

Burlington Conservation Commission

Rules and Regulations for Conservation Areas

Permitted uses/activities:

1. Hike, *run*, ski, bike and snowshoe on trails prepared for these activities.
2. Picnic on a carry-in, carry-out basis (no fires, stoves or grills).
3. Use radios with earphones only.
4. Walk dogs on a leash only.
5. Camp overnight with special permission from the Conservation Commission.
6. Have group picnics with special permission from the Conservation Commission.
7. Ride horses with permission from the Conservation Commission and under dry conditions only.

Prohibited uses/activities:

1. Litter or *dump*.
2. Deface or vandalize.
3. Hunt or trap.
4. Remove plants, wildlife, *rocks or soil*.
5. *Feed wildlife*.
6. Cut firewood.
7. Create new, unauthorized trails.
8. Swim.
9. Carry firearms.
10. Play paintball games.
11. Have campfires.
12. *Build shelters*.
13. Possess alcoholic beverages.
14. *Drive or ride motorized vehicles, including automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, trail bikes, snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles (ATV's) or any other vehicles driven by motors.

Policy for pruning or removal of trees in Conservation Areas:

Conservation staff shall approve and oversee any tree pruning and/or removal for the creation or maintenance of trails in Conservation Areas. Any new trails shall be routed to avoid the cutting of large trees.

Conservation staff shall also review, evaluate and either approve conditionally or deny requests by abutters to prune and/or remove trees on Conservation land in close proximity to dwellings or other structures. If tree removal is requested for any reason other than safety concerns, the request requires the approval of the Conservation Commission. Safety issues that might warrant approval by Conservation staff include dead or dying trees, leaning trees, or shallow-rooted trees susceptible to blowdowns that could fall on homes or other structures.

If trees are authorized to be cut by abutters on Conservation land, tree trunks should be left to create snags for wildlife habitat and the cut wood (tree tops) allowed to be left on the ground to provide habitat for amphibians and other wildlife, and to enrich the soil, unless otherwise approved by the Conservation Commission.