

BELDING MEMORIAL PARK

Where all are Welcome



RULES & REGULATIONS

Covering the operation and use of
Ashfield Park at Great Pond, known as the 'Ashfield Lake'



The Beach Season begins Memorial Day Weekend with Weekend Lifeguard Coverage and Daily lifeguard Coverage when School is Out.

All persons using the Park must observe the following Rules & Regulations set forth by the Park Commission. When Lifeguards are on Duty they are here for our safety and have the right to enforce these rules. You must comply with any requests made by a Lifeguard or other person in charge (Park Commissioner) in regards to these rules.

When Lifeguards are on Duty they are only responsible for swimmers within the buoys. Anyone who would like to swim outside the buoys, please enter the water outside buoy area.

1. **Disorderly Conduct**, obscene language or behavior is prohibited within the Park.
2. **Smoking, Vaping, Alcohol and Glass Containers** are prohibited within the Park.
3. **All Dogs Must Be Leashed** in the Park at all times. Only service dogs are allowed on the beach. Pet waste must be picked up and carried out by the dog walker.
4. **Watercraft, Noodles and Inflatables** must be put in the water at the Boat Ramp and are prohibited within the buoys at the beach. Only Coast Guard approved Personal

Flotation Devices (regulation life vests) will be allowed with a parent/guardian's supervision within the buoys.

5. **Fires are Allowed ONLY in Grills Provided** at Picnic Area above beach & Upper Park.
6. **Lifeguards will Announce all Thunder & Lightning** storms & clear the water for a half an hour after the last thunder, during which time there will be no lifeguard on duty.
7. **Appropriate Swim Attire** must be worn at the Park by all, including infants and toddlers.
8. **Hunting, Trapping and Use of Firearms** are prohibited within the Park.
9. **Fishing** is strictly prohibited from the beach and the dock areas. Lifeguards have had to pull out a lot of rusty hooks from feet and it hurts.
10. **Damaging Park Property is Prohibited**, including signs, posters, buildings, furniture, trees, shrubs, flowers and wood within the Park, unless permission is granted by the Park Commission (contact information below.)
11. **Please Deposit All Trash & Recycling** in the designated containers located in front of the two restrooms, including, **Diapers**. In the Off Season please carry all your trash out.
12. **Motor Vehicles and Bicycles** shall be operated only on roadways and in parking areas within Park property. The speed limit within the Park is 5 miles per hour.
13. **Overnight Parking or Camping** in the Park is prohibited.
14. **Maximum Horsepower** of any power-operated boat or canoe using the waters of Ashfield Lake shall not exceed 5 horsepower.
15. **No Person shall anchor** or moor any raft or float, nor construct any pier or dock within the limits of the Park.
16. **Please be respectful of others on the dock**, there are little ones to set good examples for & elders who get nervous. No roughhousing, shoving, running or rock throwing from dock.

These Rules have been Thoughtfully Prepared to consider the safety of all visitors. Thank you for being such a supportive part our beautiful Park Community.



We have a Floating Wheel Chair for use at the beach, you must provide your own helper, lifeguards cannot help with this activity while on duty.



Park Reservation Guidelines for Events

Reserved Space at the Park is on a first come first served basis as space allows with Ashfield Residents and Organizations given first Priority.

Please contact the Parks' Chair at:
park@ashfield.org for reservations.

The person reserving space must be an Ashfield resident.

1. When calling please have the name of the responsible party, date & rain date, time of event, approximate number attending, if you will need an extra lifeguard you will pay at the current hourly rate.
2. Overhead tents/canopies are allowed, they must be properly secured and removed immediately following your event, unless authorized by a Park Commissioner.
3. Private (not open to the public) catering trucks are allowed to park in the tennis court parking lot and the picnic area above the beach only during the event.
4. For large parties and in the off-season you must carry out all your trash and recycle responsibly.
5. Vehicles with handicapped plates and one transfer vehicle are permitted at the hilltop picnic area. All over event parking is encouraged in the Tennis Court parking lot.



photo by Alexandra Osterman

The Park Committee voted 7/20/23 to accept this list of Rules and Regulations Governing the operation and use of the Ashfield Town Park at Great Pond known as "Ashfield Lake" and as listed in the Park Committee Report.

Contact email for the Park Commission: park@ashfield.org



Thank you for coming to the Ashfield Lake & Park, we hope you have enjoyed your day here and will come again!