



Mount Agamenticus Conservation Region

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Special Use Permit Application

What is the Special Use Permit System?

The Special Use permit system manages commercial and non-commercial events and group activities that are conducted on the Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee (MtASC) lands within the greater Mount A region. MtASC has designed the permit system to help minimize impacts to natural, agricultural and cultural resources, and to deter group conflicts and preserve the quality of the visitor experience.

Who needs a Special Use Permit?

A written permit issued by the MtASC is required for any organizer of an event or group activity, for any special request, and for any activity not covered by the Mount Agamenticus rules and regulations. Examples include, but are not limited to: athletic events, guided tours, educational programs, biological research, etc.

Application information:

- Read and agree to the special use terms and conditions.
- Fill out this application thoroughly as soon as you begin to plan a trip to the Mount A region.
- You are required to submit your application at least 14 days before the requested trip. MtASC staff will work with trip organizers who apply fewer than 14 days before the planned trip, but there is no guarantee that the permit will be issued in time for the trip.
- Toilet and parking facilities must be adequate for the proposed trip.
- Mt. A has a carry in, carry out trash policy and participants must follow the Leave No Trace principles.

Special Use Permit terms and conditions:

MtASC may make modifications to this list based on your permit application.

- Stay on the approved areas or designated trails and do not obstruct or block trails or parking areas.
- Mitigate on-trail conflict by breaking a large group into smaller groups with fewer participants upon entering MtASC lands, and by practicing good trail etiquette including yielding to others while staying on the trail and not stepping on vegetation.
- Trip organizers must require participants to sign up for the trip in advance in order to effectively limit the number of participants. Trip organizers shall not publish specific details about start time and location in any flyers or advertisements notifying the trip unless the notice refers to the requirement of reservations for attending the trip.
- Group size cannot exceed what has been approved by MtASC.
- If damages occur due to the trip, all damages will be billed to the trip organizer.
- Trip representatives must carry a copy of an approved permit and show it to staff or law enforcement officers if requested.
- Permits may be immediately suspended, revoked, or modified for any reason.
- Permits do not grant exclusive use of site or parking facilities. Permittees shall ensure that the rights and privileges of other visitors are recognized and met.
- The permit holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the MtASC landowners and its agency employees for losses, damages, or judgments and expenses on accidents.
- No improvements or trail alterations of any kind, temporary or permanent, are authorized without written permission from MtASC. No facility, property or natural feature may be destroyed, defaced, removed or disturbed.
- Event signs, media promotions, or other announcements must be pre-approved by MtASC.
- In the event of rain or snow within 48 hours of the trip, the trip may have to be rescheduled or cancelled.
- There may be a permit fee associated and it may include additional stipulations customized to the situation.
- Organizers are responsible for providing safety and medical coverage for the trip.
- Permit holders shall read, sign and comply with all MtASC rules and regulations.

Additional Information

*Type of event and complete description of planned activities:

*Purpose of trip (mark all that apply):

educational nature study research or monitoring in natural sciences for profit other (describe)

recreational training for sport ceremony/ celebration not-for-profit

*How are participants being notified?

*Resources/facilities you are intending to provide (trip personnel, restrooms, trash, transportation, parking marshals, aid stations, signs, medical personnel, tables, chairs, canopies, etc.):

*Please provide toilet, trash and parking plan and any details on resources noted above (must be pre-approved and set up in designated area), quantity of resources needed, time frame, etc.

*Does the trip provide any liability insurance? If so, please provide details on the amount of coverage and who is covered.

*What safety measures are planned for the trip (medical personnel, first aid kits, safety precautions for lightning, ticks, bee stings, poison ivy, injuries, illness, etc.)

*Will the proposed event be rain or shine/ or could it be revised/rescheduled if planned weather is not favorable?

*If this is a fundraiser, do you have a town sponsor?

*Are you a certified 501c3 non-profit or otherwise tax exempt? (Provide proof such as IRS determination letter)

*Are the participants being charged and what is the fee? (include donations, admissions, concession, or merchandise sales)

"I hereby attest that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and correct. I have read and agree to the Rules and Regulations for the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Region, and I agree with all terms and conditions outlined in this application. **I understand that this is only an application for permission to hold this event/activity and that all rules, regulations, requirements, and conditions related to this application/permit are my responsibility**"

Signature of Applicant (must be at least 18 years old)

Date

Note: Application is not valid without signature of applicant.

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF MOUNT AGAMENTICUS SUMMIT & TRAILS

The Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee, made up of state, local, and non-profit landowners are working together to protect and manage this area for wildlife, water quality, and sustainable recreation. As you enjoy Mount Agamenticus' scenic vistas, fragile habitats, and distinctive trail system please follow these simple guidelines and treat the land and wildlife with respect. Remember that this land is critical habitat to many of Maine's rare plants and animals. Mount Agamenticus is unlike any place else on earth and its conservation depends on you.

Many people get lost. Please stay on marked trails.

Alcohol and Drugs: Consumption or use of alcoholic beverages or drugs is not allowed.

Camping/Campfires: No campfires are allowed on Mt "A" due to potential and significant fire danger. Overnight camping is not allowed.

Closed Areas: Trails will be opened and closed by the Steering Committee as warranted by environmental and safety conditions. No person may enter or remain in closed areas except as authorized by the Mount A Steering Committee.

Geocaching: The placement of geocaches or letterboxes may be permitted with prior written permission by the Mount A Steering Committee by calling 207-361-1102. Cache owners are responsible for ensuring that the property is protected from abuse.

Group Activities: Organized groups may be permitted with prior written permission by the Mount A Steering Committee by calling 207-361-1102. Group leaders are responsible for ensuring that the property is protected from abuse by the group, that the group practices the principles of Leave No Trace, and is considerate of other individual visitors.

Hours of Operation: The area is open during daylight hours only (from sunrise to sunset). All activities must conclude and exit at sunset.

Hunting and Trapping: Hunting, trapping, and fishing are allowed in accordance with the management policies of each landowner. Please refer to the landowner for specific guidelines and boundaries. See contact information below. As such, the discharging of any weapon is prohibited from or within 300 feet of any picnic area, parking area, public trail, or other developed area. Loaded weapons are not permitted on the tread way. Work areas and areas with significant public use may be temporarily posted as closed to hunting by park management in the interest of public safety. Target practicing is not allowed.

Motor Vehicles: The Mount Agamenticus Access Road is a public road. All vehicles are subject to license safety requirements and regulations of the Maine Department of Public Safety. Please observe slow and safe driving in entering and departing the Mount Agamenticus Access Road. Speed limit is 15 mph. **PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY.** Parking is allowed in designated areas only.

Natural and Cultural Resources: All wildlife, plant life, artifacts and any other natural or man-made features are protected and may not be disturbed or removed (unless regulated with permit). Harassment of wildlife is illegal in Maine; do not approach, follow or feed wildlife. Releasing or introducing any animal is prohibited. Please leave rocks, wildflowers, and other plants or natural objects as you find them. Do not disturb wetlands or vernal pools. **Metal detectors are not allowed.**

Noise Levels: Please be considerate of guests who are visiting Mt "A" for a quiet natural experience.

Permits: A written permit issued by the Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee is required for any special request or activity not covered by these rules and regulations. To request a permit call the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Office at 207-363-1102.

Pets: Pets are welcome at Mt “A” but must follow the Town of York and South Berwick animal control ordinances. Owners must immediately clean up after pets.

Refuse: Mount Agamenticus has a “carry in/carry out” policy. Visitors are responsible for carrying out all their refuse (including all wrappers, packaging, bottles, cans, cigarette butts, **pet waste**, etc.) and are encouraged to reduce, reuse, and recycle these items when possible.

Toilet Facilities: Portable outdoor facilities are available at the summit. The main lodge facility is open and available to special function groups only and is not for public use.

Trail Use Designations: Observe and respect trail use designations and closures. Cars and trucks are not allowed. ATVs and snowmobiles are allowed on multiple use trails only. Please refer to the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife’s “All Terrain Vehicles Laws and Rules” publication updated annually regarding proper use, licensing, and registration.

Trail and Stunt Building: Stay on authorized trails. Do not cut switchbacks or create new trails. Stunt building or any other trail manipulation is prohibited. Possession of handsaws, chainsaws, loppers, shovels, rakes, or any other trail clearing or building tool or material is prohibited.

Recreational Users: Mount Agamenticus visitors assume all risks, and must be reasonably prepared and equipped, take reasonable precautions against endangering themselves or others and must wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

Vandalism: No person may deface, paint, damage, mutilate, or vandalize any natural or cultural object, or any sign or structure within the conservation area. Possession of paint or marking materials, or tampering with, altering, or removing any sign, marker, or structure, is prohibited. Driving nails or permanently installing any object is prohibited.

These rules and regulations have been promulgated for the protection of our patrons and for the facilities and natural resources of the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Region. In addition to any criminal and civil sanctions imposed by law, any person violating these rules or other laws or regulations may be required to immediately leave, and the Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee may revoke the privilege of any person who violates these rules to enter the area for a specified period.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mount Agamenticus Steering Committee

Great Works Regional Land Trust: 207-646-3604; www.gwrlt.org

Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: 207-657-2345; www.maine.gov/ifw

The Nature Conservancy: 207-646-1788; www.nature.org

Town of South Berwick: 207-384-3300; www.southberwickmaine.com

Town of York: 207-363-1000; www.yorkmaine.org

York Land Trust: 207-363-7400; www.yorklandtrust.org

York Water District: 207-363-2265; www.yorkwaterdistrict.org



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