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Monroe Parks and Recreation Commission
2025 Rules and Regulations
Great Hollow Lake

Authority – Complete set of Open Space and Lake Area Regulations available upon request.

Admittance – Proof of full time, year round Monroe residency is mandatory. All others pay non-resident rates. Special exceptions may be granted by the Commission. To be admitted to the Great Hollow Lake area from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day each vehicle must have a current park sticker affixed to the left front windshield or pay a daily vehicle fee. All facilities used at one's own risk. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to schedule lessons, special events, and programs and to limit the capacity or clear the beach area for health and safety reasons. Please check website or call office for updates.

Prohibited Uses – There should be no littering, or pets in the park. Commission or its assignees in writing can grant permission. Alcohol is not allowed without proper permit.

Vehicles, Parking, Traffic

Operation or parking of a motor vehicle outside of designated areas (boat ramp area for vehicles towing or carrying boats only).

Operating in excess of 20 M.P.H. or in violation of state law.

No buses, trucks in excess of 4,500 lbs. No trucks and off road motorized vehicles permitted.

Bicycling on designated walking trails (except the rails trail), beach, patios or grass areas (park bikes in racks only).

Violation of any posted sign.

Parking or entering without yearly sticker or daily receipt visible as per dates and times above on vehicle dashboard.

Entering after capacity has been exceeded.

Boating

1. Non-motorized watercraft only.
2. Watercraft must be less than 16 ' in length and not in violation of any State of Connecticut boating law (including but not limited to registration, safety and personal flotation equipment for each person on board, and Safe Boating Certificate).
3. Rafts must be inflatable in two or more compartments.
4. Watercraft must launch from designated areas only.
5. No fishing within swim area.
6. Swimming in designated areas only.

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Beach and Waterfront

Being in the water outside of the designated area for swimming. All users swim at their own risk and must enter through main gate only.

Utilizing area during lightning or thunderstorms (entire area will be cleared from the first sound of thunder until 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder).

Use by anyone under 12 years of age unless accompanied and directly supervised by an adult (minimum 18 years old). On beach sand and/or in water.

No running, hanging on buoy lines, spitting, blowing of the nose, swearing, fighting, threatening, vandalism, horseplay, smoking, littering, gum, glass containers, bottles, model boats, grills or fires.

No beach balls, Flippers, inner tubes, life jackets, face masks, snorkels, bubbles, water wings or any other type of flotation device (unless permanently part of a bathing suit).

No excessive loudness electronic equipment.

No infants and untrained children who are not wearing rubber pants and swim diapers in the water.

No bathing in water or any type of indecent exposure.

No throwing of any object or balls on beach areas except in area specifically designated for such use.

No utilizing beach umbrellas between lifeguard chairs and water's edge.

No carrying, towing or throwing another person.

No disobeying the instructions or warning of lifeguard (when on duty) or other parks and recreation personnel in the area.

The usage of any photographic device in the locker rooms, bathrooms or shower areas is prohibited.

No visiting with lifeguards on duty. All lifeguards stations and rescue boat/equipment for guard use only. Leave clear access from lifeguard chairs to water's edge.

Beach Wheelchair- A beach wheelchair is available. Reservations are requested by contacting the Monroe Parks and Recreation Department Monday-Thursday 8:30-4:30 and Friday 8:30-1:30 at 452-2806.

Penalties and Enforcement – Violators of any park rules may result in loss of privileges without refund and/or be subject to penalties or fines.