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## Snake Island Campsite Use Policy

Snake Island was deeded to the Town of Denmark for recreational and/or conservation purposes.

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines on the proposed uses of Snake Island for overnight camping. This policy establishes scheduling, rules and regulations for the use of the Snake Island Campsite by residents of Denmark as well as non-residents.

### Scheduling

A free permit is required for use of the campsite which is located on Snake Island in Beaver Pond. Overnight Reservations are from noon to noon. Max length of stay is four nights. You can acquire the permit by contacting the Town Office at (207) 452-2163.

Prior to issuance of a permit, camper shall read this policy. Permits are issued on a first come first serve basis.

### Campsite Description

Snake Island – this island, which is owned by the Town of Denmark, is located in Beaver Pond off Denmark Road. The campsite has a fire pit and room for tents. There are no picnic tables or outhouses. Maximum group size is 10 people. You must provide your own boat to access the island.

### Boat Ramp Access

There is a public boat launch located at the southern end of Beaver Pond, at the bottom of Beaver Pond Road. Parking is limited at the boat launch; therefore, parking is limited to two (2) spaces. Be sure to park your vehicles out of the way of the boat launch. Leave room for other vehicles and trailers to turn around and launch boats. There are no trash receptacles at the boat launch, do not leave any trash behind.

### Rules and Regulations

- Fires:
  - Use necessary campfire protection i.e. bring buckets for water; do not move the fire ring or add additional rings.
  - Bring your own firewood which must be obtained within the State of Maine, preferably within 25 miles of Denmark.
  - Do not cut any live or dead trees on the island.
  - Your camping permit is also your campfire permit.
  
- Swimming:
  - Swimming is at your own risk.
  - Permit holders should check water for natural hazards prior to swimming.
  - No swimming after dark.

- Facilities:
  - There are no facilities on the island.
  - Practice Leave No Trace minimum impact camping ethics (carry in/carry out of your trash).
  - Groups must utilize catholes for human waste disposal or carry out.
  
- Town Property:
  - No alcoholic beverages are allowed on any Town property.
  - No Smoking on Town Property.
  - Dogs with current license and vaccinations are allowed. You must pick up after your dog and pack out with your trash.
  - Quiet hours are between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM
  - Fireworks are not allowed.

**Liability**

The Town of Denmark holds no liability for use of this natural area. Children should not be left unattended on the island. The Camper and all attendees of the Camper accept full responsibility for any incidents, accidents, and damages which occur during the duration of their stay.

**Violations**

Any violations of this policy or the rules and regulations outlined within will result in the cancelation of the reservation by the Town. Repeated offenses by the same camper may result in denial of permit.

**In Case of Emergency**

- If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911 for the Oxford County Communications Center.
- Cell phones: US Cellular has strong service in Denmark; Verizon is fair; GSM services (AT&T, Tmobile, Virgin, Sprint, etc) have no or weak service.

**Responsible Town Official**

The Town Manager may be contacted for further information about this Policy or its applicability.

**Effective date**

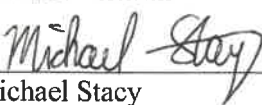
This policy shall be become effective July 13, 2023 If this policy is in conflict with any other policies of the Town of Denmark the stricter policy shall apply.

**Amendments and Interpretation**

The Town of Denmark reserves the right to unilaterally amend, delete, modify or change this policy at any time for any reason. The Town Manager and Board of Selectmen shall have the exclusive and final authority to interpret this policy.

  
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