



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
50TH SPACE WING (AFSPC)

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECREATIONAL GUESTS TO NEW BOSTON AIR FORCE STATION

FROM: 23 SOPS/CC

SUBJECT: Recreational Access Policy

1. We have developed a recreational permit process to allow for the safe and enjoyable recreational activities on New Boston Air Force Station (NBAFS). As part of the history of this property, it was used as an aerial and bombardment range from 1942 to 1956 in which a variety of munitions and explosives of concern were dropped from aircraft. We are conducting an extensive unexploded ordnance (UXO) remediation program to mitigate risk associated with this UXO contamination. We have made great progress in the last several years in reducing the risk for recreational activities on station and I want to allow for a broader use of our property. Based on the extensive UXO remediation efforts and an independent and thorough Operational Risk Management study, we can now increase the use of previously off-limit areas by following the guidelines detailed below.
2. Specifically, DOD cardholders are now authorized to surface recreate on most of the station. The only areas that will remain off limits are several ponds and wetland areas that have not been cleared. These will be/have been clearly marked with signage and include Joe English Pond, Gardner Pond, SATCOM Pond area, and various unnamed water bodies.
3. Surface recreation means, you are free to recreate throughout the installation without conducting any ground disturbing activities such as digging, scraping etc. Allowed activities in the approved areas include camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, jogging, skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and walking. It is important to note that at no time should any cardholder or their guest conduct any activity that penetrates the ground.
4. To ensure recreational guests know the specific requirements and limitations, we have developed a recreational permit process. A recreational permit will be required for DOD cardholders who plan to recreate on station. To obtain a permit, our station experts will be conducting periodic training classes to help share critical information related to this topic. The training is mandatory and will provide members with the information and maps needed for a safe and enjoyable experience. There is no charge for this recreational permit. Attached is the class schedule for the next several months. There is no need to pre-register. Separate permits to hunt or fish are required and may be obtained from our Natural Resources section by calling 471-2346. Permits must be carried and available for inspection by NBAFS Security Forces, Natural Resources, or Services personnel.
5. If you have any questions, please contact the NBAFS Base Civil Engineer at 471-2434.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David G. Hanson".

DAVID G. HANSON, Lt Col, USAF  
Commander

Attachment:  
Recreational Permit Training Schedule

**New Boston Air Force Station (NBAFS)**  
**Recreational Permit Training Schedule**

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, First Training Session

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, October 3<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

**All training will take place in the NBAFS Community Center from 6:00-7:00pm**

Contact Mr. Jeff Oja at 471-2417 for more details or information.