



TOWN OF GROTON

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SARGISSON BEACH CONSERVATION AREA REGULATIONS

STICKERS MUST BE AFFIXED IN THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF REAR WINDOW ON DRIVER'S SIDE

VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED BEYOND PARKING AREA

Residents of Groton and Dunstable may purchase stickers for \$75 (check only) in the Town Hall at the 2nd floor counter. Please bring your car registration. Stickers for non-residents from surrounding towns may be purchased for \$85. Participants in the Swim Lesson Program must have a valid sticker. A valid sticker is required on all parked cars, and the Groton Police will ticket cars parked illegally in the Sargisson Beach parking area or on Whiley Rd.

HOURS – The Area is open from sunrise to sunset, but swimming is restricted to the hours when lifeguards are on duty (11 AM to 6 PM, weekends only) starting June 6th, until July 1 when the Area will open Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM through August 31, 2009. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARKING AREA WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS THROUGHOUT JULY AND AUGUST 2009.

SWIMMING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WHEN LIFEGUARDS ARE NOT ON DUTY

Please note the lifeguards are on duty at the **MAIN BEACH ONLY**. Swimming at the point is not allowed. Exact closing time is under the jurisdiction of the head lifeguard in case of questionable weather.

GUESTS – Guests accompanied by Town residents with valid stickers are welcome.

NO DRINKING – Article XV of the Town of Groton Bylaws strictly prohibits alcoholic beverages on public land.

NO LITTERING – The Sargisson Beach Conservation Area is a carry in, carry out facility. Please bring your trash home with you!

OUTDOOR COOKING – Fires and barbecues are allowed ONLY at the Point, where fireplaces are available. Charcoals and fires must be thoroughly doused with water and extinguished before leaving.

NO BOATS – The launching of boats is not allowed. There is a public boat launch, owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, located about one mile past Sargisson Beach on Whiley Road. Boats, canoes, and jet skis are not allowed to land at the Beach or Points.

NO PETS – Dogs and other pets are not allowed.

SAFETY – Requests from lifeguards and attendants must be willingly complied with in the interest of safety and good order. Violations of the law against drinking, trespass, vandalism, littering, etc. will be prosecuted. Any person endangering others, destroying property or creating a nuisance on or near the beach will be expelled.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN – We strongly urge that no children under 12 years of age attend the beach without a mature person. No child under 10 years of age will be allowed on the beach unless supervised by an accompanying adult.

LIFEGUARDS ARE NOT BABYSITTERS

FLOTATION DEVICES – No flotation devices such as inflated toys and boats, rubber rafts, rubber tubes, water wings, etc. are allowed. The public is not allowed to use snorkels, masks, or skin-diving apparatus at Sargisson Beach. See regulation at the bottom of the page.

SKIN CONDITIONS – No person having skin lesions, sores or inflamed eyes, mouth, nose or ear discharges, or who is known or suspected by the Board of Health or the Beach Staff to be a carrier of any communicable disease shall be permitted to bathe or swim at Sargisson Beach.

BATHING SUITS – All bathers, regardless of age, must wear bathing suits at all times at Sargisson Beach.

*****NEW - PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY - THIS IS A CARRY-IN, CARRY-OUT BEACH. *****

THERE SHALL BE NO EXTENDED CONVERSATIONS WITH LIFEGUARDS WHILE THEY ARE ON DUTY.

THERE SHALL BE NO SWIMMING IN NON-SWIMMING AREAS, BEYOND BUOY LINES, OFF BOATS OR AT THE POINT. BOATERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LAND AT THE BEACH OR ON THE POINTS.

NO LOUD PLAYING OF RADIOS, ETC. IS PERMITTED ON THE BEACH OR NEAR THE BEACH AREA.

BALL PLAYING, GAMES, RACES ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LIFEGUARDS.

THERE SHALL BE NO THROWING OF SAND AT ANY TIME.

CIGARETTES MUST BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY IN APPROPRIATE CONTAINERS, NOT IN THE SAND.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS ON THE BEACH.

THE BEACH WILL BE UNDER THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF THE HEAD LIFEGUARD AND HIS OR HER APPOINTED ASSISTANTS, WHO SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THESE REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO THE USE OF THE BEACH FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT. EACH SITUATION MAY BE DEALT WITH AS THE BEACH PERSONNEL DEEM NECESSARY OR ADVISABLE. THEY WILL ALSO DEAL WITH ANY ACTION THAT THEY DEEM AS DISRUPTIVE OR DANGEROUS, THAT IS NOT COVERED IN THE RULES.

ANY PERSON VIOLATING THESE RULES MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THE FACILITIES AT SARGISSON BEACH.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CALL THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OFFICE AT (978) 448-1106

Article XV

Alcoholic Beverages

No person shall drink any alcoholic beverages as defined in Chapter 138, Section 1 of the Massachusetts General Laws while on, in or upon any public way or upon any way to which the public has a right of access, or any public common, park or playground, or any place to which members of the public have access as invitees of licensees, or any private land or place, without the consent of the owner, or person in control of such public or private land or place. All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of the ordinance shall be seized and safely held until final adjudication of the charge against the person or persons arrested or summoned before the court, at which time they shall be returned to the person entitled to lawful possession. Whoever violates this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars, or make restitution in kind.

Flotation Devices

304 CMR 12.32(8), on the use of department [Division of Forests and Parks] water bodies including beaches, reads, "No person shall use or offer for use, any inner tube ring, buoy, air-mattress, beach ball, or similar novelty device of inflatable air cell construction, nor any plastic foam flotation device in the waters of the Department, except that a serviceable Coast Guard approved personal flotation device of jacket or vest construction, may be used, at the discretion of the lifeguard on duty, as a safety aid at a beach when the user is being assisted by a responsible and experienced swimmer."