



**Department of Public Works  
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## **CITY OF BARRE ORANGE RESERVOIR RECREATIONAL USE POLICY – HUNTING and TRAPPING**

The City of Barre believes it is important to make the fullest responsible use of the natural environment, promote the proper management and stewardship of its properties. In support of proper management of animal species, harvest is an important practice. This policy hereby allows for the recreational use of Barre City lands (hereinafter “Lands”) in the vicinity Dix Reservoir and its Water Treatment Plant for hunting by the citizens of Barre and by others according to the policies outlined below. These policies are meant to be strict in nature given the importance of the Reservoir as the water source for the City of Barre and the customers of its water system.

1. The City of Barre will allow hunting on the “Lands” on a continuing basis subject to biennial review. The periodic inspections shall be conducted by City staff around the Reservoir, contributory watershed and the “Lands”. Specific examination for the abandonment of trash, litter, spills, or discharges related to use of the designated hunting and/or trapping areas will be recorded. The inspection reports will be provided in May of the even numbered years. At that time, this policy will be reviewed and further recommendations regarding the future use of the property will be brought before the Barre City Council.
2. No hunting or any type of road access is permitted within 100-feet of the Little Orange or Big Orange reservoirs which lie on the east side of Reservoir Road or within 1000-feet of the Water Treatment Plant. No hunting is permitted within 50-feet of the centerline of the road.
3. All regulations of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department must be followed. Officials from the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department will be provided with copies of this policy and will be asked to patrol the area, as they do any other authorized hunting locations in the state. Regulations are available at: <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com>.
4. The following conditions shall apply to anyone accessing the “Lands”:
  - a. Absolutely no motorized vehicles will be used in active hunting. Harvest recovery may be permitted by express permission of the City through the Water Treatment Plant Operator or City management;
  - b. Hunting will be allowed in all areas except those excluded by language above. Hunting permissions shall reference a designated area for the approval as defined by the City. VT Fish and Wildlife rules for game recovery apply, but evidence that a recovery is warranted is required e.g., blood trail to hunt outside a designated area;
  - c. At no time will baiting be allowed to be used;
  - d. The City reserves the sole right to define designated areas within the “Lands”. Any access to the “Lands” shall comply with the designations in their permit for hunting and/or trapping.

- e. Any parking associated with hunting access shall occur in a manner to not interfere with the full use of the travelled way on Orange, VT Roadways.

This policy is meant to allow hunting and trapping only at the "Lands" adjacent to Dix Reservoir and Water Treatment Plant. NO additional recreational or other use (hiking, biking, etc.) shall be allowed at the site, "Lands" or surrounding city-owned properties at this time, unless reviewed and approved by the Barre City Council. The City of Barre maintains all rights and permissions in regards to the use of this property.

Use of the property will be self-monitored at all times subject to periodic or random inspection by City employees and law enforcement officials; any and all items brought onto the property must be removed from the property. All posted instructions (waste disposal, parking, etc.) must be followed at all times. Failure to follow the conditions of this policy or posted instructions may result in forfeiture of privileges. Failure to comply with these rules places the individual(s) on City property in the position of trespassing against the City. Trespassing is subject to immediate expulsion and any or all other legal consequences.

**If, at the sole discretion of the Barre City Manager**, any problems arise, such as the accumulation of refuse, abuse of the property, etc., **permission to use the "Lands" for hunting and trapping may be revoked**. The City Manager shall notify law enforcement of such revocations.

Any additional questions regarding the use of this facility should be addressed to the Barre City Manager's office, (802) 476-0240. Map attached.

Approved by Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lucas J. Herring  
Mayor, City of Barre