

**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

NATURAL AREAS REGULATIONS

1. Specific designation of the uses of these areas compatible with the preservation of their natural character. Such uses to include class study and research, and public enjoyment by the University and community, including the following regulations on such uses:
 - A. Collecting or damaging plants or animals; collecting cultural objects, soil, or other material; or the introduction or release of any animal or plant for teaching or research may occur only after application, and receipt of written permission from, the Director of The Environmental Program if deemed compatible with the primary purposes of protecting the natural character of these areas.
 - B. Research and educational activities are permitted with the knowledge and consent of the Director of The Environmental Program under such restrictions as may be necessary to protect the area or to prevent interference with ongoing research and educational programs.
 - C. Public access and use of the areas is permitted for hiking, snowshoeing, recreational cross-country skiing, educational purposes and enjoyment subject to the following regulations.
 - D. In the interest of protecting these areas for the above stated uses and for the primary objective of preserving them in a natural state, the following uses are **prohibited**:
 - 1) All motorized vehicles—tracked or wheeled—including cars, trail bikes, motorcycles, snowmobiles, and all-terrain vehicles.
 - 2) Fires, fireworks, and explosives.
 - 3) Discharge of firearms, except on areas designated for hunting during legal seasons.
 - 4) Overnight camping and organized non-educational group events.
 - 5) Dumping or disposal of any material.
 - 6) Altering of stream beds and banks, or the damming or diverting of any stream.
 - 7) Removal of any material, except as specified above (1-A).
 - 8) Tampering with any structure, instrument, or markers.
 - 9) These prohibitions may be waived, by the Director of the Environmental Program, only for urgent reasons of public health and safety.
2. Signs are to be erected at all entrances to these areas and on exterior boundaries as necessary to inform the public of the designation of these areas and the restrictions placed upon them for use.
3. Barriers are to be erected across access roads and trails and fencing erected, where appropriate, to prevent violations of use from occurring.

4. Minimal trail improvements and the erection of appropriate interpretive signs may be accomplished as necessary for the protection of the areas and educational purposes only.
5. With the advice of the Dean of the School of Natural Resources, the Provost and Senior Vice President may from time to time recommend for consideration by the Board additional regulations to carry out the intent of this Resolution and budget appropriations necessary to implement essential management programs.
6. The Dean of the School of Natural Resources will recommend to the Provost and Senior Vice President the appointment of appropriate individuals or committees from the University community and the public to advise in the administration of these areas.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees: April 20, 1974

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