

Ordinance Governing Uses of the Gilmanton Town Forest

Effective September 3, 2013, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Gilmanton ordains the following: Section I: Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to govern the use and activities in the designated Town Forest in Gilmanton.

Section II: Management

Pursuant to RAS 31:112 and to the legislative vote of March 15, 2003, the Town Forest Shall be managed by the Conservation Commission under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Section III: Conduct in the Town Forests

- A. The following activities are allowed within all Town Forest:**
- 1. All pedestrians use.**
 - 2. Horseback riding and dog sledding.**
 - 3. Non-motorized bicycles.**
 - 4. Hunting and fishing in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire**
- B. The following activities are allowed only where permitted:**
- 1. Snowmobile use only on designated, signed trails; such signs shall be conspicuously posted and permit the use of snowmobiles specifically. Snowmobile trails maintenance vehicles shall also be allowed on any signed snowmobile trails. Snowmobile use in all Town Forest shall occur only from December 15 when any applicable gates shall be opened, subject to sufficient snow cover, until early spring when ground conditions require that the gates be closed.**
 - 2. ATV use only on designated, signed trails; such signs shall be conspicuously posted and permit the use of ATVs specifically. ATV use in all Town Forest shall occur only when suitable ground conditions are present and any applicable gates are open.**
- C. The following activities require written approval by the Board of Selectmen at a posted regular meeting and the approval must be recorded in the minutes of that meeting. The decision by the Board of Selectmen must be made after consideration of the recommendation of the Conservation Commission**
- 1. Camping, approved by the Board of Selectmen**
 - 2. Fire building, approval by the Gilmanton Fire Chief and the Board of Selectmen**
 - 3. Erection of any structure including a bridge**
 - 4. The laying out and/or consideration and/or maintenance of any trail.**

D. The following activities are prohibited in all Town Forest :

1. No baiting or trapping is allowed in Town Forest.
2. The construction and /or erection of any permanent deer stand.
3. Removal of/or damage to any structure, trail, natural feature, plant or wild life . Wildlife may be removed only in accordance with legal hunting and fishing RSA's.

Section V: Applicability.

This ordinance applies to all Town Forests in Gilmanton. Under RSA 31:110, a vote at Town Meeting is required to make forest into a Town Forest. The following are the Town Forest:

Town Forest	Map/Lot	Size
Sargent Road (Nelson Brook)	405/71	66 ac
Gale Road (Thompson)	406/001	122 ac
Willowgrass Lane (Elizabeth Smithers)	414/021	253 ac
Off Gilman Road (Ayers Brook I & II)	418/18	22 ac
Off Gilman Road (Ayers Brook III)	418/22	5.9 ac
Gilman Road (Ayers Brook IV)	418/23	66 ac
Pine Hill Road (Pine Hill)	424/36	141 ac

Section VI: Penalty

The penalty for the violation of this ordinance shall be a fine of up to \$1,000 per offense.



Ralph L. Lavin-Chairman

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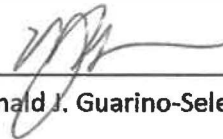
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Brett A. Currier-Selectmen

9/26/13

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Donald J. Guarino-Selectmen

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