



TOWN OF WALPOLE

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Jarvis Farm – Hershman Pond Rules

1. Emergency procedures must be observed. Please always follow the direction of the staff and leave the area upon the signal or request of the lifeguards.
2. Pond passes permit entry into the pond area – all patrons must have a pass to enter the pond area regardless of intention of entering the water. Pond passes are non-transferable and non-refundable.
3. Children who are not toilet-trained must wear a swim diaper.
4. Practice sun safety; always wear sunscreen, seek shaded areas, and protect your skin from direct sun exposure.
5. No person with a communicable disease will be allowed to use the pond.
6. Persons with open cuts, sores, bandages, colds, coughs, or communicable diseases are not permitted in the pond.
7. Proper swim suits are required. No street clothes are permitted and changing of clothes must be done within designated restrooms on-site.
8. Running and horse play are not allowed.
9. No water wings, “swimmies”, rafts, flotation devices, mask that cover the nose, fins or snorkels, torpedo toys are allowed.
10. All swimmers under the age of 12 must always be accompanied by a parent or responsible guardian. Parents must be in the water with their children who cannot swim.
11. Glass containers are not allowed within pond and beach area.
12. Drinking, smoking, the possession of alcohol, and/or public intoxication is strictly prohibited, and shall forfeit admittance to beach/pond area.
13. Harassment, abusive or obscene language, or gestures will forfeit your right to use the pond.
14. Deep water test will be given every half-hour. To swim in the designated deep-swim area, swimmers must pass a swim test given by the lifeguard who will issue a deep-water bracelet to that swimmer that qualifies. The Lifeguard may revoke the band at any time, if they feel it is unsafe to have that person in the deep water.
15. Safety checks will be conducted every 15min. In which the pond will be cleared, and buddie checks will be done. A lifeguard will be asking all patrons to be accountable for their buddy and everyone in their party.

16. In the event of thunder or lightning, patrons must clear the beach premises. Beach activities will remain suspended until thirty minutes after the last thunder is heard.
17. If at any time the “lifeguard-to-patron” ratio exceeds the regulations set by the Board of health and the Recreation Department, no further entries will be permitted.

The Walpole Recreation Department reserves the right to ask anyone to leave for failing to comply with any of the above health and safety regulations.