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Recreation  
Program**  
Regional Water Authority

## **Recreation Program Rules and Regulations**

### **TO PROTECT YOU AND THE WATER SUPPLY**

1. The following are strictly prohibited except by written authorization for a specific purpose such as scientific research:
  - a. Swimming in a public drinking water supply reservoir or a tributary for any reason
  - b. Wading in a public water supply reservoir or tributary
  - c. Littering
  - d. Fires
  - e. Smoking
  - f. Alcoholic beverages
  - g. Cleaning of fish
  - h. Picnicking or camping
  - i. Hunting or trapping
  - j. Pets
  - k. Motorized vehicles (snowmobiles, motor bikes, etc.)
  - l. Bicycling except in designated areas
  - m. Activities on the ice of frozen reservoirs
  - n. Removal of trees, shrubs, flowers or other vegetation
  - o. Vendors
  - p. Disposal or discharge of wastes or other substances into reservoirs
  - q. Carrying or discharge of firearms or dangerous weapons
2. Persons using Regional Water Authority land:
  - a. Release the Regional Water Authority from all liability relating to their presence on the Authority's property, including liability for personal injury and property damage caused by the Authority's negligence
  - b. Will obey all orders and directions of Water Authority staff and police
  - c. Will remain only in the areas designated for recreational use
3. Permitted hours of use: sunrise to sunset. Presence on Water Authority land between sunset and sunrise may be considered trespassing.
4. Parking spaces are available with the applicable recreation permit on a first come basis. Violations are subject to towing at owner's expense (if parking permit is not displayed in front windshield).
5. All permit holders must be age 16 or older and are required to display a valid Regional Water Authority recreation permit. Persons under the age of 21 without a permit must be accompanied by and under direct supervision of a permit holder. Permits are not transferable. Guests must be accompanied by the permit holder.
6. All persons 16 years of age and older must possess a valid Connecticut State Fishing License for fishing.
7. Live bait, other than worms, is prohibited.
8. Body wastes must be disposed of in sanitary facilities.
9. Violation of any of the above rules and regulations may result in revocation of permit and denial of future permits.
10. Violation of federal, state, or local laws may result in arrest and prosecution.

## **HELP US SAFEGUARD OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Buying a Regional Water Authority recreation permit is like contributing to a regional conservation organization. Our rules and regulations are designed to help keep the waterlands safe, clean and open to recreational activities for many years to come. Please familiarize yourself with the following guidelines and help us preserve our scenic areas.

### **HOURS**

Our trails are open year 'round so you can enjoy many leisurely hours of hiking and fishing. You can use the recreation areas from sunrise to sunset every day. Keep in mind that sunset is before dark. Twilight gives you a safety buffer in case there is a problem. This is especially important in the winter when the days are short. In our areas that are open for fishing, the season runs from Opening Day in April through November 30th. Where bicycling is permitted, you can ride from April 15 through December 31st. Horseback riding is permitted with a special permit from April 15th through February 28th.

### **PARKING**

Parking spaces are available to permit holders on a first-come first-served basis. **PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK OUR EMERGENCY ACCESS GATES!** Display your parking permit prominently in your front windshield. Cars blocking emergency access lanes will be towed at their owners' expense.

### **WEARING YOUR PERMIT**

While using the areas, all permit holders are required to display a valid Regional Water Authority recreation permit. Your permit should be pinned to your outer layer of clothing whenever you visit Water Authority land. (Pin it to your zipper if you don't want to puncture your jacket.) We ask you to do this because a permit is an easily visible form of identification and lets your fellow hikers and Regional Water Authority police know that you have a valid permit.

### **SECURITY**

All of our recreation areas are patrolled seven days a week to safeguard you and our public water supply. If you see any unusual activity, we would appreciate being notified. To contact our police department, call 203-401-2525.