

Topstone Park

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 19 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 are many different price options for your convenience including a Family Season Pass fee of only \$130 for residents 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 27-29. The park will be open on a "weekends only" schedule 11:00am-7:00pm until June 18.

Beginning Monday, June 19, 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 for the summer as follows:

Weekends	11:00am-7:00pm
Weekdays	10:00am-7:00pm

The beach will be closed August 30- September 1 due to the schools starting but will reopen for Labor Day Weekend September, 2-4 from the hours of 11am-7pm.

Season Beach Passes

Pass Type	Resident	Includes This # of Daily Guest Passes	Non-resident Passes
Family:	\$130	4	\$300
Adult:	\$60	2	\$150
Youth:	\$50	2	\$130
Senior:	\$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. If you had a pass last year, you can renew your pass online.

Forms are available at the front of this booklet, at our office or online at www.townofreddingct.org

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 but don't have enough money at the gate? 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.

Paying at the Gate -

You may pay at the gate or in front of Topstone season passes can now be purchased at the gate with proper ID!

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.

