

## **Town of Harvard Conservation Land Use Rules**

The Town manages over 1,700 acres of conservation land that has been set aside by the foresight and generosity of past and present residents of Harvard. Protected land preserves historical New England landscapes, indigenous flora, wildlife and supporting habitat, and the quality of water at the headlands of three watersheds. Conservation land is open to the public for their enjoyment and subject to the following rules to protect the land and the safety of visitors.

Town of Harvard Conservation Land is open to the public from dawn to dusk.

### *Permitted uses:*

- Walking, trail running
- Pet walking -- under direct control of a person
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing
- Sledding
- Fishing
- Bicycling—on primary (yellow) trails only
- Horseback riding—on primary (yellow) trails only

### *Please abide by these rules to preserve the natural state of our conservation land:*

- No motorized vehicles
- No camping or fires
- No hunting or trapping
- No removal or alteration of flora, fauna, earth, rock or wood
- No trail alteration or posting of signs
- No littering—carry-in/carry-out
- No commercial or organized group activities
- No horseback riding or bicycle riding in mud season (typically March & April)
- Minimize off-trail travel (by persons or pets) to avoid wildlife disruption/damage

*Activities in exception to the above require written permission from the Harvard Conservation Commission, 13 Ayer Rd., Harvard, MA 01451. Call 978-456-4106.*