

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING

PELHAM LAKE PARK

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, obscene or indecent language/behavior and /or being intoxicated and disorderly, or the use of drugs is prohibited and 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.

No vehicles will be allowed in the beach/picnic area unless it has a current Pelham Lake Park permit affixed to a driver side window or a guest pass.

Each resident/taxpayer of the Town of Rowe may, upon request, obtain such a permit for a registered vehicle (limit of two per family) which will entitle said resident and taxpayer the use of the beach/picnic park area.

Each household in the Town of Rowe shall be entitled to one (1) "Guest Permit" which may be loaned on a daily basis for a guest vehicle to enter the beach/picnic area.

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

Permits 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.

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.

Swimming in any other area is dangerous and unsafe and is at one's own risk.

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

No fishing will be allowed 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 swim area as defined by the buoys; the use of inner tubes, rubber floats, mattresses, water wings, and unapproved flotation devices. No diving off of the raft and no more than 6 people on the raft at a time. No jumping or swimming outside of 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 insure 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 horse power.

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

No motor boat 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. 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 cutting of wood 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 a \$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 or snowmobiles in winter (**see section on snowmobile regulations**).

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 two designated camping lean-tos. To camp at designated lean-tos a camper must first notify the Park Manager of intent and obtain a camping permit. Fires rings are provided at both lean-tos for campers to use when fire conditions allow.

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 beach/swim/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.

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.

The Park Commission and Park Manager has the right to revoke these privileges at any time due to abuse of the rules.

MISCELLANEOUS

All persons using the park must observe all regulations set up by the Park Commission and comply with all requests and/or orders made or given by the Park Commissioners, Park Manager, employees, lifeguard or any other person in charge of the respective areas.

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.