

Chapter 217. Conservation Commission

Article IV. McAllister Wildlife Refuge

Sec. 217-28. Description.

The McAllister Wildlife Refuge is comprised of 94 acres of open fields and wooded areas adjacent to Haley Road and extending southwesterly to the Green River. The property is identified on the 2017 Assessors Map as Map 31, Lot 34, and was deeded to the Town in 1974 under the management of the Conservation Commission.

Sec. 217-28.1 **Approved uses.**

The property is for the use and enjoyment of the public. Passive recreational activities are encouraged while maintaining these areas in a natural condition now and for future generations.

Sec. 217-28.2 **Collection of plant material.**

Collection of berries and mushrooms or other plant material is prohibited.

Sec. 217-28.3 **Horse riding.**

Horse riding is allowed on the property with written permission from the Commission.

Sec. 217-28.4 **Dog walking.**

Dogs shall be kept on leashes at all times. It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his or her dog at the McAllister Wildlife Refuge.

Sec. 217-28.5 **Overnight Camping.**

Overnight camping is prohibited.

Sec. 217-28.6 **Fires.**

Fires are prohibited.

Sec. 217-28.7 Hunting.

Hunting is prohibited.

Sec. 217-28.8 Alteration of natural growth and building of structures.

No wood cutting. Cutting and planting are prohibited, except with written permission of the Commission. Trails shall not be marked or cut except with written permission of the Commission. No structures such as dams, lean-tos, cabins or towers shall be constructed without written permission from the Commission.

Sec. 217-28.9 Vehicle restrictions.

Motor vehicles (including but not limited to motorcycles, minibikes, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles) are prohibited, except as specifically authorized in writing by the Commission.

Sec. 217-28.10 Littering and vandalism.

No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile, or ill-use any building, structure, fence or sign. Depositing or leaving rubbish, litter, demolition or yard debris, garbage, excavated fill or any hazardous waste is prohibited.

Sec. 217-28.11 Alcoholic beverages and smoking.

Possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverage, illegal substances, or smoking are all prohibited.

Sec. 217-28.12 Violations and penalties.

Unless a higher fine has been established for a specific offense by the Town of Great Barrington or the State of Massachusetts, violation of these regulations is punishable by a fine of not more than \$300 for each offense. Each day the violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.