



## Town of Winthrop

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### Maranacook Town Beach Summer 2020 Guidelines and Rules

**WINTHROP, Maine** – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional rules will be in place for the Town Beach on Maranacook Lake (“the Beach”) to aid in protecting public health and safety. Visible and physical barriers will be put in place to support social/physical distancing between individuals and groups and enable beach attendants to monitor and enforce group numbers according to state guidelines. Below are the new and standing Beach rules.

- The Beach is closed from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am daily.
- Effective immediately, the Beach is open to Winthrop residents and their guests only. Guests must be accompanied by the Winthrop resident(s) while at the beach.
- No groups of more than 8 are allowed. Group spaces will be demarcated on the ground. Please abide by these guides and travel to and from your space being mindful of passing others in a safe distance to/from the water and beach entrance/exit points.
- Lifeguards/Beach staff employed by the Town and any police officer have the authority to ask individuals to confirm their residence or their right to use the Beach as a guest of a resident. Any lifeguard, beach staff or police officer has the right to enforce the duly adopted regulations regarding the use of the public beach including the right to require individuals to leave the premises for the remainder of the day for any violation of the Beach regulations.
- No fire or grills of any type are allowed at the Beach. Public charcoal grills are available for use at Norcross Point. Additional (personal) grills are not allowed at Norcross Point either.
- When the lifeguards are on duty, floatation objects are not allowed in the swim area. The only exception will be a Coast Guard-approved life jackets, and pool noodles.
- Lifeguards are not responsible for those swimming outside of the roped area. Swimmers from inside the roped area are not to swim over the ropes.
- Glass containers of any kind are not allowed on the Beach at any time. Absolutely no alcohol or drugs are allowed on the Beach at any time.
- Pets are not allowed on the Beach at any time.

- Bicycles are not allowed on the beach, and should be parked near the rocks, or behind the benches.
- Persons under ten (10) years of age are not allowed to the beach unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or babysitter.
- No one is allowed on the cement platform.
- Lifeguards/Beach Staff have the authority to ask that loud music be turned down.
- Lifeguards/Beach Staff have the authority to ask that foul or offensive language, or inappropriate behavior be stopped.
- Use of soap, shampoo, or other cleaning agents in the water is prohibited.
- Babies dressed in disposable diapers are not allowed to swim in the roped area.
- Lifeguards must clear the water at the first detection of thunder or lightening. The water and dock area must be closed and remain closed for at least thirty (30) minutes following the last occurrence of thunder or lightening.
- Lifeguards may also clear the water if rain inhibits the visibility enough to endanger those swimming at the beach.
- During the summer program lifeguards will be on duty:
  - Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
  - Saturday and Sunday 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm
- Winthrop Beach is a Tobacco-Free Zone, smoking of any kind is prohibited on the Beach area. This include E-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices.

**For additional Winthrop notices:**

As a reminder: people can sign-up to receive updates on the new town [website](#) under the section marked “Winthrop Alerts.” This new email notification system will provide updates as they are available, as well as on the Town’s Facebook page and those of the emergency departments (EMS/Ambulance, Police, Fire).

Questions for school-related activities and polices should be directed to Superintendent Dr. Cornelia Brown: 377-2296 x2001.

Questions for municipal-related activities should be directed to Town Manager Jeffrey Kobrock, 207.377.7200 ext 423.

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