



Foster's Pond Corporation

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WELCOME TO THE FOSTER'S POND DAM. HELP US PROTECT THE DAM & THE POND!

The Foster's Pond Corporation (FPC) is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting Foster's Pond. We own and maintain the Foster's Pond Dam.

We welcome you to enjoy this peaceful spot. You may fish, launch your canoe or kayak (but **NO GASOLINE-POWERED MOTORS**), or just sit and relax. Please observe these simple rules to make your visit to Foster's Pond safer and more enjoyable for everyone, and to protect the dam and the environment:

- **No littering.** Did you bring it in? Take it out!
- **No alcohol.** Consuming or transporting of alcoholic beverages on Foster's Pond Corporation property is strictly prohibited.



No smoking. Absolutely no smoking is allowed anywhere on FPC property. Do not dispose of cigarette butts here.

- **No parking** at the Foster's Pond dam. Vehicles erode the dam. Violators are subject to towing at the owner's expense. Please be considerate of our neighbors. Do not park or drive on private property or block traffic on any street.



- **No live bait** except worms. Do not bring any minnows, shiners or other live bait onto FPC property. Positively **NO** digging on this property.
- **No bikes, trikes, trailers, or wheels on the grass.** Wheels create ruts, leading to erosion which can compromise the dam. Bikes may be parked on the mulched areas while you are visiting. No trailers are allowed past the chain.
- **Do not release any live animal into the Pond.** Foster's Pond does not welcome your pet frog, snake, or carp. The release of *any* live animal is strictly prohibited.
- **Do not drag your boat - carry it.** Dragging your boat makes a rut, which will contribute to erosion. You may launch your canoe, kayak, or small boat from the shoreline to the left of the dam. **NO gasoline-powered motors are allowed.**

- **Clean your boat and equipment before you visit.** Please help us keep invasive weeds and other nuisance organisms out of the Pond. Be sure all of your gear has been thoroughly cleaned of vegetation before using it here.
- **Do not disturb loose rocks along the shoreline.** The loose rocks and stones sloping down to the Pond are important. They guard the dam from erosion. Leave them alone! They should not be thrown into the Pond or into the sluiceway of the dam.
- **No digging anywhere on this property.** Digging can destroy vital parts of the dam and can lead to erosion. Treat the dam gently!
- **Fishing licenses are required** by Massachusetts law for all anglers between the ages of 15 and 69. Violators are subject to a fine.
- **Leash your dog - and clean up after it.** Well-behaved dogs are welcome to join you.
- **No access beyond the tree line.** Public access stops where the trees start. Respect private property. Don't trespass.
- **Never climb up or down the face of the dam.** Doing so causes erosion which can weaken the dam. Always use the pathway from the street level to the bench.



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.
Clean all recreational equipment.
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When you leave a body of water:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

A Brief History

Foster's Pond is named for Andrew Foster - Andover's 21st resident - whose wife Ann was convicted in the Salem witch trials and died in prison.

The Foster's Pond Dam was built after the Civil War to store water for powering mills in Ballardvale.

The Foster's Pond Corporation was founded in 1939 to maintain this dam and protect Foster's Pond.

**THIS PROPERTY IS CLOSED TO
VISITORS FROM DUSK TO DAWN
Police Take Notice**

SAFETY FIRST!

VISIT THIS AREA AT YOUR OWN RISK

- **Stay away from water flowing over the dam. NEVER walk across the spillway - it can be slippery, even when no water is visible!**
- **Keep an eye on your children. Don't allow them near slopes, steep edges, loose rock, or flowing water. They may drown or be injured.**
- **Stay away from vertical drop-offs and sloping edges of the dam. Clay, grass, and loose rock can be slippery, especially when wet. There is a danger of falling!**
- **Stay away from the edge! Rocks below the dam can be dangerous! Falling on them can cause serious injury.**
- **If water is flowing over the emergency spillway (the low area to the left of the bench as you face the Pond), leave the area immediately and head for high ground. A strong current could trap you or sweep you downstream and cause injury.**
- **Wear your life jacket! Massachusetts law requires a "personal flotation device" for every person on *any* boat - including a canoe or kayak!**



For more information about Foster's Pond, or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit us at www.fosterspond.com. Thank you!