

City of Woonsocket  
Rhode Island



Ordinance  
Chapter  
8167


April 6, A.D. 2020

**ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS  
FOR MAP G4 LOT 26-1  
KNOWN AS BOOTH POND CONSERVATION AREA**

- WHEREAS,** the North Smithfield Land Trust has reached out to the City of Woonsocket regarding a joint agreement on North Smithfield/Woonsocket Regulations for the Booth Pond Conservation Area, and;
- WHEREAS,** it would be beneficial if both municipalities abutting the conservation area could function with similar use regulations, and;
- WHEREAS,** the primary goal of the regulations (see attached) is to provide hiking trails that are safe for individuals, trails that are clean and a use that does not degrade the environment, and
- WHEREAS,** the City Council supports the efforts of the North Smithfield Land Trust in the protection of the Booth Pond Conservation Area.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND, AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Woonsocket hereby adopts the Booth Pond Conservation Area regulations and brochure.
- Section 2.** The City Council of the City of Woonsocket hereby grants the Director of Public Works permission to post regulation signs along the property boarder near present access locations.
- Section 3.** That the Engineering Division has reviewed the request and the brochure and found them to be acceptable and in the best interest of the City of Woonsocket.
- Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage by the City Council, as provided in Chapter III, Section 9 of the Woonsocket Home Rule Charter and all ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

  
Daniel Gendron, City Council President  
'By Request of the Administration'

IN CITY COUNCIL April 20, 2020 – Read by title and passed for the first time unanimously.  
IN CITY COUNCIL May 4, 2020 – Read by title and passed unanimously.  
Signed and approved by Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt – May 11, 2020.

## Booth Pond Conservation Area

### Regulations:

Hours of Use – Sunrise to Sunset

No Hunting

No Motorized Vehicles

No Littering

Dogs Must Be Leashed – Pet Waste Removed

No Fishing or Introduction of Fish

No Bicycles or Operator Propelled Vehicles

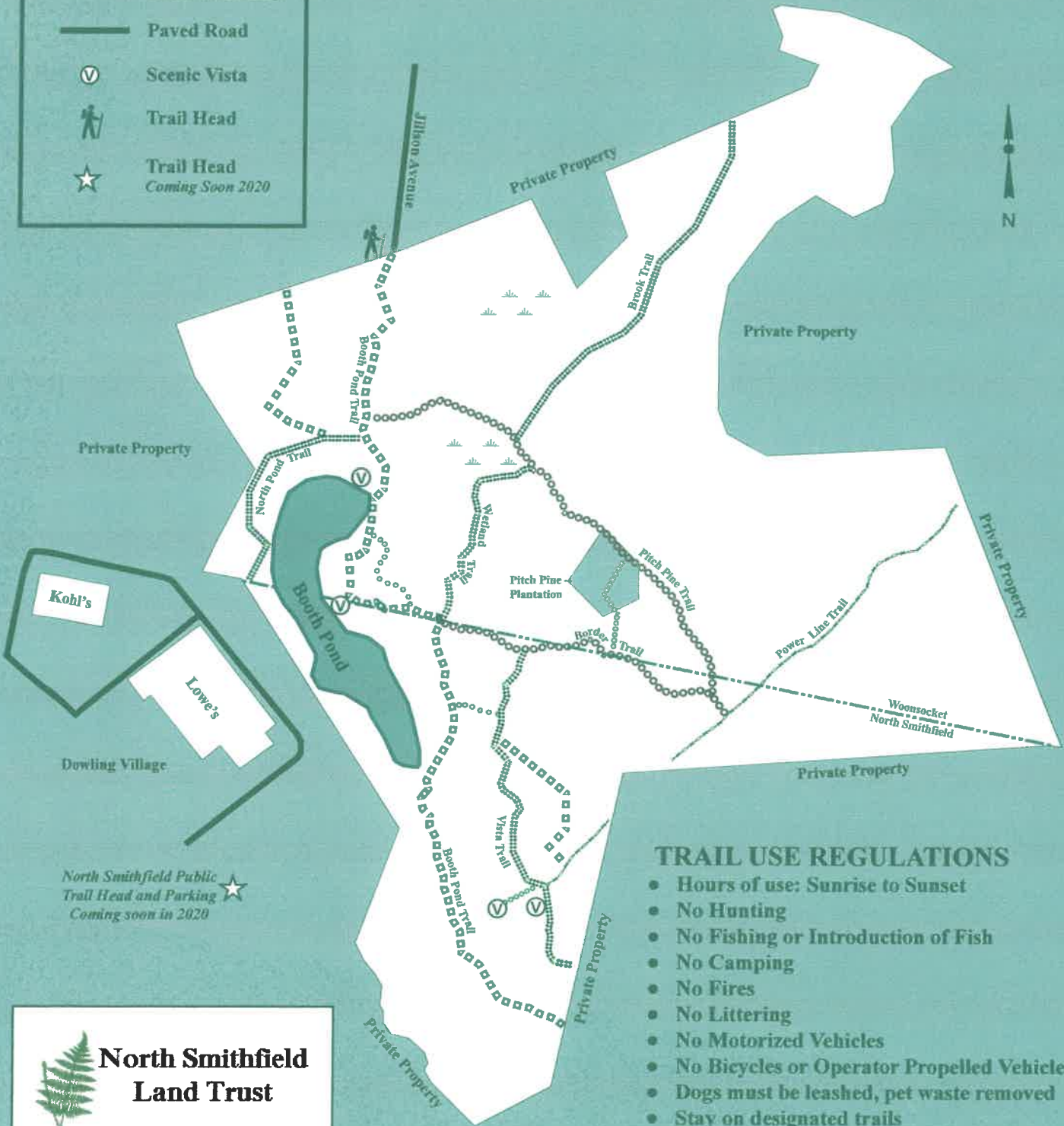
No Fires

No Camping



**MAP LEGEND**

- Town Boundary
- Paved Road
- Scenic Vista
- Trail Head
- Trail Head Coming Soon 2020



**TRAIL USE REGULATIONS**

- Hours of use: Sunrise to Sunset
- No Hunting
- No Fishing or Introduction of Fish
- No Camping
- No Fires
- No Littering
- No Motorized Vehicles
- No Bicycles or Operator Propelled Vehicles
- Dogs must be leashed, pet waste removed
- Stay on designated trails
- Be respectful of trail users and wildlife

**North Smithfield Land Trust**

**NORTH SMITHFIELD**  
*Rich in history & community spirit*



The Booth Pond Conservation Area is a wildlife conservation property located within the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor on the border of Woonsocket and North Smithfield, RI and protects 130 acres of natural resources and wildlife.

A network of old trails connects the two sides of the conservation properties, which are open to the public for passive recreation. Walkers, hikers and birders are always welcome.

The Town of North Smithfield and the North Smithfield Land Trust jointly own the 42-acre conservation southern parcel.

Using the Town of North Smithfield's Open Space Bond and a grant from the RI Department of Environmental Management, the North Smithfield property was jointly purchased in 2014 by the North Smithfield Land Trust and the Town of North Smithfield.

The City of Woonsocket owns the 90-acre northern parcel of the Booth Pond Conservation Area. The Woonsocket parcel is protected via the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

The groundwater from the Booth Pond area flows towards Woonsocket's drinking water reservoirs, supplying both towns with drinking water.

The property consists of mixed wetlands, woodland growth and Booth Pond.

The forest is mostly deciduous woodlands not limited to various oak, maple, birch, beech, hickory and pine trees. Within the deciduous forest, lies a 0.9-acre pitch pine tree plantation.

The geology is sandy loam and very rocky with a mostly late Proterozoic granite bedrock.

The Booth Pond Conservation Area is home to many species of fauna, including white-tailed deer, eastern coyote, fisher, red fox, turkey, ground hog, opossum, raccoon, skunk, rabbit, grey squirrel and chipmunks. The property is a great place to see birds and animals of all types.

There are no fish species in Booth Pond, making it an especially rich dragonfly habitat. The small pond is home to many various species of dragonflies and damselflies.

Booth Pond, the adjacent wetland and connecting streams combine into a Blackstone River tributary.

Welcome to Booth Pond!  
Enjoy your day.



Steven Desrosiers  
Founder - Booth Pond Community Action  
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# TRAIL MAP



## Booth Pond Conservation Hiking Trails