

A. USE OF THE PARK AREAS

The use of the beach, picnic area, and fitness center is restricted to Rowe residents/taxpayers, and their guests.

Hunting and use of weapons is prohibited except in designated hunting areas within the non-covenant parts of the park during legal hunting seasons. Trapping is prohibited throughout.

No person or persons shall remove or deface any sign, poster, building, or other park property.

Disorderly conduct, the use of obscene or indecent language/behavior, being intoxicated, or the use of drugs will result in the loss of use of any areas of the park.

B. MOTOR VEHICLES and PARK PERMITS

Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas provided at the picnic areas, beach, trail heads, and the dam.

No vehicles shall be operated at a speed in excess of ten (10) mph within the park boundaries.

Resident passes must be affixed to the driver side front window. Guest passes must be displayed on the dashboard upon entry to the park.

Residents and Homeowners:

Any person who resides in the Town of Rowe, owns a home in the Town of Rowe (whether it is a primary or vacation home) is eligible for two (2) permits per household.

Non-Residential Lot Owners:

Those who own land within the Town of Rowe but do not reside in or own a home in the town of Rowe are eligible for one (1) permit per household.

Each household in the Town of Rowe shall be entitled to one (1) "Guest Permit" which may be loaned daily for a guest vehicle to enter the beach/picnic area. Non-residential Lot Owners are not awarded this privilege.

Families of School of Choice students at Rowe Elementary are entitled to one (1) "SoC Permit" for entry into the park Monday through Friday.

Non-resident employees of the Town of Rowe are entitled to one (1) "Employee Permit".

Permits may be obtained from the park staff during normal work hours.

All permits will be reissued with new dates at times necessary as determined by the Park Commissioners.

C. Pelham Lake and Waterways

Swimming, boating, and fishing within Pelham Lake Park is to be done at one's own risk.

Swimming is restricted to the area enclosed by buoys that are provided for that purpose.

No alcohol, cigarettes, glass or other breakable containers will be permitted on the beach or within the swimming area.

No fishing within the swimming area.

No children under 12 years of age shall be left at the picnic/beach area without adult-supervision.

The following items are prohibited in the swimming area as defined by the buoys: innertubes, rubber floats, mattresses, water wings. US Coast Guard approved PFD only.

No diving from the raft and no more than 6 people on the raft at a time.

No jumping or swimming outside the ropes.

The lifeguard on duty has control of the beach and swimming area and as such has the right and duty to enforce all rules deemed necessary to ensure the safety of the people using these areas.

Participants using any playground equipment must do so at their own risk.

All boats shall adhere to the rules and regulations for registration, fitting out, controls, safety, life preservers etc. as directed by the Massachusetts State Waterways Regulations.

No boat or powered machine shall be powered by an engine greater than ten horsepower.

No boat shall be launched or taken out of the water with a trailer at any point on the shore except the launch ramp provided for that purpose at the Park's beach area.

No motorboat shall be operated within 10 feet of the swimming area as marked by buoys.

No person shall anchor or moor any raft/float, nor construct any pier, dock, beach, or structure within the boundaries of the park without first obtaining a written permit from the Park Commission.

Such a permit may be requested in writing and presented at any regular meeting of the Park Commissioners. Accompanying such a request shall be a drawing or sketch of such installation showing location, size, and method of construction. Material used must be nontoxic with no leaching of wood preservatives or paints involved. Rafts and floats will be limited to no more than 10 feet by 10 feet at a distance of no more than 75 feet from shore.

Docks and piers should not extend more than 50 feet perpendicular to the shore and should not exceed property lines. All structures must be bottom anchored and put in no sooner than April 1st and removed no later than November 1st of each year. The owner is responsible for demolition and removal of unused structures. All must be kept in good repair and free from defects.

All fishing shall be governed by the Massachusetts State Division of Fisheries and Game Regulations.

E. PICNIC AREA

Picnic tables, fireplaces, and grills may be used for picnics and cookouts by Rowe residents/taxpayers and their guests.

Trash must be deposited in the containers provided for that purpose. Recycle glass and cans in appropriate recycle bins. If no trash receptacles are available, all trash must be carried out.

Fires are allowed only in the fireplaces/fire pits provided for that purpose.

All fires must be thoroughly extinguished before leaving the picnic area.

Wood is provided for free at the Park Headquarter for use in the picnic area. No wood cutting for fires is allowed in Pelham Lake Park.

Picnic groups of 25 or more must fill out a reservation permit ahead of the event and pay \$25 reservation fee. Each group must have a town resident present.

All parties over 25 must park cars at the front entrance.

All music must be played at a level that will not disrupt other users of the park.

F. TRAIL NETWORK

Park trails may be used for daytime passive recreation such as hiking, mountain biking, bird watching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and horseback riding (see section on horse riding use).

No ATV's or motorized vehicles allowed on the trails other than park staff vehicles.

Carry In Carry Out: All users of the park must carry out their trash if receptacles are not available.

Camping is not permitted within the park boundaries other than at the designated camping lean-to know as "The Perch".

To camp at the designated lean-to a camper must first notify the Park Manager of intent and obtain a camping permit.

A fire ring is provided at the lean-to for campers to use when permitted by the Park Manager, as noted on camping permit.

No fires are allowed in the Park except at the Park provided fireplaces, grills and fire rings.

No Trace Camping will be expected and enforced with all trash carried out by campers.

Cutting, mutilating, removing trees, flowers, shrubs or wood is prohibited.

G. PETS

No dog or other pet shall be allowed on the beach at any time. Pets in other parts of the picnic areas must be leashed at all times.

Dogs using other areas in the park must be leashed or under voice control.

Dog owners must pick up and/or dispose of properly all dog excrement in all parts of the park.

H. HORSEBACK RIDING IN THE PARK

The following trails are approved for horseback riding at the park: Williams Trail, Sabrina Rice Trail, Davis Mine Loop, Davenport Trail, 1792 Trail, and Old Kings Highway.

Horseback riders must stay on the above designated trails.

Horses are not allowed on any bridges within the park boundaries as they are not rated or safe for a horse's weight and may be slippery when wet.

All persons riding horses in Pelham Lake Park do so at their own risks.

I. SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

All snowmobilers must obey Massachusetts General Laws pertaining to snowmobiling on public and private property.

The maximum speed limit is 20 miles per hour on all trails within the Park Property and on Pelham Lake.

Trails open to snowmobile use are the following: Davis Mine Loop Trail to the bridge that crosses over Davis Mine Brook, Sabrina Rice Trail, Williams Trail, Sibley Trail, Percy Brown Trail, and Old King's Highway Trail.

Snowmobiles are prohibited on all other trails.

All subsurface soil must be completely frozen and there must be a minimum 8-inch snow base (packed snow) before snowmobiles are allowed into the Park. The Park Manager will monitor snow conditions throughout the season and will post closed signs according to the conditions.

Snowmobiles are only allowed on the non-groomed surfaces of Pelham Lake. (Groomed surfaces on the lake are for non-motorized use only such as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing).

All snowmobiles will yield the right-of-way to any person walking, running, snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing and will reduce their snowmobile speed to 10 mph in their presence.

MISCELLANEOUS

All persons using the park must observe all regulations set by the Park Commission and comply with all reasonable requests made by the Park Commissioners, Park Manager, and the Park Staff.

Permits, whether camping or parking, may be revoked at any time for violations of the rules and regulations. This can be done by any elected official of the Park Commission, the Park Manager, or the Park Staff. Requests for reissuance can be made in writing to the Park Commission.

The foregoing rules and regulations shall remain in force until revoked and/or suspended by a similar set of regulations. These regulations are subject in whole or in part to changes, additions, or deletions at any time as deemed necessary by the Park Commissioners.