

Proposed language for Bare Meadow and Conservation land use policy

The Reading Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over 69 pieces of property in Reading. These protected open spaces are valuable to protect wildlife habitat, prevent flooding, etc.

Bare Meadow has unique grassland habitat for ground nesting birds and several vernal pools. To protect these valuable resource areas, no dogs or bicycles are allowed in Bare Meadow.

In all other areas managed by the Conservation Commission, dogs must be on leash at all times, and dog owners must pick up and carry out all dog feces. In order for dog owners to effectively manage the dog waste, there is a limit of 3 dogs per dog walker.

No bicycles are allowed on land managed by the Conservation Commission with the exception of Kurchian Woods.

At Maillett Sommes Morgan, dogs must not leave the newly constructed paths for 3 years after it reopens to allow time for the vegetation to be restored in the area. (Use corrugated plastic lawn signs to mark these restoration areas. Use them at Bare Meadow when we need them there for the restoration area.)

The Town Forest is under the jurisdiction of the Town Forest Committee and the rules for the Town Forest can be found at: _____

Map showing the Conservation areas the above rules apply to: