

- H. Broome County Health Department, Diaper Guidelines for Bathing Beaches: Only diapers specifically designed for swimming will be permitted.
- I. **Hours of beach operation**
  1. The beach shall generally be open daily, Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, 11:00 AM – 7:30 PM. **The beach may be closed depending on local conditions, including but not limited to weather conditions, availability of staff, and time of sunset.**
  2. The Department reserves the right to set different hours with approval of the County Executive and the Commissioner or his/her designee.

**BOATING**

- A. All persons operating boats on the Whitney Point Reservoir will abide by the rules and regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Broome County Department of Parks and Recreation.
- B. No one under twelve (12) years of age may rent a boat and there must be at least one person who is at least twelve (12) years of age in a boat whenever it is in use.
- C. **Capacities**
  1. Rowboats
    - a. Maximum capacity - four-five
    - b. Minimum age - six years, with ages 12+; three years when accompanied by responsible person 16 years or older.
  2. Sailboats
    - a. Maximum capacity – two
    - b. Minimum age - six years
  3. Canoes
    - a. Maximum capacity - three
    - b. Minimum age - six years
  4. Paddle Boats
    - a. Maximum capacity - 2/two-seater or 4/four-seater
    - b. Minimum age - six years, with ages 12+; three years when accompanied by a responsible person 16 years of age or older.
  5. Kayaks
    - a. Maximum capacity – one-person kayak – one
    - b. Maximum capacity-2-person kayak – two
    - c. Minimum age- one-person kayak -twelve; two person kayak -no one under the age of 6; Ages 6-11 with ages 16 & up
  6. Paddleboards
    - a. Maximum capacity - one
    - b. Minimum age – 12 years
- D. There will be one U.S.C.G.-approved wearable personal flotation device for each occupant, which must be worn at all times while the boat is in use.
- E. The Department reserves the right to refuse rental when in the opinion of the Director there are adverse weather conditions, or the renter demonstrates incompetence in boating ability or constitutes a hazard to himself or others.
- F. Any person misusing rental boats or equipment will be ejected, their deposit withheld, and their boating privileges will be withdrawn.

- G. Rentals exceeding one hour will be charged to the next full hour. (A 15-minute grace period is allowed, which will not result in any extra charge.)
- H. All rentals stop one-half hour before closing and all equipment must be returned to the concession by closing. Renters taking a boat for less than a full hour will be charged the full-hour fee.
- I. Boat concession shall be open Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, weather-permitting. Hours of operation are from approximately 11:00 AM to 7:30 PM daily\*. No rentals to begin past 7:00pm; all boats must be returned by 7:30pm.
- J. Operation of motors more than 25 HP is prohibited on the Whitney Point Reservoir. (10mph maximum speed). Public boats are not permitted to operate within the creek channel.
- K. Swimming from boats is not permitted.
- L. Private boats may be launched at Dorchester Park & Grippen Park.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. **SOUND AMPLIFICATION**  
The use of portable or permanent electricity for supporting public address systems or any sound amplifying equipment is prohibited, except by the express written permission of the Director of Parks and Recreation.
- B. **DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS**
  1. Dogs, cats and other domesticated pets are permitted, except on beaches and in buildings, only if they are controlled at all times by a leash not more than eight feet long. No animals may be left unattended in the park without written permission of the Parks Director.
  2. Proof of currently effective rabies inoculation is required.
  3. Individuals bringing dogs or other animals in the parks or leisure facility shall be required to pick up and deposit in proper receptacles all solid waste from said animals.
  4. Horseback riding, farm animals and petting zoos are not allowed on park property unless deemed appropriate by the Director of Parks and Recreation in extenuating circumstances.
  5. Feeding waterfowl is prohibited. Artificial feeding of waterfowl can cause harm to animal.
  6. Dogs and other pets are not permitted on beaches or boats.
- C. **SOPHISTICATED TOYS AND CARNIVAL-TYPE RIDES**
  1. Models, such as miniature planes, boats and cars that produce loud noises or are hazardous, are not permitted to be operated within the confines of the park or leisure facility except in areas designated by the Director.
  2. Carnival-type rides such as bounce houses, dunking booths, animal rides, etc. are not permitted without the express written consent of the Director.

- D. **GOLF**
  1. No person shall play or practice the game of golf in any park except for En-Joie Golf Course.
- E. **HARRASSMENT**
  1. No person shall strike, shove, kick or otherwise subject another person to physical contact, or attempt to do same, with the intent to harass, annoy, or alarm such other person.
  2. No person shall follow a person about the park with the intent to harass, annoy, or alarm such other person.
  3. No person shall engage in a course of conduct or repeatedly commit acts which alarm or seriously annoy such other person, and which serve no legitimate purpose.
  4. No person shall threaten or menace any other person with any instrument or by using any animal to do the same, with the intent to harass, annoy, or alarm such other person.
- F. **ADVERTISING, SIGNS, AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES**
  1. No person shall distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice, statement, banner, emblem or design without written permission from the Commissioner.
  2. No person shall beg, hawk, peddle or solicit within the park or leisure facility.
  3. No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege, or service without a permit from the Commissioner. Once permitted, such sale or offer of any article, thing, privilege or service must also be in accordance with New York State statutes.
- G. **SMOKING**
  1. All forms of smoking, including vaping, e-cigarettes, and similar devices is prohibited, except within parking areas and overnight campsites.
- H. **FISHING**
  1. Fishing is prohibited on beaches, boating dock, and the area surrounding the boating dock.
  2. Fishing is permitted in designated areas.
- I. **MOTORIZED VEHCILES**
  1. All motorcycles, trail bikes, minibikes, electric bikes, motor scooters, or mopeds operated within the park shall be operated only on those roadways provided for the use of motor vehicles.


EXCERPTS FROM LOCAL LAW No.4, 1980 AS AMENDED AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES.

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158.1: Section 1. PURPOSE: Broome County has established various parks and leisure facilities to be administered by the Broome County Department of Parks and Recreation. For better management of these facilities, it is necessary to establish certain Rules and Regulations for all persons entering, using, visiting or who are otherwise within the boundaries of said facilities.

### PARK HOURS

Daily- 8:00a.m.- Dusk

### FEES AND CHARGES

Fees for programs and facilities shall be charged in accordance with current applicable Local Law as established by the Broome County Legislature.

### CAMPING

\$25.00 Sites

\$5.00 Reservation Fee (one time per site/stay)

\$1,250.00 Seasonal Rate (Limited to 5 sites)

### SHELTERS

\$30.00 Weekdays

\$90.00 Weekends/Holidays

\$5.00 Reservation Fee

### BOAT RENTALS DEPOSIT PER HOUR PER DAY

Canoes, Rowboats	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$20.00
Paddleboats & Kayaks	\$20.00	\$8.00	N/A
Paddleboards	\$20.00	\$8.00	N/A
Sailboats	\$20.00	\$8.00	\$30.00
Senior Citizen/ Vets	\$5.00	\$3.00	\$10.00

\*Rowboats/Canoes Only - \*62 years and older

### CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING -GREENWOOD PARK

\$5.00 Rental Per Hour- Ski and Snowshoes

\$5.00 Trail Fee Per Day (Non-Renters)

\$35.00 Season Pass

### ATHLETIC FIELDS

Soccer, Softball, Baseball \$15.00 Per Day

Volleyball Courts \$10.00 Per Day

### PICNIC SHELTERS

**A.** All shelter rentals cover the period of prevailing daily park opening to daily park closing.

**B.** The park assumes no responsibility for storing food, beverages and supplies delivered to park for park visitors.

#### **C. Reservations**

1. Reservations will be made through Reserve America, on a 13-month rolling basis, online at [www.ReserveAmerica.com](http://www.ReserveAmerica.com)
2. If no reservations have been made, the shelters are available on a first come, first serve basis.

#### **D. General Information**

Dorchester- 3 shelters (occupancy 100)

Greenwood Park- 4 shelters (occupancy 100-120 each)

Grippen Park- 1 shelter (occupancy 100-120 each)

Hawkins Pond Nature Area- 1 shelter (occupancy 40)

Nathaniel Cole Park - 4 shelters (occupancy 100-120 each)

Roundtop Picnic Area – 2 shelters (occupancy 80 each)

Otsiningo Park - 2 shelter (occupancy 100-120 each)

### GROUPS

- A.** Groups with more than twenty-five (25) people will be admitted by a permit only. Such permits shall be obtained from the main office of the Department, Broome County Office Building Government Plaza, Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY or Phone: 778-2193, one week in advance.
- B.** The permit does not entitle group to any special privileges such as tables, grills, parking or play fields.
- C.** All groups of persons under the age of eighteen (18) will chaperoned by leaders twenty-one (21) years of age or older, on a basis of one leader per eight participants.
- D.** Groups registering for a permit in the name of an agency, institution or the like will furnish evidence that the activity is approve social function scheduled and approved by that agency, and that some officer or leader will be present at the function.
- E.** The number of groups permitted may be limited in one park on any given day. Group sizes are generally limited to 100 persons, but larger groups may be accommodated if the total persons registered for a given park and day do not interfere with regular park operations.
- F.** The Department reserves the right to assign groups to specific areas of the park.

### FAMILY CAMPING

#### **A. Season**

1. Camping areas will be open mid-May through Columbus Day weekend depending on local weather and existing area conditions.
2. Camping season:  
Mid-May: Weekends only (Fri/Sat night)  
Memorial Day Weekend- Labor Day: Daily  
Labor Day-Columbus Day: Weekends only

#### **B. Reservations**

1. Reservations will be accepted on a 13-month rolling basis via **ReserveAmerica.com**. A one-time transaction fee of \$5.00.
2. Reservations may also be made at the Broome County Department of Parks and Recreation main office by calling (607)778-2193 (M-F).
3. Sites not reserved are available on a first come, first served basis. Persons arriving without reservations risk the possibility of not having a site available to meet their need.

#### **C. Minimum Age**

1. Persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

#### **D. Equipment Permitted**

1. Equipment allowed on a campsite shall be limited to one (1) camping trailer or self-propelled camper, or (2) tents and awnings not to exceed a combined total of 275 square feet.
2. House trailers are not permitted.

3. A maximum of two vehicles are allowed per site. Parking is not allowed in grass or roadways.

#### **E. Check-In/Check-Out**

1. Check-in time is 12:00 p.m. Earlier check-in may be permitted at manager's discretion.
2. Check-out time is no later than 11:00am. After 11:00am one is liable to charge for one additional night whether the campsite is occupied for another night or not. All personally owned camping equipment shall be removed from the campground by 11:00am unless an additional night on the same site has been reserved and paid for.

#### **F. Occupancy**

1. Campers must have their equipment present at the time of registration, occupy the site immediately and remain overnight.
2. Campers must notify the Park Manager or designee if they plan to leave the campground for over twenty-four (24) hours.
3. For purposes of this section, a "day" begins and ends at 11:00 AM. Unless a camper sleeps overnight on the site at least once in forty-eight (48) hours, the Department may impound the equipment and remove it from the site. The site is then considered vacated and may be assigned to another camper.
4. No camping equipment shall be placed on any campsite while the site is occupied by another camper, or before the site has been reserved and paid for.
5. Substitution occupancy is permitted only after the site has been re-registered under the new occupant's name. Subletting is prohibited.
6. Occupancy of a campsite is limited to six (6) persons or one (1) family group consisting of parents and children (mother, father, and minor children and one single relative). Large families (more than 6) may be assigned two sites and will be charged accordingly.

#### **G. Amenities**

1. The use of camping sites, toilets, shower buildings, electricity, tables and fire rings, dump stations, etc., designated for the use of registered campers, is restricted to campers and their guests.

#### **H. Firewood**

1. Firewood may be purchased at the campground. Standing trees, living or dead, may not be cut for firewood.
2. No person other than authorized staff may operate a chainsaw within the park.
3. Firewood brought in from outside the park must comply with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation regulations, ([www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/28722.html)).

### GROUP CAMPING

- A.** Group camping, by **organized youth groups only**, (i.e., church youth groups, schools, YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts) will be permitted free of charge at Dorchester, Greenwood and Nathaniel Cole Parks. Upon request, groups must provide a letter of authorization from the sponsoring organization on organization letterhead. *\*Exceptions may be made for special needs adult groups.*
- B.** Youth groups will secure a permit to camp from the Broome County Parks main office (607-778-2193) at least one week prior to using the area.
- C.** One camping vehicle plus one transportation vehicle may be left in the group camping site as an emergency vehicle; all others will be parked in the parking lot. A list of license numbers must be given to the Security Officer in charge
- D.** There must be at least one leader to every eight campers under 21 years of age.
- E. Minimum Age**
  1. Group Camping permits will be issued only to the persons 21 years of age or older.
  2. The person supervising this group is responsible for maintaining an emergency contact/emergency care release form for each camper under twenty-one (21) years of age.
  3. Any group of boys or girls having a member less than eighteen (18) years of age will be required to be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult of the same sex who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

### SWIMMING BEACHES

- A.** For purposes of administration, the beaches at the various parks will be defined as follows:
  1. Greenwood Park: All that area between the drainage swale immediately east of the waterfront and the water.
  2. Dorchester Park: All that area south of the creek and on lakeside of the road that meets the reservoir at the north end of the waterfront.
  3. Nathaniel Cole Park: All that area south of the walkway (east/west).
- B.** Grills, or fires of any type, are not permitted on the beaches.
- C.** Swimmer objects, such as inner tubes, surfboards and any similar flotation devices are not permitted in the water. Fins are not permitted. Goggles, face masks, and nose and ear plugs are permitted.
- D.** Eye glasses are permitted in the swimming areas only if they are securely fastened by means of a safety strap that goes around the back of the head.
- E.** Only persons dressed for bathing are permitted in the swimming area.
- F.** Street clothes or swimsuit cover-ups may be worn in the **non-swimmer** areas only.
- G.** Children under 10 years of age must always be under supervision and control by a parent or guardian.