Piscataquog Land Conservancy

Recreational Use Policy

Use of the Piscataquog Land Conservancy's preserves is limited to activities that are compatible with our mission and conservation goals:

- Foot travel and the enjoyment and study of nature is welcome. Please stay on marked trails.
- Mountain biking is allowed on most PLC trails unless otherwise posted. During wet seasons, trails may be closed to prevent damage and erosion.
- Dogs must be on a leash and controlled at all times. Dog waste must be bagged and removed. Dogs can cause alarm to wildlife, so dogs must be kept from chasing or disturbing wildlife and other trail users.
- Horses are allowed on most PLC trails unless otherwise posted. During wet seasons, trails may be closed to prevent damage and erosion.
- Cross country skiing on our preserves is ungroomed natural skiing. PLC does not maintain parking or trails in the winter.
- PLC generally allows hunting and fishing on our fee owned properties. Hunters and anglers must comply with all applicable State and Town hunting regulations. Per NH RSA 207:36-a hunting blinds and legal temporary, portable tree stands that do not damage trees are permitted. All stands and blinds must be clearly labeled with hunter's name and contact information. Stands and blinds may only be erected on PLC properties from April 25 to June 1 and August 1 to December 31 of a calendar year. Tree stands and observation blinds must be removed from PLC properties by June 1st. Any non-compliant hunting blinds and tree stands will be subject to removal. Per NH RSA 207:63, game cameras are not allowed on PLC properties without permission from PLC. Please see our "Policy on Hunting and Use of Tree Stands, Hunting Blinds, and Game Cameras on PLC-Owned Properties" for more information: *insert web link*
    - **Hunting & Fishing is prohibited at the Florence Tarr Wildlife Sanctuary (Goffstown/ Bedford) and the Marston-Dunlap Wildlife Sanctuary (Goffstown/Bedford)**
    - Visitors should exercise caution at **all** preserves during hunting season, regardless of whether hunting is allowed. Wearing blaze orange is recommended.
- Geocaching and orienteering activities are generally allowed with advanced permission from PLC.
- Non-motorized boat use (canoe & kayak) is generally allowed at any preserve containing an accessible and boatable water body.
    - **Boats (non-motorized & motorized) are prohibited at the Florence Tarr Wildlife Sanctuary (Goffstown/ Bedford)**
- Snowmobiling is allowed on some PLC preserves on designated, maintained trails established in agreement with local, recognized snowmobile clubs

- Except as specified in the list above, PLC prohibits the following activities at its preserves:

    - motorized vehicles
    - removal, destruction, or disturbance of plants, wildlife, minerals, and cultural or historical resources

- camping and fires
- trapping, baiting, or feeding wildlife
- technical climbing
- war and paintball games
- target shooting
- metal detecting

Use of PLC-owned properties is a privilege. We ask that visitors to our properties respect and follow the rules established for each property. If a property's rules are not followed, PLC reserves the right to restrict usage of the property.

DISCLAIMER: All human uses on PLC preserves and landholdings are conducted at the risk of the user, and PLC is not to be held responsible for natural hazards, changing conditions, trail conditions, and interaction with other users.

Questions or Concerns: Contact PLC's Stewardship Specialist Dan Ewald at 603-487-3331 or dewald@plcnh.org