

West Hartford Reservoirs - 1420 Farmington Avenue/Route 4

Reservoir 6 - 2900 Albany Avenue/Route 44 Avon Mountain

Information, Rules and Regulations

This land is public water supply watershed land that protects the quality of the MDC reservoirs and drinking water. Although the beauty of the MDC Reservoir areas has long made them an attraction for recreation, they are not public parks. Their public

use is regulated by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (Section 24-43c of the Connecticut General Statutes) and enforced by the MDC police.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Designated Areas – Visitors must stay on the trails and in designated areas, for their safety and the protection of the water supply.

Motor Vehicles – Permitted only in the public parking areas and roads leading to them. No snowmobiles or ATVs. No motor vehicles of any kind are allowed beyond the parking areas.

Dogs – Dogs must be controlled AND on a leash. Maximum leash length: 7 feet. Dogs must be picked up after in order to help protect the water supply and visitors.

Litter and Waste - If you bring it in, take it out. Or, use the trash receptacles. Littering is strictly prohibited.

Portapotties – Located beyond the parking lot on the Red Road at the West Hartford facility and at the front and back parking lots at Reservoir 6.

Safety Equipment – Bicyclists, rollerbladers, scooter users, and skateboarders of all ages are required to wear protective helmets. Rollerbladers and skateboarders also must wear knee, elbow and wrist pads.

Slopes, Banks & Hills – Keep off embankments and grassy slopes to prevent soil erosion and runoff. Bicyclists, be sure to regulate speed when riding down hills. Anticipate walkers around every corner.

The Bike Lane – To keep bicyclists and pedestrians a safe distance apart, a bicycle lane is marked on the Red Road, the paved road that loops around the West Hartford Reservoirs. Bicyclists must stay in this lane and ride in a clockwise direction. Walkers are asked to walk counter-clockwise on the road.

STRICTLY PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Disposal or discharge of any waste or other substances in reservoirs or anywhere on the property
- Swimming, wading in the reservoirs or tributaries by humans OR pets
- Smoking
- Alcoholic beverages
- Activities of any kind on the ice
- Fishing, hunting, trapping or boating
- Fires
- Camping
- Removal of trees, shrubs, flowers, or any other vegetation
- Vendors (except authorized for special events)
- Carrying or discharging firearms or dangerous weapons
- Littering
- Horses
- Drones

NOTE: Failure to follow the Rules and Regulations may result in tickets, fines and/or arrests.

Enjoy your visit, but please be considerate of others who may be enjoying other activities different from yours. These include, walking, jogging, biking, cross-country skiing, rollerblading and nature watching. Practicing trail etiquette and basic courtesy will keep these areas safe, clean and enjoyable for all.



Handicapped-accessible features are also available, such as parking, portapotties and some paved trails.

HOURS:

Area Opens Daily at Sunrise.

Area Closes Daily at Sunset.

2800+ acres, 5.9 linear miles, 41+ miles of trails and paved roads