













NEPONSET RESERVOIR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's) CONTACT GUIDE

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#	 Neponset Reservoir Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Contact Guide		NEPONSET RESERVOIR FOXBOROUGH'S HIDDEN GEM
	<i>To support our beautiful community, the Neponset Reservoir Committee (NRRC) has developed this guide for identifying who to contact when you have frequently asked questions.</i>		
	Category	Query	Where to get answers
1	Emergency	<i>What if we see someone in trouble while in a boat or swimming?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dial 911
2		<i>How do I report a hazardous material spill?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dial 911
3	Boating	<i>Where can I launch a boat?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Small boats can be launched at Edwards Rd Landing and Kersey Pt at the end of Kersey Rd. Larger boats can be launched at Heaton's Marina on Neponset Heights Ave for a fee. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
4		<i>Are there boat restrictions, such as type, size, etc.?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> There are no boat restrictions but be aware the water is shallow with many trees and stumps in parts of the Reservoir. There are speed restrictions under MA Environmental Laws. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Massachusetts Environmental Police Boston HQ: (800) 632-8075
5	Environmental	<i>What can I do about thick weeds and plants that will not allow my boat to get through?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Weed treatment is done once a year and we want to know problem locations by late fall or early winter so we can have the area assessed. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact NRRC: www.neponsetreservoir.com ; Facebook: @OurBeautifulResource
6		<i>Who do I contact if the water level is too high?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
7		<i>What is a buffer zone and how can I create one to help wildlife and plants?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
8		<i>How do I get a trash can on Conservation land emptied?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> All Conservation land is carry in/carry out. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission : (508) 543-1251
9		<i>Why aren't there trash receptacles on the Lane Property and other areas?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> All Conservation land is carry in/carry out. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
10	Information	<i>Is there a community newsletter that focuses specifically on Neponset Reservoir topics. If so, how can I sign up for it?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please register at www.neponsetreservoir.com . <input type="checkbox"/> Contact NRRC: www.neponsetreservoir.com ; Facebook: @OurBeautifulResource
11		<i>How do I learn about activities and projects being planned on the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> See local news from The Recorder and the Patch. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Recreation Department: (508) 543-7255
12		<i>What is the difference between the Neponset Reservoir Committee (NRRC) and the Neponset River Watershed Association (NpRWA)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> The scope of the Neponset Reservoir Committee (NRRC) is limited to the biologies of Neponset Reservoir itself. The Neponset River Watershed (NpRWA) includes the Neponset River and its tributaries and surrounding watershed lands. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact NRRC: www.neponsetreservoir.com ; Facebook: @OurBeautifulResource
13		<i>What locations are considered Town Conservation land on or near the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Commission has maps available. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
14		<i>When do I need a burn permit?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Fire Department: (508) 543-1230
15		<i>Can I have a campfires on Town land/Conservation land/islands?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
16		<i>Can motorized vehicles go on the Town or Conservation land?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No motorized vehicles are allowed on the Town or Conservation land. Report sighting to Foxboro Police (508) 543-4343. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251

17		<i>Can I camp on the Lane Property, Blueberry Island, or other conservation properties?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Permits are issued by the Conservation Commission. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
18		<i>What if jet skis on the Reservoir are operating without registration?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Massachusetts Environmental Police Boston HQ: (800) 632-8075
19		<i>What can I do about speeding and reckless jet skis that are endangering other boaters?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Massachusetts Environmental Police Boston HQ: (800) 632-8075
20		<i>What if I see boaters deliberately polluting?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508) 543-4343
21		<i>What if I see people drinking alcohol on Town or Conservation land?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508) 543-4343
22	Nuisance	<i>Who can I call if jet skis are loud?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Jet skis are manufactured to conform to noise standards and generally fall within legal parameters. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508) 543-4343
23		<i>What if I see fireworks on Town or Conservation land?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508) 543-4343
24	Legal	<i>What can I do if people are urinating on Town or Conservation land/islands/personal property?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508)-543-4343
25		<i>Can I cut or trim trees on my property?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for approval through the Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
26		<i>Can I put a pier/dock in the water?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for approval through the Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
27		<i>Can I leave my boats/kayaks on public shoreline for extended period of time (some end up floating around the lake)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal property is your responsibility. If lost or stolen, you accept that risk. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
28		<i>Can anyone set up personal chairs/benches permanently on Town or Conservation land shoreline?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No. If you leave property on Town land, it is a violation of Town Laws. Report violations to Foxboro Police. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508) 543-4343
29	Personal Property	<i>Can I use the Reservoir to water my lawn? What if I see anyone doing this?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> It is against the law to use the Reservoir to water your lawn. Report violations to Foxboro Police. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508) 543-4343
30		<i>What can I use on my lawn to protect the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> See Conservation Commission website: Town of Foxborough (foxboroughma.gov)
31		<i>How can we prevent storm water runoff?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> See Conservation Commission website: Town of Foxborough foxboroughma.gov
32		<i>What can I do about boats causing wakes and eroding my property?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Massachusetts Environmental Police Boston HQ: (800) 632-8075
33		<i>What can I do if people and/or boaters are trespassing on private property?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508) 543-4343
34		<i>What if my house is vandalized while I am on vacation and/or gone for the winter season?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Police Department: (508) 543-4343
35		<i>Can I swim here?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
36	Recreation	<i>Why are there no bathrooms/portapotties on the Lane Property?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact the Town Manager of Foxboro: (508) 543-1219
37		<i>Can we propose adding recreational structures (e.g., kayak rack, etc.) to a location near the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
38	Safety	<i>Are fish safe to eat?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
39		<i>Who is responsible for water quality of the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251 <input type="checkbox"/> (NRRC has advisory responsibility.)

40	Water Quality	<i>What types of hazardous metals are in the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy metal contaminants remain in the sediment of the Reservoir. No additional cleanup is planned. Additional information can be found in the link below:
41			SchneiderElec Abbreviated InfoPacket Jul 27,2018 (2).pdf
42		<i>Who do I contact about questions related to water treatments? What are personal dangers of treating the Reservoir for weeds?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact NRRC: www.neponsetreservoir.com ; Facebook: @OurBeautifulResource
43	Wildlife	<i>What should I do if I see a large number of dead fish in the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
44		<i>What kind of wildlife is there on the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> For a list of wildlife, contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
45		<i>What can I do personally to protect wildlife, insects, etc.?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
46		<i>How do I report a rare or endangered species?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
47		<i>What types of fish are in the Reservoir?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission: (508) 543-1251
48		<i>Can I take the fish I catch?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if properly licensed, and within legal limits. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Massachusetts Environmental Police Boston HQ: (800) 632-8075
49		<i>Who do I contact if people/boats/jet skis are deliberately endangering/scaring wildlife waterfowl?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Massachusetts Environmental Police Boston HQ: (800) 632-8075
50		<i>What can I do to help an injured animal or bird?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Animal Control Officer Foxborough: (508) 543-4343 Ext. 267 <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Animal Hospital: (508) 543-5350 <input type="checkbox"/> If neither reachable, contact Tufts Veterinary Emergency Services: (508) 668-5454
51		<i>How do I volunteer for Reservoir animal rehabilitation efforts?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact Foxboro Animal Hospital: (508) 543-5350
See next page for full Neponset Reservoir Contact Information...			

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	Animal Control Officer Foxborough	Public Safety Building 8 Chestnut St Foxborough, MA 02035 (508) 543-4343 Ext. 267			
	Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Case Manager for Neponset Reservoir	Mr. John Handrahan Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Case Manager Mass DEP Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup Southeast Region 20 Riverside Dr, Lakeville, MA 02347 Case #RTN 4-0011387			
	Environmental Police	Massachusetts Environmental Police Boston HQ 251 Causeway St, Suite 101, Boston, MA 02114 (800) 632-8075 https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-environmental-police			
	Fire Department	8 Chestnut St Foxborough, MA 02035 (508) 543-1230 Facebook: @Foxboroughfire			
	Foxboro Animal Hospital	200 Mechanic St Foxborough, MA 02035 (508) 543-5350			
	Neponset Reservoir Committee (NRRC)	https://www.neponsetreservoir.com Facebook: @OurBeautifulResource			
	Police Department	8 Chestnut St Foxborough, MA (508) 543-4343 Facebook: @FoxboroughPD			
	Schneider Electric	Schneider Electric North America Operations 800 Federal St Andover, MA 01810 (978) 794-0800 se.com			
	Town of Foxboro Conservation Commission	40 South St Town Hall, Room 204 Foxborough, MA 02035 (508) 543-1251 foxboroughma.gov ; Facebook: @FoxboroughConCom			
	Tufts Veterinary Emergency Services	525 South St Walpole, MA 02081 (508) 668-5454			