

## Robinson Woods Public Access Plan

Language from the Robinson Woods I and II Conservation Easements:

### *Purpose*

*This Conservation Easement is intended to protect the natural, scenic and undeveloped character of the Protected Property, and to promote the conservation of its forests, shoreland and their associated wildlife habitat values. It is also intended to balance the community need for open land available for quiet daytime non-motorized public outdoor recreation, nature observation and study, with restrictions that will ensure that the experience of the public on the Protected Property will continue to be one, increasingly rare, of relatively unstructured quiet contemplation and reverence for the natural world.*

Based upon the existing conservation easements for Robinson Woods I and II, the public access requirements and informed by the public forums and community member input, CELT enacted the Public Access Plan outlined below on May 1, 2015. The plan was revised in 2020 following the acquisition of the Robinson Woods III parcel and revisions to dog leash rules. **The goal of this Plan is to ensure an enjoyable visit for all Robinson Woods Preserve users and to protect the natural habitat and wildlife.**

### **General public access rules on Robinson Woods Preserve:**

**To ensure an enjoyable visit for all and to protect the natural habitat and wildlife**

#### **PLEASE**

Cherish and help to care for this beautiful nature preserve  
Carry out all trash  
Stay on marked trails

#### **Please, NO**

Foraging, commercial or personal  
Commercial use of property  
Motorized vehicles  
Fires  
Hunting on Robinson Woods II  
Camping  
Alcoholic beverages and illegal substances

## **(1) Public access for dog walking:**

### **Dogs are allowed on-leash only in the following areas:**

- Canter Way Easement, per requirements of the private landowner
- Wildflower Trail, due to habitat sensitivity
- Fields, due to habitat sensitivity
- Within 10' of public roads or parking areas, similar to Town rules on other properties

### **In other areas, dogs are allowed:**

- On-leash between 9 am and 5 pm (3 pm October 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- On voice or leash control before 9 am and after 5 pm (3 pm October 1<sup>st</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>)

*“On-leash” and “on voice or leash control” are as defined in the [Town Dog ordinance](#).*

### **Dog owner rules:**

- Keep off leash dogs within sight
- Carry waste bags and leash
- Remove all dog waste (we will supply bags and trash can at kiosk)
- No dogs in ponds and vernal pools
- Three dogs per person limit
- No commercial dog walkers
- Reminder: Maine law requires dog license and rabies tag on collar at all times

## **(2) Public access for bicyclists:**

- Bicyclists must stay on marked trails
- Bicyclists must yield to pedestrians
- No high-speed bike riding
- Trails may be periodically closed to bicyclists as needed to maintain trail integrity (indicated online and onsite)

**To facilitate compliance, CELT provides clear signage that states public access rules, as well as educational materials and signage related to important and sensitive natural areas, including:**

- Signs at entrances and trail intersections
- Signs about hours and areas for off-leash use
- Dog waste signage
- Signage and possible seasonal fencing around vernal pools
- Sign system indicating when trails are closed to bikes to preserve trail integrity
- Interpretive signage to educate public about unique ecological features of Robinson Woods Preserve

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# Public Access Plan--Robinson Woods I & II

