



## Topstone Park REGULATIONS

1. Beach Usage: Use of Topstone Beach is open to Redding Residents and area Non-residents during published “Beach Season” dates. See published Redding Park and Recreation – “Topstone Beach Rules and Regulations.”
2. No persons under 13 years of age are allowed in Topstone Park without being accompanied by a supervising responsible adult (18 or older). No person is permitted in Topstone Park after dark without authorization from the Redding Park and Recreation office or the Redding Police.
3. Swimming by patrons in Topstone Pond is only permitted in designated Beach areas during the Beach season when lifeguards are on duty. Dogs may ONLY swim in the designated “McGee’s” Dog Park area. Other Swimming Rules are available at Topstone Beach and must be followed or patrons and/or their pets are subject to expulsion from the Park.
4. The Topstone Park street entrance gate is open October 1 until early May, allowing patrons the convenience of driving to the main parking lot. However in the winter during heavy snowfalls when plowing is limited or ice is present, AND during late summer and early spring to discourage and impede easy access to unguarded swimming - **the gate will remain closed**.
5. Horseback riding IS permitted in Topstone Park, however all horse manure or waste must be moved off ANY Park trails by the rider before leaving the Park. Horses are NOT allowed in the Playscape area, and are restricted from entering the Beach area from May 1 until September 15.
6. For the comfort and enjoyment of all Park patrons, **dogs must be leashed while visiting Topstone Park**. If (a) dog(s) are not under their owner’s control or are allowed to roam in the Park - the owner and their dog are subject to expulsion and may be prohibited from ever using Topstone Park. No Dogs are permitted in the Topstone Playscape area. All animals are prohibited from the Topstone Beach between May 15 and Labor Day. (See CT Gen, Statute 435; Sec. 22-354)
7. Boats on Topstone Pond may only be approved and authorized by the Park and Recreation staff for paying Beach patrons. All persons using boats are required to wear Coast Guard approved lifejackets. Boats with motors of any kind are not allowed unless under special authorization by the Town of Redding. Only boats that can be hand carried from the parking area will be permitted.
8. Fishing is only permitted in authorized areas of Topstone Park; there is NO FISHING permitted from Topstone Beach unless authorized by Redding Park and Recreation staff.
9. No motor vehicles are permitted in the Park except on designated access roads or parking areas. Vehicle access to Topstone Beach must be authorized by Park and Recreation staff.

10. All Topstone Park trails and other woodland areas are supervised by the Redding Park and Recreation Department and Commission. Any marking, painting, signs or other visual image(s) placed in the Park must be authorized and approved by the Park and Recreation Commission.
11. The Topstone Park Playscape is available for children ages 2½ to 10 years of age only, under the direct supervision of a responsible parent or adult (18 or older). NO DOGS are permitted in the Playscape area. There is no supervision of the Playscape by Park and Recreation staff.
12. There is **NO HUNTING** in Topstone Park, unless previously authorized by the Redding Board of Selectmen and the Park and Recreation Commission and authorized and supervised by the Park and Recreation Department and the Town of Redding Police Department.
13. *Camping is permitted* in Topstone Park only with prior authorization and permission from the Redding Park and Recreation office. Without the required permit(s) campers are subject to arrest and prosecution for trespassing.
14. For the safety and enjoyment of all patrons, smoking is not permitted past the parking lot. There are no fires permitted in Topstone Park unless previously authorized and supervised by a member of the Redding Park and Recreation staff (or their authorized designated adult.)
15. Use of the permanent grills installed in Topstone Park is only permitted with prior authorization from Park and Recreation personnel. Those persons using the grill assume all responsibility and liability for any accidents, burns or fires resulting from that usage.
16. Owners of cars or other motor vehicles that are not removed from the Topstone Beach main parking lot after the closing of the main street entrance gate are required to call the Redding Police at 203-938-3700 for the gate to be reopened. Damage to the gate or lock will be considered vandalism and subject to prosecution.
17. Topstone Beach may be reserved for after hours private events only with approval from the Redding Park and Recreation Department and after required forms and deposits have been obtained.
18. The Redding Park and Recreation Department and staff reserve the right to close Topstone Park or the street entrance gate in the case of a scheduled special event or an emergency situation without prior notice.
19. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted in the Park at any time without authorization of the Redding Park and Recreation Director and after required forms and deposits has been obtained.
20. Topstone Park and Topstone Beach Rules and Regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the Redding Park and Recreation Commission.