

Salem Town Forest

Rules and Guidelines for the General Public

Access Hours: Open daily from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset

The general public may use any open trail to:

- Walk, run, skip, ski, snowshoe, sled, push a baby carriage;
- Exercise **leashed** dogs; (*Remove all pet waste*)
- Ride a non-motorized bicycle;
- Use a wheelchair as regulated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Ride a horse. (*Remove animal waste*)

The Town Forest is open for Hunting and Fishing according to regulations issued by the NH Fish and Game Department and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Some activities require authorization from the Salem Conservation Commission.

Information and authorization request forms are available at the link below:

<https://salemnh.gov/townforestrequestform>

Authorized motorized vehicles may be used to maintain trails, harvest timber, and provide access for habitat management, emergencies, and wheelchairs. No other motorized vehicles are allowed.

Prohibited activities include:

- Off-leash / unattended pets
- Unauthorized motor vehicles
- Off-trail use of any vehicle, motorized or non-motorized
- Reckless or endangering behavior
- Use of any trail designated as closed
- Consuming alcoholic beverages
- Dumping or littering
- Unauthorized camping, fires, and use of cooking stoves
- Trapping
- Unauthorized discharge of explosives
- Use of illegal substances of any kind
- Cutting, destroying, or removing any structure, tree, plant, or natural feature
- Building any structure and/or creating new trails without Conservation Commission approval
- The discharge of any firearm other than for lawful hunting
- Discharge or carrying of BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, airsoft guns, and similar devices

Please report reckless and dangerous behavior, unauthorized fires, and unlawful use of firearms immediately to the Salem Police Department: (603) 893-1911

Report IRREGULARITIES to the Salem Conservation Commission or to the appropriate public official at the Salem Town Hall: (603) 890-2000

Trail cleanup is encouraged! Offers to assist with trail maintenance or trail creation are welcome. Please contact the Salem Conservation Commission at Conservation_Commission@salemnh.gov or at 603-890-2086.