

Harvard Conservation Trust
Land Use Policy

The Harvard Conservation Trust is a private, charitable, non-profit land trust dedicated to the preservation of the unique character and natural resources of the town of Harvard. Through the generosity of past and present Harvard residents, the Harvard Conservation Trust manages multiple parcels of open land in Harvard. This land is open to the public for its enjoyment and subject to the following rules to protect the land and the safety of visitors.

Hours: Dawn until Dusk

Please enjoy these uses of Harvard Conservation Trust lands:

- Walking, trail running
- Pet walking – under direct control of a person
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing
- Horseback riding and bicycling unless signed otherwise. Not allowed in mud season (typically March and April)
- Organized group activities with permission from HCT

Please abide by these rules to preserve the natural state of our conservation land:

- No motorized vehicles
 - Exception – Maintenance vehicles, emergency vehicles, and snowmobiles under control of the Harvard Snowmobile Club (“HSC”) with permission from HCT on specific trails. Permission is to be considered annually in discussions with the HSC. Minimum requirements for permission to include that each member of the club be provided a map of allowed trail usage, vehicles must stay on the existing trails, conditions of use and the agreement from the HSC of some form of mutual enforcement of these conditions. Any changes in trail layout must have prior written HCT approval for construction, and signs are to be removed at the end of each season.
- No camping or fires
- No hunting or trapping
- No removal or alteration of flora, fauna, earth, rock or wood
- No trail alteration or posting of signs
- No disposal of trash or yard waste
- No littering – carry-in/carry-out
- No commercial activities
- Minimize off-trail travel (by persons or pets) to avoid wildlife disruption/damage.