#### Trail Maps

Are you looking for places to enjoy a quiet stroll with your dog? Copies of the **Bolton Trails Guide** (\$10) are available at:

Bolton Town Hall-Town Clerk's office 663 Main St. Bolton, MA 01740

#### **Maps for Mobile Devices**

Access our trail map on your mobile device while exploring Bolton's trails. By visiting:

http://www.boltontrailscommittee.org/



#### **Bolton Trails Committee**

The Trails Committee is a volunteer team, self-organized to help maintain our extensive local trail network. The town of Bolton and its residents enjoy a diverse system of recreation trails through dozens of properties totaling over 2,000 acres. These diverse properties provide a rewarding outdoor experience of local terrain, habitat, historic features, and natural resources. Bolton's trails showcase how our town is uniquely connected in a way other than by our roads.

#### **Bolton Conservation Trust**

Committed to sustaining the character of Bolton for existing and future generations by engaging the community through events, environmental education programs and land stewardship.



#### Report a Problem, Ask a Question

In case of an emergency: 911

Police Department

- Report violations
- Report safety issues
- Inquire about Commercial Dog Walking permits

978-779-2771 - Town Clerk's Office

- Inquire about dog licensing
- Apply for Commercial Dog Walking permits

**978-779-3304 -** Conservation Commission concom@townofbolton.com

- Inquire about conservation land
- Report trail issues

For the full text of Bolton's Dog Regulations visit:

http://www.townofbolton.com/sites/boltonma/files/uploads/ddogsconlandrrcomm.pdf



All dog bites must be reported to the Police Department

More information available at: www.townofbolton.com

## Walking Your Dog in Bolton





Provided by Bolton Conservation Commission

Town of Bolton

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# Help us keep Bolton's neighborhoods, trails, & open spaces enjoyable for everyone



### LICENSE AND CARRY A LEASH

- ✓ Allowable number of dogs: one per adult hand.
- Carry a leash for each dog in your care
- ✓ License your dog by April 30 each year
- Your dog must wear its tags and have up-to-date vaccinations

### PROTECT YOUR DOG, YOURSELF, & OTHERS

- ✓ When approaching others, keep your dog close to you, clearly under control or leashed
- ✓ Don't allow your dog to jump on anyone
- Don't let your dog out of your sight. Out of sight is out of control.
- Leash your dog when horses are approaching

### KNOW WHERE DOGS ARE NOT INVITED

- ✓ Dogs must be leashed:
  - on school property
  - on playgrounds
  - on unfenced playing fields
  - at public gatherings
- ✓ Dogs are not permitted:
  - on fenced playing fields
  - on agricultural fields
  - at cemeteries

### LEAVING DOG WASTE DOESN'T CUT IT

- Properly dispose of your dog's waste, every time
- Never leave dog waste on the trail side, bagged or not—it is ugly & unhealthy
- Carry a waste bag for each dog in your care

### RESPECT PLANTS & WILDLIFE

- ✓ Don't let your dog chase wildlife, including birds
- Don't let your dog dig holes on public land
- Keep your dog out of eroded and ecologically sensitive areas

### TREAD LIGHTLY ON TRAILS

- ✓ Keep your dog on designated trails
- Avoid muddy trails during wet seasons if possible
- ✓ Leash your dog when entering and exiting trails

## Bolton's Commercial Dog Walking Policy

Although Bolton does not have a permit system in place for commercial dog walkers. All commercial/compensated dog walkers operating within the Town of Bolton must acquire a copy of the rules and regulations regarding dog walking from the Conservation Department.

While walking dogs in Bolton, commercial dog walkers must:

- display ID placard in their vehicle
- walk no more than 2 dogs per person
- Must not congregate with more than 5 dogs at a time
- carry a leash for each dog in their care
- carry an adequate number of dog waste disposal bags
- properly dispose of their dogs'
  waste in a trash receptacle or take
  it with them; waste may not be left
  in plastic bags on the trails
- ensure that all dogs in their care are properly licensed and up-to-date on their vaccines
- follow all Town regulations

For more information about commercial dog walking, contact the Animal Control Officer at 978-897-7699.

Or the Conservation Department