

Portland Reservoir, located at 379 Old Marlborough Turnpike, is managed by the Public Works Water Division. The Reservoir is protected primarily as a public drinking water supply while allowing controlled access. The Town of Portland is permitted by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section, allowing certain recreational activities:

1. Passive trail use (hiking, jogging, nature study, photography, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing)
2. Dog walking
3. Shoreline fishing

All persons using the Reservoir shall agree to abide by the following rules:

1. The following are strictly prohibited:

- Swimming or wading in the reservoirs or tributaries
 - Littering
 - Smoking
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Activities of any type on the ice of any frozen reservoir or tributaries
 - Discharge of firearms or dangerous weapons, hunting and trapping unless specifically permitted
 - Motors (motor bikes, snowmobiles, motorized vehicles of any type)
 - Fires
 - Camping
 - Removal of trees, shrubs, flowers, or other vegetation
 - Vendors (except for authorized special events)
 - Pets, unless controlled and restrained on a leash and specifically permitted
 - Disposal or discharge of wastes or other substances into any reservoir or tributary
 - Boating, unless specifically permitted
 - Horses
 - Bicycling, unless specifically permitted
2. All body wastes must be disposed of in sanitary facilities or off the watershed.
 3. All pet wastes must be disposed of in a sanitary manner.
 4. Recreators shall obey all signs, orders and directions of staff and security.
 5. Violation of any of the rules may result in losing the privilege of using the water company land.
 6. All items brought onto the property by visitors must be brought off the property or properly disposed of in available trash receptacles.