



SANDY BEACH 2025 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Swimmers are requested to cooperate in observing these rules and to obey the instructions of the Waterfront Staff. People violating swimming rules are subject to revocation of their swimming privileges. Refunds will not be given to patrons whose privileges have been revoked.

The Town of Ellington reserves the right to refuse admittance to Sandy Beach when the capacity of the beach area has been reached or when deemed necessary for health, welfare, or safety reasons.

The head guard or assistant waterfront director is responsible for the operation of the waterfront. Their instructions should always be followed. Should a disagreement arise, patrons are advised to contact the Waterfront Director or the Recreation Department at 860-870-3118.

GENERAL RULES

***Season Length:** (See section on beach hours) **these hours and season dates are subject to change with availability of staff and weather.**

***Eligibility:** Town Residents, Taxpayers,

***Family, Individual & Senior Beach Passes:** Available online or by calling the Recreation Department

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE. THEY WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING REGULAR HOURS EVERY DAY FOR CLEANING.

- 1. NO FISHING OR FISHING NETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE SWIMMING AREA.**
- 2. PLEASE AVOID BRINGING GLASS CONTAINERS ON THE BEACH.**
- 4. PLEASE FOLLOW "CARRY IN/OUT" TRASH POLICY.**
- 5. NO ANIMALS ALLOWED. NO DOGS ALLOWED.**
- 6. NO POP-UP TENTS ARE ALLOWED. BEACH UMBRELLAS MUST BE TEATHERED TO SOMETHING TO AVOID FLY AWAYS.**
- 7. NO GRILLING ALLOWED AT THE BEACH.**
- 8. PROFANE OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- 9. SWIMMING IS ALLOWED ONLY WHEN THE WATERFRONT IS OPEN AND A LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY.**
- 10. PLEASE HAVE YOUR BEACH PASS AND I.D. READY FOR GATE ATTENDANT.**
- 11. NO THROWING OF SAND OR ROCKS IS ALLOWED. NO THROWING OF BALLS IN THE WATER.**
- 12. PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE DUCKS, GEESE OR THE FISH.**
- 13. COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFEJACKETS ARE PERMITTED ON NONSWIMMING CHILDREN PROVIDED THE CHILD REMAINS IN THE SHALLOW END WATER WITH AN ACCOMPANYING ADULT!!!**

14. INJURIES MUST BE REPORTED TO THE HEAD GUARD ON DUTY.
15. AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN UNDER 12 WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED AMERICAN RED CROSS LEVEL 3 (OR EQUIVALENT).
16. **DURING AN ELECTRICAL STORM: THE WATERFRONT WILL CLOSE, AND THE ENTIRE AREA CLEARED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE HEADGUARD. THE LAKE WILL NORMALLY OPEN 30 MINUTES AFTER LIGHTNING IS NO LONGER AUDIBLE OR VISIBLE (I.E. RED CROSS RECOMMENDATION).**
17. PROPER SWIM ATTIRE IS REQUIRED FOR ALL SWIMMERS AND SUN BATHERS. NO PANTS ALLOWED.
18. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES ALLOWED ON BEACH PROPERTY.
19. THOSE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE BEACH AREA.
20. THE WATERFRONT STAFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMPLEMENT ANY RULES WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PATRONS.
21. NO SMOKING/VAPING E-CIGARETTES ALLOWED ON BEACH ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS, (PARKING LOT) SIGNS ARE POSTED.

2025 BEACH HOURS

(all pending weather conditions & staff availability)

Daily: 10:30am – 6:00pm

(swimmers are called out of water at 5:45pm, Gate will close promptly at 6pm)

Pre- Season: Weekends Only: May 24, 25, 26, 31 and June 1, 7, 8 12noon – 5:00pm

Full Season: June 13– August 17

Residents Daily Fee:

- \$10.00 Adults 18 and up
- \$8.00 Child 5 -17 years
- \$1.00 Senior Citizens (age 60+)
- FREE – children under age 5

Non Residents Daily Fee:

- \$20.00 Adults 18 and up
- \$10.00 Child 5-17 years
- \$1.00 Senior Citizens (age 60+)
- FREE – children under age 5