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TRAIL USE GUIDELINES: The following rules and regulations were established in the interest of public safety, protection of natural and cultural resources, and to ensure an enjoyable experience for all visitors: • The DCR Middlesex Reservation is open only from dawn to dusk. • Dogs must be on leash (except inside the designated off-leash area at the Sheepfold field). Dogs at the Sheepfold must be under voice control of their handler. • There is a limit of four dogs per handler in the reservation. • All dog waste must be properly picked up and disposed of. Do not leave bags along trail. • All off-trail uses, including nature study and geocaching, are prohibited without a permit. • No trespassing on posted Winchester Reservoir property. Do not hike, walk, or ride on trails or roads posted as no public access by the Town of Winchester. • Mountain biking is allowed on designated trails only, and not in Virginia Woods or the Long Pond area. • Mountain biking is not allowed on unpaved trails from March 1 - 31 or as posted. • No person shall engage in any business without written permit from the DCR. • Injuring or otherwise disturbing animals or birds or their habitat is prohibited. • Dumping and littering are prohibited. • Breach of peace, profanity, disorderly or other illegal conduct, and promotion of alcohol are forbidden. • Users must obey all posted signs.

USER ETIQUETTE: • Be friendly and courteous. • Share the trails. Ride, walk, or run on the right, pass on the left. • Stay on the official trails. Going off trail or on user-created trails creates erosion, damages habitat, and creates new trails which can't be maintained.

About DCR: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is stewarded over 401,000 acres of forests, parks, Greenways, trails, historic sites and landscapes, seashores, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and waterfronts. The DCR serves to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the well being of all; and to cooperate and partner with those who share this common purpose. To learn about DCR and discover more about the parks, programs and recreational opportunities within the Massachusetts state parks, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr or contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.

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