

# Crocker Pond Recreation Area – Permit Rules & Regulations 2011

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Permit stickers are available at the town hall, Clerk's office, 11 South Street, Westminster, Ma

## I. To obtain a Crocker Pond permit sticker you must:

1. Be a resident of the Town of Westminster with a verifiable address per the Westminster Town Census
  - AND 2. Present a valid license and vehicle registration for each vehicle indicating Westminster address
- Any special circumstances may be addressed to the Crocker Pond Recreation Area Committee.

Two permits allowed per household with valid registration for each vehicle; registered owner must present registration to obtain permit. The permit is valid from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day of the current year, unless extended further at the discretion of the Crocker Pond Recreation Area committee.

**The permit sticker with matching license plate number should be affixed to the vehicle inside windshield lower left driver's side so as to be visible to staff upon arrival at the Crocker Pond Recreational area.**



## II. Daily Guest Pass:

The guest pass may be obtained at Crocker Pond. The permitted resident must accompany their guest into the facility. The day pass must be stamped and displayed on the dashboard in plain view to avoid fines and/or towing at the vehicle owner's expense. Please be aware the permitted resident is ultimately responsible for their guest's conduct and notifying their guest of the rules and regulations of Crocker Pond.

## III. Replacement Permits

Replacement permits will be issued upon reasonable proof loss/theft of a permit, or if the vehicle is sold and plates transferred to a new vehicle.

Replacement is free, provided a portion of the original permit showing the number is presented at the time of the replacement request.

## IV. Misuse of Permits

At all times, the permit shall remain the property of the Town of Westminster. The person to whom the permit has been issued has been given a use privilege, not the permit, and agrees that the permit (privilege) may be confiscated if misused. The permit holder agrees that the Town of Westminster, through the Crocker Pond Development Committee, will be the final judge as to whether a permit has been misused. The following shall be considered misuse:

1. Permit registration number does not match the registration number of the vehicle to which it is affixed.
2. Permit is not permanently attached to the vehicle (Except with written permission of the CPDC).
3. Permit has been altered, defaced, copied or made unreadable.
4. Violation of the Crocker Pond Recreation Area Rules and Regulations.
5. No longer a Town resident.

## V. Penalties and Revocation of Permit

1. The Crocker Pond Development Committee may revoke the Crocker Pond permit for misuse.
2. Persons whose permitted privilege has been revoked may appeal the revocation in writing to the Town of Westminster, via the Crocker Pond Development Committee.

## Disclaimer

The Crocker Pond Recreation Area is a use-at-your-own-risk town property. The Town of Westminster disclaims any and all liability for personal property loss, damage or personal injury or death arising out of the use of the Crocker Pond Recreation Area.

The Town reserves the right to suspend any permits for the violation of any Crocker Pond Recreation Area Rules & Regulations as stated herein.

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## **GENERAL**

1. All areas under the control of the Town of Westminster will be open between Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Hours: 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Rain dates may apply. The hours/days of operation may be adjusted at the discretion of the Crocker Pond Recreation Area committee.
2. Parking by permit only, two (2) per family.
3. Use Crocker Pond Recreation Area at your own risk, waiving all claims to personal injury or death and/or property damage or loss to the extent permitted by law.
4. Fires are permitted only in hibachis provided. Charcoal grills and stoves that burn propane may be used if the attendant on duty grants permission. Charcoal is to be properly disposed of after use in designated containers. Wood burning is not allowed.
5. Cooking is allowed only in designated areas.
6. Smoking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
7. No person shall leave, place or dispose of any garbage, sewerage, refuse, etc. under or upon lands or waters except in receptacles provided for such purposes. No outside waste allowed.
8. No person shall bring a dog, cat or other animal into the beach area.
9. No soliciting.
10. No person shall operate a snow vehicle, trail motorcycle, all terrain vehicle, or any other motor powered land vehicle at the Crocker Pond Recreation Area.

## **SWIMMING**

11. All children 14 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
12. No person shall swim, bathe or dive from any watercraft, dock, raft or from a shoreline of any Westminster property other than those areas officially designated as swimming beaches. Swim within boundaries. No horseplay, no nudity, no profanity.
13. The possession of glass containers, with the exception of Thermos bottles on any beach area or upon the water is prohibited.
14. No person shall use or offer for any use any inner tube ring, buoy, air mattress, or similar novelty device of inflatable air cell construction, nor any plastic foam flotation device in the waters of Crocker Pond. The exceptions are children's arm floats and a serviceable Coast Guard approved personal flotation device, jacket or vest, may be used as a safety aid at the Crocker Pond beach when said user is being assisted by a responsible and experienced swimmer.

## **BOATING**

15. Trailers are not allowed on the beach area or in the water. Electric motors up to 5 HP are allowed.
16. Water craft may be launched at designated areas only.
17. Coast Guard approved life jackets must be worn by children age 12 and under at all times. As per Massachusetts law there must be one life jacket for each person in any water craft in use on Crocker Pond. Water craft includes but is not limited to canoes, Kayaks, wind surfers, and boats of any sort.
18. All islands are off limits! The islands are private property and do not belong to the town of Westminster.

## **TRAIL USE**

19. Trails designated as **hiking trails** are intended for pedestrian travel [e.g. hiking, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing] only and shall not be utilized for any other trail activity.
20. Trails designated as **biking or mixed use trails** may be used for pedal biking at your own risk. Bikers need to be aware of the presents of pedestrians in the area and should proceed with caution.
21. The railroad tracks run along the Crocker Pond Recreation Area Property line. The Rail Road right of way is private property and is **off limits to everyone** using the Crocker Pond Recreation Area for any and all reasons. Any person using the Westminster Crocker Pond Recreation Area facility for any reason must keep off the railroad track right of way.

## **HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING**

22. Hunting, fishing and trapping are subject to all applicable General Laws and Division of Fisheries and Wildlife regulations and statutes.
23. No fishing within 50 feet of raft or roped areas.
24. No person shall at any time hunt or shoot within 500 feet or any designated picnic area, camping area, residence, service building, latrine, parking lot or cabin.

