

## PLEASE RESPECT THESE RULES WHILE VISITING

Lincoln's Conservation Lands provide important wildlife habitat. To protect these open spaces and provide for the safety of trail users, please respect the following rules:

- People & pets must **stay on marked trails**. Some of the trails are on private property, so if you are off the trail, or on an un-marked trail, you may be trespassing.

The following activities are **prohibited**:

- Using motorized vehicles or paintball guns
- Swimming & camping.
- Using drones and metal detectors.
- Commercial activities.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages.
- Disturbing the peace.
- Damaging, defacing, installing, or removing any structure, gate, fence, or sign.
- Cutting, removing, or otherwise damaging trees, shrubs, flowers, or fungus.
- Depositing litter, yard waste, garbage, brush, excavated fill or hazardous waste.
- Hunting, trapping, carrying firearms, and willfully disturbing or endangering wildlife.

The following activities require a **Use Permit** from the Lincoln Conservation Dept. :

- A group of 10 or more people
- A group of 5 or more bikers
- A group of 5 or more horseback riders

### Applying for a Group Use Permit

Fill out the form found here:

Call: 781-259-2612 or email

Conservation@lincolntown.org



*Failure to observe these regulations and common courtesies may result in fines, criminal charges, and/or restrictions or prohibitions of public use.*

## HELP US KEEP LINCOLN'S TRAILS ENJOYABLE FOR EVERYONE

### SCAN THE QR CODE FOR COMPLETE TRAIL RULES



**BICYCLISTS** should be mindful of the following:

- Bicyclists are permitted only on trails expressly marked for such use. See bike trail map here → 
- Riders must walk bikes through wet/muddy sections of trails.
- Any bike outing involving 5 or more riders must obtain a **Group Use Permit**.
- Riders must yield to all other trail users.

**DOG WALKERS** must always carry a leash.

- Dogs must be leashed or under voice control at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed (or held by collar) when approaching other trail users.
- A maximum of 3 leashed dogs are allowed per person. Visitors with 2 or fewer dogs may unleash their dogs, except where leashes are expressly required.
- Dog waste must be picked up and removed from property.
- **Dogs must be leashed at:**
  - ◇ Parking areas & trailheads
  - ◇ Flints Pond Conservation Area
  - ◇ Ag. fields & ecologically sensitive areas
  - ◇ Certain trails at Mt. Misery

**HORSEBACK RIDING:**

- Groups of more than 5 riders require a **Group Use Permit**.
- Riding is discouraged in wet weather when the ground is soft.
- Horseback riding can be dangerous; riders should be courteous and attentive to other trail users.

# TRAIL USER'S GUIDE TO LINCOLN CONSERVATION LAND

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Lincoln's trails cross over public and private property. They are intended for multiple uses, and we ask that you respect other visitors and wildlife. You may encounter walkers, runners, horses, dogs, bicyclists, skiers, birders, snowshoers, or farmers using equipment.

**TRAIL ETIQUETTE: SLOW DOWN, SAY HELLO, AND MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN WHEN APPROACHING OTHERS. EVERYONE MUST YIELD TO HORSES. BIKERS YIELD TO WALKERS AND RUNNERS.**

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**Lincoln Conservation Department**  
**781-259-2612**  
**Conservation@Lincolntown.org**

# WELCOME TO LINCOLN'S TRAILS

*We acknowledge that we are located on the unceded land of Indigenous people, including the Agawam, Massaachchu-es-et (Massachusetts), and Pawtucket. We acknowledge the violence, displacement, and forced migration perpetuated on them and support the continued struggle for equality, justice, and liberation of Indigenous people in and around our community. We strive to preserve and protect these lands which are currently under our care.*

## TRAIL MARKERS AND MAPS

Trails are marked with yellow blazes, with lettered and numbered intersections in many locations. Lincoln's trail map (\$10) & the book: 'A Guide to Conservation Land in Lincoln' (\$18) can be purchased at the LLCT office. The trail map can also be viewed by scanning the QR code here.



## SUPPORT LINCOLN'S OPEN SPACE

The Lincoln Land Conservation Trust (LLCT) & Rural Land Foundation are Lincoln's non-profit conservation organizations, which work together to acquire and protect land of conservation value in town. LLCT sponsors nature walks, workshops and other nature-oriented events throughout the year.

LLCT invites everyone, not just Lincoln residents, to become a member. Scan the QR Code to learn more and to donate.

[www.lincolnconservation.org](http://www.lincolnconservation.org)



Lincoln features approximately 80 miles of trails on 2,400 acres of conservation land and private property. Lincoln Land Conservation Trust and the Conservation Department work together to protect and manage this impressive trail network for the enjoyment of its many users.

## A WORD ON TICKS & POISON IVY

Our trail stewards do their best to clear poison ivy from trail edges and cut brush back to discourage ticks, but encounters with ticks and poison ivy are common on Lincoln's trail system nonetheless. Before heading out on the trails, take steps to protect yourself. For more info., visit: [www.tickencounter.org](http://www.tickencounter.org).

- Stay on established trails.
- Wear light-colored socks, pants, and a long-sleeved shirt, and tuck everything in.
- Wear tick-repellent clothing or use a DEET-based insect repellent.
- Perform "tick checks" after you get back indoors. Remember to check your children, pets, clothes, and gear, too!
- Touching any part of the poison ivy plant can cause a rash. If you suspect you have touched poison ivy, wash the area

## MAPS FOR MOBILE DEVICES

To access all of Lincoln's trails through the OuterSpatial mobile app (free to download to mobile devices):

- Download the Outerspatial App (see QR code)
- Once on OuterSpatial, click "Explore" at the bottom & the program will zoom into your current location.
- The blue dot will show you your real time location on Lincoln's trail system!
- To re-open OuterSpatial during a hike, simply follow the steps above and click the arrow button in the upper right corner to show your location. The app will use GPS to find you again and show where you are. This works even without cell service.



## SEE A PROBLEM ON THE TRAIL?

If you see a tree down along a trail or other issue, please take a screen shot of your location & email it to: [conservation@Lincolntown.org](mailto:conservation@Lincolntown.org). Show enough info. for staff to figure out the location (e.g. near-by street and/or trail intersection #). Also be sure to include a description of the problem & your approximate location in your email.

## QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- In case of emergency: **911**
- To report a tree down on a trail or other conservation land concerns: 781-259-2612 or [conservation@lincolntown.org](mailto:conservation@lincolntown.org) (Lincoln Conservation Dept.)
- To report a dog bite or other safety-related issue: 781-259-8113 (Police Dept.)