Conservation Areas - General Use Guidelines for Visitation

The Northwoods Land Trust (NWLT) owns and manages conservation areas throughout our service region that are open to the public year-round. The following general use guidelines apply to all of our conservation areas. We have created a downloadable map for each property with specific information on allowed and prohibited uses and access instructions. Please review the following guidelines carefully and refer to the webpage for each particular property of interest before visiting.

GUIDELINES

- 1. Properties are open from dawn to dusk.
- 2. There is no admission fee, but as a local nonprofit organization, NWLT depends on public support and donations to continue maintaining our properties.
- 3. We encourage you to hike, view wildlife from a respectful distance, and in the winter snowshoe and wilderness ski. We do not groom any trails in winter.
- 4. Dogs are welcome at most of our properties on-leash or under voice control. Please check individual property quidelines before bringing your pet.
- 5. Use of motorized vehicles is not allowed. This includes ATVs, UTVs, and snowmobiles.
- 6. Camping and campfires are not allowed.
- 7. Horseback riding and bicycling (mountain or fat-tire) are not allowed.
- 8. We have specific guidelines regarding hunting and trapping for each of our properties. View our *Hunting & Trapping Use Guidelines*.
- 9. Fishing is welcome; however, not all of the conservation areas are on or near fishable waters. At properties with navigable waters, carry-in non-motorized boating is welcome.
- 10. Not all of our properties are easy to access, or have established trails, and parking can be difficult to find, especially in winter.
- 11. There are no bathrooms, trash cans, or other facilities. Please pack out any trash with you.

If you are out enjoying one of our properties and see something that doesn't look right, such as vandalism, dumping, erosion, invasive species, or downed trees over a trail, please <u>contact us</u>. We rely on help from visitors to identify and remedy problems quickly.

NWLT is always looking for volunteers to assist with monitoring, stewardship, and maintenance of our properties. If you are interested in helping out, please fill out this <u>online submission form</u> or <u>contact us</u> and someone will get back to you soon!

