

**Town of Needham
Conservation Commission
Ridge Hill Reservation Regulations**

The Ridge Hill Reservation consists of 350 acres of open field, pine & mixed hardwood forest, swampland and two eskers (long, narrow ridges formed by glacial rivers). Please enjoy its natural resources in ways that protect wildlife and other important values of the Reservation. Hiking, nature study, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are activities that are compatible with the protection of these natural resources.

For the protection and enjoyment of the Reservation, visitors shall comply with the regulations listed below:

1. Ridge Hill Reservation is open for the enjoyment of the public daily from one half hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. Entering or remaining on the property after closing time is prohibited.
2. Automobiles are allowed only on the paved driveway and in designated parking areas.
3. No motorized vehicles (motorcycles, trail bikes, motor scooters and snowmobiles) are allowed except on the paved driveway.
4. Bicycles are not allowed on trails, fields, or any other areas except the paved driveway and designated parking areas.
5. Pets must be leashed at all times for the protection of plants, wildlife and children. Visitors are required to clean up and remove pet waste.
6. Cutting or removing native vegetation is prohibited, without prior approval of the Conservation Commission.
7. Disturbing, removing, defacing, cutting or otherwise causing damage to a natural feature, sign, poster, barrier, building or other property on the Reservation is prohibited.
8. Fires are prohibited except in the grills provided in the picnic area.
9. Possession of alcoholic beverages on the Reservation is prohibited.
10. The Reservation is a Carry In – Carry Out facility. Littering is prohibited. Please help to preserve the beauty of your Reservation. When leaving, take all your trash with you (including pet waste).
11. Firearms, bows and arrows, and other weapons are prohibited on the Reservation. No hunting or trapping is permitted.
12. Camping is not permitted, without prior approval of the Conservation Commission.
13. Please stay on the trails to protect the vegetation and wildlife habitat.
14. The fields and meadows provide important habitat for wildlife species and are being managed for grassland bird habitat. Active sports (soccer, softball, volleyball, Frisbee, football, etc.) are not allowed in the meadows or fields between May 1 and September 1.
15. Use of aerial drones or other remote control flying devices is prohibited at the Reservation, without prior approval of the Conservation Commission.
16. Conduct which disturbs the tranquility of the Reservation or its enjoyment by others is prohibited.

Ridge Hill Reservation is the property of the Town of Needham and is administered by the Needham Conservation Commission. Visitors are welcome but with the understanding that they will comply with all the above regulations. Whoever disregards or violates any of the above regulations may be requested to leave the premises and is subject to arrest, a fine of up to fifty dollars or other penalties as provided by law. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Conservation Office at 781.455.7550 or at conservation@needhamma.gov.