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Town of Rangeley

Town Park Rules & Regulations

In accordance with the Town Code, Chapter 36 Town Parks, Section 1 “the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Parks and Recreation Commission, shall establish rules governing the use of Town Parks”.

Article I. GENERAL

The Town of Rangeley Town Park Rules and Regulations dated the 21st of August 2023 supersedes any previous Town of Rangeley Town Park Ordinance and/or Rules and Regulations and amendments approved by the Town of Rangeley prior to August 20, 2023.

These Rules shall apply to all municipal parks in the Town of Rangeley (Rangeley Town Park, Oquossoc Park, and Haley Pond Park). Additionally, the use of the Rangeley Town Park shall be limited to the purpose for which it is being preserved and to those activities determined by the Park Commission to be compatible with the H.A. Furbish Will and Trust.

The Town of Rangeley follows guidelines established and set forth in the State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection, and Natural Resources Protection Act. The removal, molestation, injury, or damage of anything natural, physical, prehistoric, or historical on park premises is strictly prohibited. Violations of these rules and regulations will be charged as a civil offense in the following sequence: 1st offense 24-hour removal from all park premises; 2nd offense \$25.00 fine and 30-day removal from all park premises; 3rd offense \$100.00 fine and banned from the park premises for one calendar year. Fines and dismissals are subject to the discretion of the Park Commission and Parks and Recreation Director. The Town may elect to evict any person violating these rules. Area law enforcement officers may also elect to prosecute according to County, State, or Federal laws and regulations. Any violation of ordinances #1.18 or 1.19 may cause permanent eviction from park properties.

Section 1.01

No person or persons shall possess or consume any malt beverage, spirituous, alcoholic, or vinous beverage on any park property owned by the Town of Rangeley.

Section 1.02

Parking will be in designated areas only. There shall be absolutely no parking on the grass. The word “parked” as used in these rules shall mean allowing a motor vehicle to remain stationary in a way, parking lot, or in the street or right of way, whether attended or unattended. Vehicles parked in prohibited areas will be towed at the owner’s expense. The Parks and Recreation Director shall determine a layout for no parking signage which shall be regularly maintained by the Town.

Section 1.03

No parking is allowed in the boat launch turn-around area. This area is posted for no parking.

Section 1.04

No overnight parking, camping, or recreational vehicles parking on any park premises unless specific permission has been granted by the Park Commission or Parks and Recreation Director.

Section 1.05

Playing in the Parks. No person or group of persons shall engage or participate in any sport or activities in the parks with the intent to cause personal injury or destruction of property to other persons or pieces of equipment.

Section 1.06

No solicitation for personal gain on any park premises. All nonprofit groups and organizations wishing to utilize park property or equipment for any activity must apply for a permit through the Park Commission or Parks and Recreation Director 30 days preceding any fund-raising activity.

Section 1.07

No amplified music, loud radios, or any loud music producing devices allowed on park premises unless written approval has been given by the Park Commission or Parks and Recreation Director 30 days before any music or dance festival is scheduled.

Section 1.08

The boat launch ramp is intended primarily for the launch and recovery of recreational boats, watercraft, or personal watercraft. The following rules apply:

- No one may unreasonably interfere with public use of the boat launch. Park vehicles and trailers away from launching ramp. No vehicles or trailers are allowed after 10PM.
- Vehicles and trailers must be cleared of aquatic debris before entering the lake.
- The launching of watercraft must not cause damage to the ramp or dock. Any person found damaging the landing facilities shall be responsible for the repairs.
- Extended docking of watercraft is prohibited from the boat launching dock. Extended docking is considered to be 15 minutes.
- No person shall tie up or leave any watercraft unattended. Use is restricted to loading and unloading the contents of the watercraft and to trailer the watercraft.
- When approaching or leaving the dock or ramp area, reduce headway speed to provide full visibility and control and prevent their wash from being thrown causing excessive rocking of other boats. "Headway speed" for this section shall mean the slowest speed the watercraft may be operated and still maintain steering, but in no case shall exceed 6 miles per hour.
- There are T-shape docks set aside for docking and parking of boats for a limited time not to exceed 2 hours.

Section 1.09

No person shall operate any automobile, truck, bus, RV, ATV, motorcycle, minibike or other motorized vehicle on the park grass or beach area, except that this restriction shall not apply to municipal employees engaged in emergency or maintenance operations, nor to activities sponsored or sanctioned by the Parks and Recreation Director, Park Commission, and/or the Town Manager.

Section 1.10

No person shall cause or permit any litter, debris, refuse, garbage, human or animal excrement or other objectionable waste to be cast or deposited upon the premises of the parks or beach. The prohibition shall include dumping garbage from private and commercial business, households, camps, campers or recreational vehicles, and large amounts of garbage collected from boats into dumpsters or waste receptacles. All rubbish produced from the picnic or beach areas shall be disposed of in the trash receptacles.

Section 1.11

Park hours of operation are from 5AM to 10PM. Local law enforcement officials will strictly enforce these hours of operation. No person will be allowed to sleep or camp overnight on park property. No overnight camping or beaching of watercraft is allowed on any park property or shore frontage.

Section 1.12

No person shall be allowed to possess glass or ceramic bottles or receptacles in or around the sandy beach and boat launch areas. If a glass or ceramic container is accidentally broken in other park areas, it must be reported to the Park Attendant or Town Office immediately.

Section 1.13

Permits are required for functions of over 20 people. Permits are available in the Rangeley Town Office. Permits must be completed in full and must be approved by the Park Commission 30 days in advance of the event's start date.

Section 1.14

No dogs, cats, or other domesticated animals will be allowed in or around the beach, dock, or playground areas. Domestic animals must be on a leash limited to 6 feet in length at all times while using other park facilities and areas. Pet owners are required to clean up after their dogs, cats, or other domestic animals in all other park areas. Stray animals shall be reported to the Town of Rangeley Animal Control Officer immediately. In accordance with the Town of Rangeley Animal Control Ordinance, 6.1.2. Definitions, "Nuisance shall mean a dog which by loud, frequent and habitual barking, howling or yelping disturbs the peace; or a dog that chases persons, vehicles or **other animals**; or a dog that causes damage to persons or property". Owners will not allow dogs to chase waterfowl at the Town Park.

Section 1.15

Tennis courts are intended for tennis and pickleball use only. No skateboarding, in-line skating, or bicycles allowed on the tennis court surface.

Section 1.16

Kindle no open fires except in the fire pits. No open fires will be permitted on other park premises. Fires in fire pits shall not be left unattended. Extinguish all fires in the fire pits after use.

Section 1.17

Possession and/or use of fireworks, firearms, or other handheld weapons are prohibited. All fireworks displays of a public nature shall be coordinated through the Town Office and all applicable permits shall be in order.

Section 1.18

Vandals or persons causing willful damage to park properties or equipment will be prosecuted. Willful damage is malicious damage in nature to any structure, facility, or piece of equipment that cannot be defined as normal/fair wear and tear.

Section 1.19

Disorderly conduct, foul or coarse language, indecent acts, and intoxicated individuals are prohibited. Any individual performing any of these actions will immediately be asked to leave park premises. Any individual or unruly person refusing to vacate the premises will be reported to local authorities. Any Park Commissioner, the Parks and Recreation Director, and Park Attendants shall have delegated authority to enforce this restriction.

Section 1.20

In accordance with the US Fish and Wildlife and Maine State Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife regulations: Feeding of waterfowl is prohibited.

Section 1.21

Light fixtures in Town Parks shall be turned on at the times deemed appropriate by the Park Commission.

Article II, PUBLIC DOCK AND SWIMMING AREA

Section 2.01

No swimming or any other water activity, originating from the park premises, beyond the roped area is authorized unless approved by the Park Commission or Parks and Recreation Director.

Section 2.02

A responsible adult, older sibling, or guardian must accompany swimmers under the age of 10. The responsible person must be over the age of 14.

Section 2.03

A responsible adult, older sibling, or guardian must accompany non-swimmers. The responsible person must be over the age of 14.

Section 2.04

Non-swimmers may not go onto the dock unless they are wearing a life preserver or in the process of taking a swimming lesson.

Section 2.05

No wrestling or running on the dock.

Section 2.06

No swimming under the dock.

Section 2.07

Swimming is at your own risk.

Section 2.08

No bicycles allowed on the dock.

Section 2.09

No swimming in the beach area when the park is closed.

Section 2.10

The Park Attendant and Parks and Recreation Director have the authority to enforce these rules and remove persons not willing to abide by them.

Section 2.11

Parents maintain primary responsibility for their underage children's actions and safety even if the parent is not present at the time of the infraction.

Adopted by the Town of Rangeley Municipal Officers, May 17, 2005.

Amended by Town of Rangeley Municipal Officers, August 21, 2023.



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