



**Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division of Water Supply Protection
Foss Reservoir Fishing Regulations**

The Wachusett and Quabbin Reservoirs provide water for 53 cities and towns within the Commonwealth. The Sudbury Reservoir is the system's backup supply. The land surrounding the reservoirs is managed by the DCR Division of Water Supply Protection to protect the quality of the water, enhance ecological integrity, and ensure the future protection of these valuable natural resources from pollution, encroachment, and environmentally damaging public use.

STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON FOSS WATERSHED PROPERTY

- **ANY bodily contact with the water**
- **Disposing of human waste, trash, or litter**
- **Alcoholic beverages**
- **Bicycling**
- **Swimming or bathing**
- **Boating**
- **Smoking or building fires**
- **Metal detectors**
- **Drones**
- **Animals/pets**
- **Transport or disposal of invasive or other plant/fish/wildlife species**

DCR permits SHORE FISHING ONLY at Foss Reservoir from dawn to dusk. ***The fishing season at the Foss Reservoir opens on the FIRST SATURDAY IN APRIL, providing no ice is present, and extends through November 30.*** Possession of a valid Massachusetts fishing license is required by individuals 15 years of age or older. DCR and its employees are not responsible for any damage to, or loss of life which may be incurred in connection with the public use of the reservoirs.

Shore fishing at the Foss Reservoir is permitted everywhere except areas closest to the dam and gatehouse. Trespassing on railroad tracks is strictly forbidden under Federal Law.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS (911)

State Police – Framingham: (508) 820-2250

DCR Watershed Rangers: (978) 365-3800

MEMA State Control (24hr Dispatch): 508-820-2000

CAUTION: These watershed lands are managed for forest and wildlife improvements. Certain areas may occasionally be posted when forestry personnel and equipment are operating in the forest. Please be careful to avoid these areas. Hunting is also allowed during the fall hunting season; please be aware of dates when archery hunters are in the woods during October and November as well as the start of shotgun season that can begin by the end of November (www.mass.gov/info-details/sudbury-reservoir-watershed-deer-hunt).

For more information and additional resources please visit:

www.mass.gov/info-details/wachusett-reservoir-and-sudbury-reservoir-fishing-guide.

