

## **Facility Use Rules**

These rules have been adopted by the Cumberland Town Council to govern activities at Rines Forest:

## Allowable Uses:

The Rines Forest provides an ideal site for low-impact outdoor recreation, including, but not limited to, nature study, cross country skiing, snowmobiling on designated trails, horseback riding, pet walking, snowshoeing, fishing, hunting, temporary tree stands (daily removal required), picnicking, hiking, plant study, and bird-watching by the general public. The Forest is home to numerous plant and animal species and habitats.

The Town of Cumberland is experiencing steady, accelerated development that often closes or restricts access to open space traditionally used and enjoyed by the public and therefore has established the Rines Forest Committee to develop Rines Forest Stewardship Principles and a management plan and to oversee the management of this Town protected Property.

The forest is protected by a conservation easement which ensures the permanent availability of the Forest for traditional recreational uses by the general public. The easement will permanently preserves the property's important recreational, scenic and natural resources and habitat for indigenous flora and fauna, while providing permanent pedestrian access.

## **Prohibited Uses:**

- No unauthorized motor vehicles, ATV's or motorbikes.
- No camping except by written permission of the Town Manager.
- No open fires or charcoal fires.
- Carry In Carry Out No littering or trash disposal; all activities and users to remove all refuse carried in.
- No target shooting.
- Except for brushing and maintenance of approved trail systems, no cutting of trees, limbs except as approved by the Rines Forest Committee, no cutting of bushes, removal or vegetation without the approval of the Rines Forest Committee. No application of herbicides, pesticides or fungicides except with the approval of the Rines Forest Committee.
- No person shall deface, injure, remove or destroy any fences, signs, gates or any other structures or creations in or on the Forest.
- No construction or improvements are allowed without the express written permission of the Rines Forest Committee.
- The Rines Forest shall use, but not be limited to, the State of Maine hunting, fishing and trapping laws and State leash.

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Town Manager, or Rines Forest Committee may appeal to the Town Council.