



THE OLD STONE HOUSE

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The Guilford Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce the opening of Jacobs Beach for Memorial Day Weekend 2020. Hours will be as follows: Saturday, May 23 through Monday, May 25, 8:30a.m.-6:00p.m. Beginning Tuesday, May 26 hours will be 9:00-5:00p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00a.m.-6:00p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through the end of season.

Due to COVID-19, precautions are being taken to protect the public and staff. Staff will be at Jacobs Beach selling beach passes (Residents: \$35.00 / Non-Residents \$70.00 and Active Adult 55+ & Veterans: \$10.00 / Non Resident Active Adult 55+ & Non Resident Veteran \$25.00). Credit cards will be the only form of payment. If you are unable to use a credit card, please contact the Guilford Parks and Recreation Department Monday through Friday at 203-453-8068 so that other arrangements can be made. In order to utilize Jacobs Beach one MUST have a beach pass. We are currently not offering the option to pay a daily fee.

At this time, staff is assessing appropriate measures and restrictions due to COVID 19. Lifeguards will **not** be on duty. Beach/Safety monitors will be focusing on, selling beach passes monitoring the entire complex for compliance with the guidelines set forth below and posted at the beach. They will also be responsible for cleaning. The Guilford Parks and Recreation Department will continue to evaluate the policies and procedures and recommendations from the State of CT and implement changes as appropriate. We hope to have lifeguards back in their chairs at some point this season. The following are guidelines set forth by the State of Connecticut:

“Residents are encouraged to select locations closest to home, and consider visiting early in the morning before crowds gather. At least six feet of social distancing must be maintained, and groups over five are prohibited. Residents should recreate with members of their immediate household and not meet up with others. Connecticut municipalities continue to make decisions regarding the local beaches and swimming areas they oversee. Recommendations to promote safe enjoyment of beaches include:

No public gatherings or groups of over five

Face coverings worn when in proximity to others

Set parking capacity limits at each beach based on observations of levels needed to maintain social distancing

Daily closures when social distancing cannot be maintained

Use of social media and other communications to inform the public when capacity is restricted so they can plan to go elsewhere

Spacing of 15 feet or more between beach blankets”

It is also our intention to develop a plan to open the beach at Lake Quonnipaug for resident to enjoy. However, this facility is currently closed due to the difficulty implementing safe distancing requirements and it is consistent with the State of CT prohibition on swimming at its inland parks.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. We look forward to serving you and providing a safe, fun atmosphere for you to enjoy!