

Town of Mason
Ordinance Regulating the Use of the Mason Quarry Conservation Area

I. Purpose, Enforcement

In accordance with the provisions of RSA 41:11-a, and RSA 41:11-b, the Town of Mason Board of Selectmen, with the approval of the Town of Mason Conservation Commission, hereby adopts this ordinance to regulate, protect and preserve the use of the Mason Quarry Conservation Area. A further purpose of this ordinance is to protect the safety, health and welfare of the general public, to regulate the behavior of and provide certain opportunities for the public for recreation, education, cultural development, and other activities consistent with the existing uses and preservation of the Mason Quarry Conservation Area. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Mason Police Department, or such other law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.

II. Definitions

"Mason Quarry Conservation Area" shall mean the following properties shown on the Town of Mason Tax Maps: Map E, Lot 27; Map E, Lot 28; Map E, Lot 36; and Map E, Lot 38. See Appendix 1.

III. Hours

No person may occupy, remain, stay or loiter within the Mason Quarry Conservation Area prior to 1/2 hour before sunrise or after 1/2 hour after sunset, except under the direction of or with the written permission of the Mason Conservation Commission or the Board of Selectmen. This provision shall not be construed to preclude authorized or regularly scheduled events from occurring outside the prescribed times.

IV. Residents and Taxpayers only

The Mason Quarry Conservation Area shall be for the exclusive use of Mason residents and/or taxpayers ONLY. Non-resident visitors are permitted to use the area only when actually accompanied by a Mason resident or taxpayer at all times.

V. Vehicles and OHRV's

The provisions of the Town of Mason Ordinance "Relative to Operation of Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles Within the Town of Mason" as adopted by the Board of Selectmen on February 10, 2004, and as may from time to time be amended, are incorporated herein by reference and shall apply to the Mason Quarry Conservation Area. See Appendix 2.

VI. Prohibited Conduct

The following enumerated actions or conduct is prohibited within the Mason Quarry Conservation Area. The Town of Mason may formally pursue criminal prosecution for any illegal act(s) committed, or make an arrangement for compensation, restoration and community service, as recommended by the Mason Police Department or appropriate law enforcement officials. The Prohibited Conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. the possession, consumption or use of controlled substances or alcoholic beverages;
- b. overnight Camping, except by permission in writing from the Board of Selectmen or the Mason Conservation Commission;
- c. campfires, or fires of any types, without written permission (burn permit) from the Mason Fire Department.
- d. diving or jumping into the water from any height greater than 4' from the surface of the water. NO CLIFF DIVING.
- e. the placement, erection, or construction or use of any rope swing or diving board.
- f. defacing, destroying or removing any sign, bench, fence, stone wall, or other structure(s);
- g. defacing, destroying or removing any rock wall, mineral, plant, animal or a part thereof, unless hunting or fishing in season, or with the written permission of the Mason Conservation Commission for academic research.
- h. contaminating water;
- i. littering, including paint ball and other activity that leaves materials on the property when the activity is completed;

VII. Violation and Penalties

- a. Whoever shall fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not to exceed the statutory maximum fine for a violation.
- b. The police shall have the authority to eject from the Mason Quarry Conservation Area any person acting in violation of this ordinance.

Approved by majority vote of the Mason Conservation Commission this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Robert Larochele, Chair
Mason Conservation Commission

Enacted by the Board of Selectmen this _____ day of _____, 2014

Mason Board of Selectmen

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