

Stow Conservation Trust
Land Use Policy for SCT-Owned Properties

The *Stow Conservation Trust* (SCT) is a private, charitable, nonprofit land trust dedicated to the preservation of undeveloped land in Stow. Through the generosity of past and present Stow residents, SCT owns and manages multiple parcels of land in Stow. This land is open to the public for their enjoyment and is subject to the following rules to protect the land, the wildlife, and the safety of visitors. Persons using the properties do so at their own risk.

Hours: Dawn until Dusk

The following activities are permitted on SCT trails: (Please stay on trails to avoid wildlife disruption and habitat destruction.)

- Walking, trail running
- Personal dog walking (Remove all pet waste and keep dogs under voice control.)
- Nature study and photography
- Picnicking (Carry in, carry out.)
- Snowshoeing and cross country skiing (Leave one set of ski tracks free of foot and pet traffic.)
- Mountain biking, unless signed otherwise. (Not allowed in mud season. Also no alteration of trails or construction of jumps allowed.)
- Horseback riding (Not allowed in mud season. Also no alteration of trails or construction of jumps allowed.)

The following activities are prohibited on SCT lands:

- Removal or alteration of flora, fauna, fungi, soil, rock, or wood
- Operation of motorized vehicles (including ATVs and snowmobiles). Exceptions for emergency vehicles, property maintenance vehicles authorized by SCT board, and power driven mobility devices.
- Smoking, and any use of drugs and/or alcohol
- Willfully disturbing any wildlife
- Dumping of any material, e.g., asphalt, brick, concrete, construction waste, pet waste
- Disposal or burning of trash and/or yard waste. Also, no littering. (Carry in, carry out.)
- Commercial dog walking

The following activities are permitted only if permission is obtained in advance from the SCT board of directors:

- Organized group activities, including group hikes
- Camping (No camp fires allowed.)
- Placement of geocaches
- Removal or killing of invasive species
- Trail building or clearing
- Organized after dark activities, e.g., owl walks
- Hunting and trapping, and any other discharge of firearms

For further information, or to request permission for an activity, please contact the Stow Conservation Trust at: stowconservationtrust.info@gmail.com