



Redding's Topstone Park is more than just a great place to swim in the summertime; Topstone offers so much more, like year-round picnicking, hiking and nature study. Plus, this year some new improvements will make visiting the park an even more enjoyable occasion. Many people use a stroll on the trails as an opportunity to walk their dog. With the creation a few years ago of our small waterfront area known as "Magee's Swimming Hole," your dog can romp off the leash and go for a swim even after beach season begins. There are also grills, picnic tables, playground and basketball hoops available for use in the off season. Residents may also apply for beach party or overnight camping permits on weekends.

Once summer season begins, our beautiful 280 acre facility offers a superb sand beach and guarded swimming area as well as use of the Park and Recreation Department's fleet of fun watercraft. We have kayaks, paddleboats and canoes for your enjoyment free of charge with admission to the park. In addition this summer, we'll be offering a wide variety of new special programs hosted by our lifeguards, residents and invited guests such as outdoor lectures, family fun nights and contests to win prizes.

This summer, the Beach will be open for swimming on weekends starting Memorial Day weekend. We will offer an abbreviated weekday schedule starting June 8 and beginning the last day of school, we will be open everyday until school opens in the fall. See specific hours in the right column.

To encourage use of Topstone Park year round, the entrance gate will be open during the day from about October 1 until early May, allowing patrons to conveniently drive up to the main parking lot.

However, during the late summer and early fall, the gate will remain closed to discourage and impede easy access to unguarded swimming.

There will be an increase for gate fees this year of \$1 per person. There are many different price options for your convenience including a Family Season Pass fee of only \$120 for residents until June 15 when the price goes up to \$130. It's a real *steal* of a deal! This year you may also renew your season pass online or pay at the park.

Besides buying a Full Season Pass, you may choose to pay at the entrance (see the chart on the next page) or buy a "20 Use Pass." The 20 Use Pass is only \$65 and will be punched once daily for each person who uses the swimming beach.

Another option is our "Weekly Pass." Residents may purchase a Weekly Pass for themselves or their guests at the park for \$12 per person, per week. These passes are good for 1 calendar week and may be purchased at the entrance. A great offer for those who are home only a few summer weeks or for weeklong visiting guests

Lastly, we are now allowing residents who visit at the end of the day to pay **only \$3 per person** when entering the beach after 5:00pm.

Hopefully these new choices will make using our Town Park an even better value for you, your family and your friends.

## Hours of Operation

This summer, the Topstone Park Beach will be open for swimming on Memorial Day weekend May 28-30. The park will be open on a "weekends only" schedule 10:00am-7:00pm until June 5.

Beginning Monday, June 6, Topstone will be open on an abbreviated early summer weekday schedule from 3:00-7:00pm. Beginning the last day of school, we will be open daily as follows:

Weekends	10:00am-7:00pm
Weekdays	10:00am-8:00pm last day of school - 7/31
	10:00am-7:30pm from 8/1 to 10
	10:00am-7:00pm from 8/11- 8/30

The beach will be closed August 31- September 2-4 due to the schools starting but will reopen for Labor Day Weekend September, 3-5 from the hours of 10am-7pm.

# Season Beach Passes

Pass Type	Resident Before/ after 6/15	Includes This # of Daily Guest Passes	Non-resident Passes
Family:	\$120/130	4	\$300
Adult:	\$55/60	2	\$150
Youth:	\$45/50	2	\$130
Senior:	\$20/25	4	\$50
20 Punch Card:	\$65	NA	NA
Weekly:	\$12/person	NA	NA

ID is required as proof of residency for purchasing your pass. Acceptable forms of ID: a driver's license, tax bill or a current utility bill. PO boxes are not acceptable.

**This year Topstone season passes can be renewed online and can be purchased at Topstone as well as through the Park and Recreation office during normal office hours or by mail or fax.** The form is included in this brochure and are online. If you had a pass last year, you can renew your pass online.

Although we call them "Passes," we actually have a list of pass holders at the beach welcome table. Showing your Driver's License to the entrance guard and having them check the pass holders list will permit your entry. Those visitors paying the daily fee should bring their Driver's License to prove residency as well.

Forgot to buy your pass in advance? You can pay the daily use fee at the entrance table and use your receipt(s) for up to \$40 off your season pass within 2 weeks.

Forms are available at the front of this booklet, at our office or online at [www.townofreddingct.org](http://www.townofreddingct.org)

## Paying at the Gate -

All Topstone Season Passes can now be purchased at the gate.

## Single Day Rates

	Resident	Guest	Non-resident
Adult	\$6	\$6	\$15
Youth	\$5	\$5	\$13
Senior	\$3	\$3	\$8
After 5:00pm	\$3	\$3	\$8

## A Few More Important Details:



### Smoking and Alcohol Policy

For the safety and enjoyment of all patrons, smoking is not permitted past the parking lot and alcohol is not permitted in the park at any time (without authorization.)

### Family / Guest

A "family," for our purposes, is any two adults who live at the same address year round and children who live at that same address.

You may buy a separate pass for one Nanny/grandparent/Caregiver (or additional adults who live in your household) at a reduced rate of \$25 per person. You may also choose to count the nanny as one of the two adults in the household (In these cases, the second parent must then pay the \$6 daily resident fee when they attend or buy a Punch Pass, Weekly Pass, etc. ..).

Summer guests or family members whose permanent residence is outside Redding are not Redding taxpayers and must pay the daily fee if accompanied by the resident; or the non-resident fee if not accompanied by a resident.

### Non-swimmers

Parents of non-swimmers who venture into the shallow areas are expected to be in the water with them *at all times*, within an arm's reach of their children.

No flotation devices are permitted except certified lifejackets. "Noodles" are considered a swim toy to be played with by swimmers or by non-swimmers, again with an adult standing next to them within arm's reach.

### Age Requirements and Boats

Topstone has canoes, kayaks, funyaks and paddleboats available for use at no additional charge with your admission. However, boat waivers must be signed by an adult before using any of our watercraft.

Youth pass holders 13 and older have full use of Topstone without a supervising parent/guardian adult being present; although they must have their parents fill out a "Seasonal Boat Use Waiver" if they wish to allow their child to use the boats when they are not present.

**Children age twelve and under are required to have a supervising adult with them whenever they are at Topstone Park.**

Boat waivers or Seasonal Boat waivers must be signed by parents of all participants under the age of 18 who will be using a boat without an adult onboard with them.

Children ages 11 and older may use the canoes, kayaks or paddle boats if their parents sign the boat out for them. Nine and ten year olds must always have an adult in the boats with them but may use the smaller, easy to handle funyaks on their own provided their parents sign them out.

9-12 year olds may only use the boats if a parent signs them out or if a parent has signed the "Seasonal Boat Use Waiver" allowing another adult to sign them out.

## Swim Lessons @ Topstone

This year we will offer both group swim lessons and private swim lessons at Topstone Park. The lessons will be taught when ever possible by certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructors (WSI). Our WSI will use the instructional levels as defined by the American Red Cross Swim Lesson Program.

### Group Swim Lessons

## GROUP SWIM LESSON SESSIONS

### Session 1:

Monday-Friday                      6/27 to 7/7  
 Tuesday-Thursday

### Session 2:

Monday-Thursday                      7/11 to 7/22

### Session 3:

Monday-Thursday                      7/25 to 8/5

Specific times for each class level will be published around June 1

## Cancellations/ makeups and credits

Make ups for rained out classes will be on Fridays. Credits will be issued if no make up class can be held. No credits will be issued for missed classes. Light rain or drizzle does not automatically cancel classes. If there is a question as to whether class will be held or not, call the Park and Recreation cancellation line at 938-5036 and select voice mail option #3.

Whenever possible the voicemail will have cancellations listed at least 30 minutes prior to the class time. However, decisions are often made earlier and sometimes classes are cancelled at the park.

## GROUP LESSON FEES

Testing Required?	Class	
No	Preschool	Non-swimmer
No	Level 1	Non-swimmer
Yes	Level 2	
Yes	Level 3	
Yes	Level 4-5	

Family Passholders:	\$48/ session
Individual Passholder	\$96 / session
Non-passholders	\$128 / session

## GROUP SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION & TESTING

All participants (except preschool non swimmers and Level 1's) must be pre-tested prior to registering for swim lessons so that we get them in the correct class.

Preschool Swim Lessons are for 3-4 year olds only  
 Level 1-5 Swim Lessons are for children 5 year olds and up on the first day of class.

Forms available by 6/1 must be submitted by Tuesday, 6/21 at 12:00pm for processing. As we process forms, first priority will be given to season passholders. Please indicate a second or third choice if appropriate. We will only contact people who did not get in to their first choice and we will do that by Thursday, June 23.

**Pre-testing will take place at Topstone Park on the following dates and times:**

- Saturday & Sunday, June 11-12	12:30-5:30pm
- Monday- Friday 6/13-17	3:00-5:00pm
- Saturday & Sunday, June 18-19	12:30-5:30pm
- Monday 6/20	2:00-5:00pm

Additional testing times by arrangement

All children taking swim lessons must be tested except for the non-swimmer categories listed above.

If you can't make our swim testing dates, you may call the office, leave your number and our instructor will attempt to set up a testing date if possible. Remember, you can not register for a class until you have been tested.

## Where do I find the Swim Testing Registration form?

By June 1, the Swim Lesson Registration/Testing form will be available at the Park and Recreation office, online ([www.townofreddingct.org](http://www.townofreddingct.org)) or at Topstone Park on the days of the swim testing.

All registration forms must be brought to the Park and Recreation Office (with payment) or dropped at the green Community Center drop box outside the Park and Recreation office by Tuesday, June 21 at 12:00pm. You may NOT register online for swim lessons.

We will run all classes with at least 2 people in them. Class size is limited to a maximum of 8 students per instructor and 6 students per instructor for beginner classes and preschool classes. Classes may be bigger if we have extra instructors but the ratio will remain no greater than 8:1 or 6:1 respectfully.

## PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Private Swim lessons are being offered this summer at Topstone Park on either Mondays or Thursdays on the same 6 weeks as our group lessons. There will be 4 half hour classes in these 6 one week sessions with start times running at 10:00am or 10:45am. If we do not fill all the assigned slots we may need to adjust lesson times within these times to fit our instructor schedules. A special Private lesson registration form will be available on the Park and Recreation webpage before June 1, at the office and at Topstone Park.

Private swim lessons will on a first come first served basis separate from our group lesson registration process. Lessons are \$100 for four private lessons and \$150 (\$75 each) for four semi-private lessons. We will accept one payment of either \$100 or \$150 for each slot reserved. This means if you choose the semi private option **you** must find a partner and sign up together.

## Birthday Parties at Topstone

Want to have a youth birthday party at Topstone?

We can offer you a table and shade cover for a 2-3 hour time block.

To request a party simply send an email specifying your interest in having a birthday party at Topstone to Rob Blick at [rblick@townofreddingct.org](mailto:rblick@townofreddingct.org)



We need the approximate number of children, age of the children, and the date and time you are requesting. We will get back to you confirming availability within a few days and you're all set.

Provide us with a list of your guests the day of the party (or in advance) so we don't charge them when they arrive. We will only charge you for any guests who do not have a Season Topstone Pass. So if all of the people you invite have Topstone Passes there is no additional fee for a party at Topstone! Just contact Rob by email with the pertinent info today and reserve your party.

If you prefer to have your party after hours or continue after the beach is closed, you may include that request in your email. There are additional fees for evening or camping parties. The privilege of evening and overnight groups is for Redding residents only.

## Birthday parties at RCC



Birthday parties can also be held at RCC on weekends. The gym is also available but is limited during the winter basketball season.

You can reserve the Community Center up to a year in advance for a birthday party by contacting Rob Blick at the office (203) 938-2551 or by email at [rblick@townofreddingct.org](mailto:rblick@townofreddingct.org).