

Public Use Rules for Midcoast Conservancy's West Branch Preserve & Lean-to Campsite

General

- Leave No Trace, Take Only Memories: PLEASE CARRY OUT ALL TRASH
- Respect All Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors
- Camping is permitted in designated areas only (at the lean-to).
- Group size is limited to 12 lean-to/tent campers.
- Camping reservations must be made by online at www.midcoastconservancy.org/explore/campsites-lodging/ or by contacting Midcoast Conservancy at 207-389-5150 or info@midcoastconservancy.org. Please sign the log book and consider donating towards our site upkeep fund.

Hunting

- No hunting inside the fence.
- All Midcoast Conservancy lands in Jefferson and west of the Mountain Road in Somerville are protected by conservation easements. Hunting of whitetail deer and turkeys is permitted. 12 deer permits and 24 turkey permits are given out annually on a first come, first served basis.
- Fishing is allowed according to Maine State Laws.

Fires

- A fire is allowed in the designated fire pit only. Supervision of fire must occur at all times and the campsite fire bucket must be kept nearby and full of water.
- The cutting of live vegetation is prohibited. Non-local firewood is also discouraged to prevent the spread of invasive, tree-killing insects.
- The use of chainsaws is prohibited. Dead and downed wood may be cut for fire wood with a hand saw or axe. No standing wood may be cut.

Cooking & Food

- All waste/trash must be carried out.
- Food must be kept inside a secure container when not in use. Feeding or baiting wild animals is prohibited.
- Wash water must be strained (using cloth, or hay in burlap) and scattered at least 200 feet away from stream. Use of any soap or detergent, or the disposal of food scraps within 200 feet of the stream is prohibited.
- Please use only biodegradable soap.

Pets

- Please keep pets on trails and/or at the lean-to. Dogs should be on leash or under voice control at all times.
- Clean up pet waste by bagging or burying.

Outhouse

- Please do not dispose of trash in the outhouse.
- Please cover all wastes with sawdust and follow instructions posted on inside door.

Vehicles

- The campsite is walk-in only except via snowmobile during winter months - No automobiles.
- Horseback riding and mountain biking are permitted between July 1 and October 15.
- Hiking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing are allowed.
- No ATVs allowed inside the fence.

Directions to the West Branch Preserve

From Village Street in Jefferson, follow North Mountain Road north. Just before the sign for the Rocky Mountain Ranch, look for a small parking lot and trailhead kiosk on the right. Trails leave from the back of the parking lot.

From Route 17 in Somerville, follow Jones Road south. Turn left on North Mountain Road. Just past the sign for the Rocky Mountain Ranch, look for a small parking lot and trailhead kiosk on the left.



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