

TRAIL USE AND REGULATIONS

Trail Markings

The trails are marked with three colors:

Red = Access trail (connects to a paved road)

Yellow = Main trail

Blue = Secondary trail

Trail maps and other helpful information are posted on kiosks at major trailheads and intersections.

Trail Regulations

All of us need to maintain and protect the conservation and municipal land of Boxborough. For the preservation of the land, and for everyone's enjoyment and safety, the following rules are in effect:

- Open from dawn to dusk.
- No motorized vehicles.
- Pets must be under owner's control.
- No alcohol, fires, camping, or hunting.
- No mountain bikes or horses if trail is muddy or if prohibited.
- No removal or damage to plants and wildlife.
- Use the property at your own risk.
- Enjoy yourself; enjoy the land.

Many trails abut private property. Please be a good neighbor:

- Stay on marked trails.
- Park off the road, not on private property.
- No trespassing.
- Do not litter.

Hunting Regulations

Hunting is not allowed on Boxborough conservation or municipal land. However, be aware that hunting is allowed on private property with the written consent of the landowner. Please be careful during hunting season from mid-October until the end of December. Exact dates for the current year's hunting season are available at Town Hall and on the town website. Hunting is never allowed on Sunday.

Trail Nuisances

The most common nuisances along the trails are poison ivy, mosquitoes, wood ticks, and deer ticks (which can carry Lyme disease). Please avoid muddy spots, and be careful on slippery or uneven terrain.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Hikers, joggers, bikers, dogs, equestrians, and cross-country skiers all share the trails. Here are etiquette suggestions for trail use:

General Etiquette Tips

- Do not remove trail markers.
- Do not blaze new trails.
- Carry out what you carry in.
- Avoid damaging trails during muddy conditions.
- Animals on the trail may act unpredictably. Ask the handler for guidance if you are unsure how to approach the animal.
- Report problems or safety issues to LanSCom.

Mountain Bikers

- Be aware of other trail users. You are obligated to yield to all other trail users.
- Announce yourself when approaching others.
- Approach blind curves with caution. Assume someone is coming from the opposite direction.
- If you see a horse, make yourself known, be considerate, and stop. Wait for the rider to tell you when to continue.

Hikers, Joggers, and Cross-country Skiers

- Stay to the right of the trail, pass on the left.
- Always yield to equestrians, but do not hide behind obstacles on the side of the trail.
- Announce yourself when overtaking other trail users.

Equestrians

- Keep your horse under control at all times.
- Walk when passing others.
- Be alert for the unexpected.
- Stay on the trail.
- Do not use muddy trails or dig up grassland.

Dog Walkers

- Always carry a leash.
- Keep your dog under control at all times.
- Restrain your dog when passing or being passed by other trail users, especially horses and other dogs.
- Do not allow your dog to chase wildlife.