

**TOWN OF ATKINSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**19 Academy Avenue**  
**Atkinson, New Hampshire 03811**

**Policy on use of Blinds or Tree Stands in Town Forests**  
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For the purposes of public safety, proper forest management, and woodland aesthetics, it is the policy of the Atkinson Conservation Commission to prohibit the use of blinds at ground level or below ground (pit blinds) constructed partly or wholly of manufactured material for hunting, observation, or photography of wildlife in Town Forests. This policy does not prohibit the use of camouflage garments, nor the use of temporary ground-level blinds constructed of dead natural materials found in the vicinity of the blind.

*In the interest of public safety, tree stands are allowed on the town's conservation lands as long as they conform to the following rules:*

- *Consistent with NH Fish and Game policy, tree stands must not damage the tree in any way, and must have the name and phone number of the stand's owner visible at ground level.*
- *On Atkinson conservation land, tree stands must not be installed prior to September 1, must be removed by December 31, and must not be within 300 feet of a blazed trail.*

Exception to this policy requires specific (when, where, purpose, duration, type of construction) written approval of the Commission.