. Fishing is permitted to those holding a valid Massachusetts Fishing License.
 - c. Hunting is restricted to those holding a valid Commonwealth Hunting License and to those land areas between Upper Pond and Town Forest. *NO HUNTING IS ALLOWED ON FREEMAN POND, THE BASIN POND, SHOP POND OR ABUTTING UPLANDS.*
2. **PROHIBITED USES:** Unauthorized cutting of vegetation, motorized vehicles of any type (except official vehicles), group gatherings without prior approval of the commission, diverting of any stream, littering, introduction of any non-native animals or plants, picking of vegetation, use of drugs and/or alcoholic beverages or the use of paint ball guns.
 - a. Only official motorized vehicles will be permitted. This prohibition applies to trail bikes, ATVs, mopeds, motorcycles, go carts, tri-bikes, and all other kinds of gas/diesel/propane powered vehicles. Violators will be considered trespassers and will be fined a sum up to \$100.00 for each offense.
 - b. Persons apprehended for the unauthorized cutting of vegetation will be fined a sum up to \$100.00 for each offense and be required to make restitution.
 - c. Littering will result in a fine of up to \$100.00
 - d. Persons who fail to disperse for any "agent of the Commission" will be considered trespassers and will be subject to arrest.
3. At any time the Commission reserves the right to change, add, or delete any regulation governing this area.

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