

Chapter 137**COMMON PATHWAY AREA
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Pursuant to the authority of RSA 41:8, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Peterborough hereby enact the following article, effective October 1, 2003.

Non-criminal penalties established herein will result from citations issued by Peterborough police officers.

§ 137-2. Purpose.

The common pathway is provided as a transportation and recreation path by the Town of Peterborough. The purpose of these rules and regulations is to encourage the responsible use of the Common Pathway in the Town of Peterborough. The Common Pathway will remain unencumbered and kept in its natural state to the greatest extent possible. Encumbrances include but are not limited to structures, memorials or permanent fixtures, and landscaping. Applications for the construction, additions, or replacement of structures, memorials, other fixtures, and landscaping will be submitted to the Common Pathway Committee for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen at which time a public hearing will be held.

The following rules are in addition to any existing state regulations, of which the stricter regulation will prevail.

§ 137-3. Activities permitted.

Walking, bicycles, running, skiing, snowshoeing, rollerblading, skateboarding, and push scooters are permitted on the pathway. The pushing of baby carriages and strollers, parcel carts, and the operating of both manual and motorized wheel chairs, Segways, and other personal mobility vehicles less than 30" wide is permitted.

§ 137-4. Motorized vehicles and snowmobiles.

Any motorized vehicle not specifically permitted is prohibited. Prohibited vehicles include, but are not limited to, cars; trucks; ATV's; SUV's; snowmobiles; riding lawn mowers; golf carts; motorcycles; and motorized scooters.

Snowmobiles are only permitted on the State of NH trail system.

Emergency vehicles and maintenance vehicles are permitted on the pathway.

§ 137-5. Animals.

Animals are permitted but must be restrained (leashed) and under control at all times. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals.

Horses are not permitted on paved sections of the pathway.

§ 137.6. Parking.

Parking is in designated areas only. Unattended vehicles should be locked. Parking areas close at 9:00 p.m. No overnight parking is permitted.

§ 137.7. Camping, open fires, and barbecues.

No camping is allowed in parking lots or in the pathway right-of-way.

No open fires or barbecues are permitted.

§ 137.8. Boat access.

Launching of boats and/or canoes is permitted in designated areas only.

§ 137.9. Litter.

Littering of the pathway is prohibited. Trash cans are not provided. Please carry out what is carried in.

§ 137.10. Alcohol beverages, cigarettes, and illegal substances.

No smoking of cigarettes and/or illegal substances on the pathway or in parking lots.

No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on pathway or in parking lots.

§ 137.11. Functions, gatherings, and activities.

Functions, gatherings, parties, or other public events and activities are not permitted on the pathway or in the parking lots without prior written permission of the Common Pathway Committee and Selectmen. Such activities shall be limited to recognized organizations, residents, or other groups obtaining proper authorization. The person named on the permit agrees to assume responsibility for the group and shall also be responsible for clean-up of the area and for the conduct and liability of all members of the using group. Persons requesting permission for group use must be at least 18 years of age.

§ 137.12. Vendors.

No vendors or solicitors are permitted without prior permission from the Common Pathway Committee and Selectmen. Vendors shall have all permits as required by the State of New Hampshire and the necessary Board of Health and Board of Selectmen permits.

§ 137.13. Bridges.

Jumping from the bridges is not permitted.

§ 137.14. Traffic and safety control.

Courtesy to other users is assumed. The path is two-way, and users should keep to the right of the path when stopping. Please do not leave vehicles or possessions unattended in the travel way.

Slower traffic has the right-of-way. Overtaking users should use caution when passing. Do not pass where visibility is limited and call out early and clearly to warn those ahead.

Some sections of the path are on shared roadway. Path users should remain in marked sections. Sidewalk areas of the path are subject to Town of Peterborough sidewalk regulations.

Users must obey traffic signs. All users should stop at crosswalks and stop signs. Bicyclists and scooter operators should dismount at crosswalks.

Maintain a safe speed at all times. Cautionary speed signs or pavement markings should be obeyed.

Some sections of the path are on private property. Users should remain on the right-of-way and not cross fences or barriers. Please respect the privacy and rights of land owners.

§ 137.15. Malicious damage.

Malicious damage and stealing of town property will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

§ 137.16. Violations and penalties.

Any person violating this Article shall be guilty of a violation and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100). Each violation shall be deemed to be a separate offense.