



FORT FOSTER PARK POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Fort Foster is a local treasure, steeped in history with trails, beaches, play areas and outdoor function space. Fort Foster is also a complex and vital natural resource providing habitat to native and endangered animals, plants and trees.

Please help the Town of Kittery protect this vital natural resource for our generation and generations to come.

A. SCHEDULE AND HOURS OF OPERATIONS

1. The park bathrooms and parking lots will be open on weekends, from 10AM to sunset, in May before Memorial Day and in September after Labor Day.
2. The park bathrooms and parking lots will be open seven days a week, from 10AM to 8PM or sunset, whichever is earlier, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, inclusive.
3. The park parking lots may be open October through April, excepting when snow or ice events have made the park roads and/or parking lots unsafe for vehicles.

B. PARKING AND VEHICLES

1. The speed limit on all park roads is 5MPH.
2. Parking is allowed in designated areas only.
3. Non-motorized watercraft, windsurfers, sea kayaks and canoes may be brought in on car-tops or trailers. If trailers are used, the trailer must be parked with their vehicle after the visitor has dropped off their watercraft at Windsurfer's Beach.

C. USE OF PARK

1. Use of the park is at own risk at all times.
2. There are no trash receptacles in the park. All litter, trash, and pet waste must be carried out. Littering is prohibited in accordance with Kittery Town Code and State Law.
3. Grills are provided for charcoal use only, and only for the purpose of cooking. Bonfires are not permitted.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited by State Law.
5. The Town is not responsible for lost or stolen property or items.
6. There are no lifeguards on duty. Swimming is at own risk.
7. There is no swimming or diving allowed from the pier.
8. Non-motorized watercraft, windsurfers, sea kayaks and canoes may only be launched from Windsurfer's Beach.
9. Removal or destruction of any buildings, facilities, flora, or fauna is prohibited.
10. Use of metal detectors is prohibited.
11. Hunting is prohibited.

12. Scuba diving is only permitted at the designated Scuba Beach. Scuba diving is not permitted from the main beach area, or in areas signed as prohibited.
13. The Town Manager may close the beaches when water quality testing determines the water to be unsafe for human contact.

D. DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS

1. With the exception of dogs, no domestic animals are allowed in the park.
2. Dogs are prohibited on Pier South Beach, as designated by signs, on weekends in May and September, and every day from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive.
3. Dogs must be on leash 10AM to park closing on weekends in May and September, and every day from Memorial Day to Labor Day, inclusive.
4. Dogs must be on leash 10AM to 3PM from the day after Labor Day of one year, to the day before Memorial Day of the next year.
5. The maximum leash length allowed is 10 feet.
6. Visitors must immediately collect and secure pet waste while in the park. Visitors must maintain possession of their pet's waste while on public property; it may not be left behind for future retrieval.
7. Visitors may not bring in more than three dogs at any time while in the park.

E. SEASON and DAY PASSES

1. All pass fees are established by the Town Council in Appendix A of the Kittery Town Code.
2. No visitor may enter the park during park operating hours without a valid Season Pass or a Day Pass.
3. Season Passes are good for the calendar year in which they are issued.
4. Town residents or property owners, except organizations and corporations, may obtain a Resident Season Pass.
5. Proof of residency can be satisfied by one or more of the following showing a Kittery address:
 - a. Maine Driver's License
 - b. State of Maine ID
 - c. Maine vehicle registration
 - d. Utility bill
 - e. Personal check
 - f. Rent or lease agreement
 - g. Buyers order for a new home
 - h. Registered voter in Kittery
6. A season pass may be used by the season pass holder and their immediate family residing within the same household.
7. Town residents or property owners age 62 or older may obtain a Senior Citizen Season Pass.
8. Disabled American Veterans who are 100% disabled may obtain a free season pass upon presentation of a Federally issued 100% Disabled Veteran Identification Card or a Veterans Administration Awards Letter of Entitlement stating 100% disability.
9. All others may obtain a general Season Pass.
10. Season passes are assigned to a vehicle. To apply for a pass the applicant must provide proof of registration for the vehicle that will be associated with the pass. Once issued, the season pass

must be affixed to the vehicle, no higher than 4 inches from the bottom line of the driver's side of the windshield.

11. Failure to affix the Season Pass to the vehicle as directed will result in denied entrance or the requirement to purchase a day pass for that day. No exceptions will be made.
12. Replacement passes may be obtained if lost, for a fee. Receipt of the original pass purchase is required.
13. Up to five "pass cards" will be issued to each season pass holder and allows for entry on foot or bicycle for the pass holder.
14. Vehicles with a capacity of more than 15 passengers may not obtain or use a season pass. These vehicles must use a Day Pass to enter the park.
15. All other means of entry while the park is open will be through the purchase or issuance of a day pass.
16. Only one day pass purchase may be used for credit towards the purchase of a season pass. The day pass must have been purchased in the same calendar year as the season pass.

F. RESERVATION OF PAVILIONS

1. All pavilion reservation fees are established by the Town Council in Appendix A of the Kittery Town Code.
2. The pavilions may be reserved for group-use.
3. The maximum number permitted in any group is one hundred (100) people.
4. Groups may reserve a pavilion only once per season.
5. The reservation fee for a pavilion assures the reservation holder that the pavilion will be reserved for their use.
6. All groups reserving a pavilion must leave the area in as good condition as it was found. Future pavilion reservation or access to the park may be revoked, and/or fees to repair damage may be incurred.
7. All trash and waste must be removed by the group. Waste receptacles will not be provided by the Town.
8. Any group reserving a pavilion must leave the area by 7:00PM, or one hour before posted gate closing, whichever is earlier.
9. Reservation applications for the pavilion are available through the Town.
 - a. January 1 - April 15 - Reservations accepted from any Kittery group on a first come, first serve basis.
 - b. April 16-September 23 – Reservations accepted from the general public.
10. Two signs must be placed by the reservation holder, on the day of their reservation. One must be placed at the intersection of the Pier Road and the Pavilion Road, and the other at the Pavilion stating the following: PAVILION RESERVED TODAY - (NAME OF GROUP). Signs should be 2'X2'. Signs must be removed at the end of the day by the reservation holder.
11. Payment of the pavilion fee does not include the park entrance fee for visitors associated with the reservation. Visitor entrance fees will be collected at the gate.
12. Kittery based civic, social, or non-profit organizations will be allowed into the park for one day per season free of charges provided:
 - a. The reservation is made for weekends in May or September or weekdays from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

- b. The organization submits a written application to reserve the pavilion and for the fees to be waived at least 7 days prior to the desired date.
- c. Traip Class Reunions must be celebrating their 10th, 20th, 25th, or 50th anniversary for fees to be waived.

G. SPECIAL EVENTS

1. The park may be used for special events organized by the Town or Kittery-connected non-profits and community organizations upon approval of the Town Manager.
2. All special events must be compatible with the mission of the park.
3. The Town Manager will seek recommendations on applications for special events from the Parks Commission, Public Works Department, and any other Town department or state entity as may be relevant to the special event application.
4. Fees may be charged for special events to cover the costs of Town employees and resources needed for the special event (e.g., providing access to the park, bathroom facilities, etc.). Fees will be determined on a case-by-case basis, specific to the needs and nature of the special event.

H. COMMERCIAL USE

1. Commercial activities, such as selling merchandise and providing guided tours or instructional courses where participants pay a fee for the services, are prohibited from the park without prior approval of the Town Council.
2. Commercial tours involving non-motorized watercraft (e.g., sea kayak tours) are prohibited from launching within the park.

I. AMENDMENTS

- Approved as amended 06/09/97
- Approved as amended 09/03/97
- Approved as amended 12/20/99
- Approved as amended 04/24/00
- Approved as amended 05/29/02
- Approved as amended 08/23/04
- Approved as amended 06/27/05
- Approved as amended 09/26/05
- Approved as amended 01/28/08
- Approved as amended 04/14/08
- Approved as amended 10/16/13
- Approved as amended 11/24/14
- Approved as amended 06/26/17
- Approved as amended 01/24/19
- Approved as amended 03/28/22