



Stewardship Challenges: Managing Visitor Use

- ATV/ORV Damage
- Vandalism
- Dumping/Littering
- Encroachment
- Illegal Hunting
- Dog Problems
- Swimming/Ice Hazards
- Vista Cutting
- Illegal Camping
- Camp Fires
- Theft of Stones, Trees, Artifacts
- Dangerous Structures(rebar/bolt)

Identify problem. Make moves to fix it.



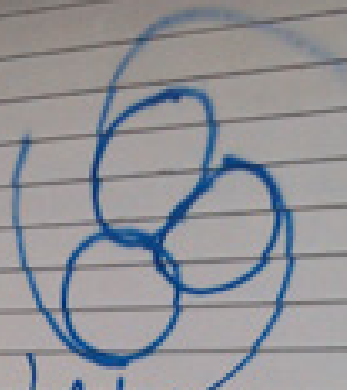
Vandalism

Breaking, damaging, defacing the property

- graffiti (spray paint)
- breaking property structures, (fences, gates, signs, locks, bridges, trails, walls, restoration work, etc)
- building forts, treehouses, bike ramps, trails, paintball areas, campsites, fire pits etc

Vandalism Problems

- Ecological and physical damage
- Costs to clean/fix damage
- Impacts public's perception of your organization and conservation in general.



A Ballad!!!

MIX

HAS HATE RISE

Return...



Options for Addressing Problems

- *Know the problem!*
- Signage: Post property rules.
- If possible, meet and warn those responsible.
- Presence (part time ranger, gate keeper, volunteers, neighbor with vested interest, police).
- Encourage legitimate visitor use (maintain attractive site, nature walks/programs)
- Improved visibility (motion sensor lights, site design, site improvements for problem).


Problem -Vehicle Break Ins



Addressing vehicle break in problem:

- Keep the property clean and inviting to improve/promote appropriate visitor usage.
- Direct communication with visitors and neighbors.
- Have informed staff/volunteers present at key times.
- Signage.
- Improve visibility of parking lot.
- Increase police presence.
- Security camera.





Parking Lot Advisory

Please keep valuables secure
and out of sight. Thank you
and enjoy your visit.

Security
Cameras
In Use.



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Together we can preserve
the Massachusetts landscape.
For Everyone. Forever.





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Total Estimated Install Time = 2 hours

Total Cost Materials = \$29.10



Illegal Motorized Vehicle Use

- **ATV** (all terrain vehicle)
- **ORV** (off road vehicle)
- **OHV** (off highway vehicle)
- **Dirtbike**
- **Snowmobile**
- **Trucks**
- **Jeeps**

Illegal Motorized Vehicle Problems

- Natural resource damage (plants, animals, soil, water quality)
- Incompatible with other uses
- Safety and liability issues





Piping Plover, a small shorebird, use this beach for nesting between mid-April and August. Disturbance by people, vehicles and pets on beaches can destroy eggs, cause nest failure and kill chicks.

Please do your part to protect the plover and the beach during the nesting period.

- Stay away from nest sites identified by signs
- Walk as close to the water's edge as possible
- Collection, trapping and harvest are prohibited on the beach during the nesting period
- Pets must be on a leash at all times
- Don't litter

Piping Plover and their habitat are protected by the Nova Scotia Endangered Species Act. Thank you for your cooperation.

Endangered Species Habitat

Habitat des espèces en danger de disparition

Le grandiffon, un petit oiseau de plage, utilise cette plage comme site de nidification de la mi-avril au début d'août. Les perturbations causées par les humains et les animaux domestiqués peuvent détruire les nids, empêcher l'éclosion de la nidification et tuer les oisillons.

Veuillez vous tenir loin des endroits de nidification pendant la période de nidification.

- Éloignez-vous des sites de nidification identifiés par les affiches.
- Marchez le plus près de la mer possible.
- Il est interdit de capturer, de vendre ou de transporter tout oisillon ou le grandiffon pendant la nidification.
- Gardez toujours vos animaux domestiqués en laisse.
- Ne jetez rien sur la plage.

Le grandiffon est protégé par la Loi sur l'évaluation et la protection des espèces en danger de disparition. Merci de votre coopération.



NO ALL-TERRIAN VEHICLES ALLOWED
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PROTECTED BLUCH
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**Fresh tire tracks despite notice for
ATVs to stay off this protected
beach.**



Options for Addressing Motorized Vehicle Problems

- confront offenders and parents directly
- signage/rules posted
- fences/gates/boulders?
- Police
- Trail and lot design considerations
- persistence and presence







Easy detective work - follow the tracks Hastings!







Addressing this Motorized Vehicle Issue

- Reach out to riders: describe organization property, rules, reasons.
- Warn that police will be notified.
- Document with formal letter if possible.
- Involve police if necessary.

