

**BY-LAWS:**  
**MANAGEMENT OF DEER LEAP NATURAL AREA:**

**SECTION I : PURPOSE:**

In order to promote the passive recreation use and to manage the Deer Leap Natural Area for conservation purposes according to the intent and purpose of the Land Conservation Investment Program, RSA 221-A:1 and 2, the Windham Town Meeting adopts the following use regulations for the area pursuant to the authority granted to the Town by RSA 31:39.

**SECTION II : PERMITTED USES WITHIN THE DEER LEAP NATURAL AREA:**

- A) Passive recreational activities such as hiking, picnics (please carry out all litter), bird watching, etc., that are consistent with the purpose of this By-law, which is to protect the natural resources of this area.
- B) Launching of small, non-motorized boars onto Rock Pond from the right-of-way at the end of Abbot Road. In 1963, Order No. 98 was issued by the NH Department of Safety, Division of Safety Services prohibiting the operation of motor boats and outboard motors on Rock Pond.

**SECTION III : PROHIBITED USES WITHIN THE DEER LEAP NATURAL AREA:**

- A) Hunting, trapping and/or discharge of firearms is strictly prohibited. The area will be posted against these activities pursuant to RSA 635:4.
- B) The use of motorized vehicles is prohibited subject to the following exceptions:
  - 1. Upon the authorization of the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission, motorized vehicles may be permitted for any maintenance or construction work needed to implement management plans for the area.
  - 2. Law enforcement vehicles/emergency vehicles may be permitted within this area at any time.
  - 3. Vehicles registered for highway use may use Woodbury and Abbot Roads for access to the Natural Area. Parking is permitted only in designated parking areas.
- C) Littering, disposal of garbage, trash or motor vehicles is prohibited.
- D) Cutting, digging up, or otherwise willfully damaging trees, shrubs or plants except as authorized by the Conservation Commission.
- E) Building of fires is strictly prohibited.
- F) There is no public access to Moeckel Pond, a private pond, from the shoreline abutting the Deer Leap Natural Area. Boating, swimming, fishing or otherwise trespassing on Moeckel Pond from this shoreline is prohibited.

- G) Swimming is prohibited from the right-of-way shoreline of Rock Pond at the end of Abbot Road.
- H) Camping.
- I) Rock climbing, scaling, or climbing any vertical areas, or repelling, with or without the assistance of tools or equipment shall be prohibited except on the “Deer Leap face area”.

**SECTION IV : VIOLATIONS:**

Violations of this By-law shall be punishable by assessment of the following fines:

- A) Hunting, trapping, discharge of firearms \$ 100.00
- B) Unauthorized use of motor vehicles 50.00
- C) Littering as described in II, C 100.00
- D) Unauthorized cutting, digging up or otherwise willfully damaging trees, shrubs or plants 100.00
- E) Camping, building of fires, swimming from the R.O.W., each offense 50.00

**SECTION V : PENALTIES:**

Penalties collected shall be turned over to the Town Treasurer and deposited to the General Fund of the Town.

**SECTION VI : ENFORCEMENT:**

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Windham Police Department.

**SECTION VII : SEVERABILITY:**

If any section, clause, provision of phrase of this chapter shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent authority; such holding shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other section, clause, provision, portion or phrase of this chapter.

**Adopted at Town Meeting - March 16, 1989**

**Amended by Town Meeting vote - March 15, 1997**

**Re-codified and affirmed by the Board of Selectmen - May 11, 1998**

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