

Stafford Residents
Ellington Sandy Beach Pass

APPLICATION FORM 2024

Please forward a check, made payable to the **Town of Stafford**, in the amount of **\$85.00**, along with your completed application to **Town of Stafford, Attn: Beth A. DaDalt – Beach Passes, 1 Main Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076**. **Incomplete applications cannot be processed.**

The Town of Stafford is limited to fifty (50) family passes that will be allocated on a first-come basis.

Information on rules and regulations from the Town of Ellington is attached. Stafford CANNOT expedite this process!

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Please enclose the completed application form along with your \$85.00 Check:
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NAMES : _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (home) _____ / (cell) _____

MV Plate Registration # _____ (required)

Drivers License # _____ (primary pass holder)

of FAMILY members living in the Household _____

of ADULTS _____ # of Children _____

Passes are per household, only those living in the household are allowed on the pass, no exceptions!



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TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Parks and Recreation Commission

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DATE: May 8, 2024

TO: **Town of Stafford**
First Selectman's Office
1 Main Street
Warren Memorial Town Hall
Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076

FROM: *Mary M. Bartley, Assistant Director of Recreation*

Subj: ***Renewal of 2024 Crystal Lake (Sandy Beach) Beach Pass Policy***

The Ellington Parks and Recreation Commission has set a fee of **\$85.00** Per family for Stafford residents to renew or secure a 2024 beach pass. A total of **50 family passes** will be allowed by policy agreement. The residents securing a pass may use the Waterfront beginning June 10th, 10:30am-6:00pm. (Patrons are called out of the water @ 5:45pm as gates close promptly at 6pm.)

Pre-Season Hours 2024
Memorial Day Weekend 12noon -5pm
May 25, 26, 27 pending weather & staff
Weekends June 1, 2, 8 & 9: 12noon -5pm

Full Season Hours 2024
June 10th – August 18th pending staff and weather.

Regarding the beach pass procedures, upon receiving a list of approved Stafford residents, and a check to match, the Ellington Recreation Department will forward the actual beach pass, beach rules and anticipated opening and closing dates to the Stafford Resident. If you have any questions concerning the implementation of this program, please contact our office 860-870-3118.



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The Ellington Recreation Department has been working diligently to ensure a safe aquatic experience and is pleased to announce that Sandy Beach at Crystal Lake will open on **weekends only** beginning May 25, 26, 27; June 1, 2, 8 & 9 (12noon-5pm) and will begin daily use on **Monday, June 10th**. (Weather & Staff permitting)

In an effort to ensure the safest environment for both our patrons and staff, several modifications will be implemented at all times during waterfront operation. These modifications include but are not limited to:

- **Method of Payment**
 - Beach attendants will have a credit card reader to accept cashless walk-in transactions. Payment by check payable to the *Town of Ellington* will also be acceptable.
- **“Carry in/Out” Trash Policy Remains in Effect**
 - Patrons must take out what they bring in. No receptacles will be available for public use.
- **Restrooms Will be Open**

Season passes for Ellington residents are available online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/ellingtonrec/Membership> in person or by phone at 860-870-3118 during regular office hours.

Ellington Residents Only

Season Pass rates are detailed below

- Family Pass: \$75.00
- Individual Pass: \$40.00
- Senior Pass: \$10.00

Ellington Residents

Walk-In rates are detailed below

- Adult: \$10.00 (ages 18+)
- Child: \$8.00 (ages 5-17)
ages under 5 are free
- Senior: \$1.00 (ages 60+)

Non Residents

Walk-in rates are detailed below

- Adult: \$20.00 (ages 18+)
- Child: \$10.00 (ages 5-17)
ages under 5 are free
- Senior: \$1.00 (ages 60+)

The beach will be open for operation daily beginning June 10th from 10:30AM – 6:00PM, weather and staff permitting.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: Should the parking area or waterfront reach maximum capacity at any point, the beach will be closed and notification will be posted immediately on the Ellington Recreation Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ellingtonparkandrec/. Any closures due to weather or staffing will also be posted. **Please be sure to check our Facebook page before departing for the beach.**

Please note these requirements reflect our current guidelines, any changes or updates will be posted to our Facebook page. Beach officials have full authority to impose further restrictions to ensure a safe aquatic environment. Law enforcement will be monitoring beach activity and any willful violation of beach rules may result in immediate ejection from the premise, revocation of beach pass rights, and any further action deemed necessary by law enforcement.



SANDY BEACH 2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Swimmers are requested to cooperate in observing these rules and to obey the instructions of the Waterfront Staff. Persons violating swimming rules are subject to revocation of their swimming privileges. Refunds will not be given to patrons whose privileges have been revoked.

The Town of Ellington reserves the right to refuse admittance to Sandy Beach when the capacity of the beach area has been reached or when otherwise deemed necessary for health, welfare, or safety reasons.

The head guard or assistant waterfront director is responsible for the operation of the waterfront. Their instructions should always be followed. Should a disagreement arise, patrons are advised to contact the Waterfront Director or the Recreation Department at 860-870-3118.

GENERAL RULES

*Season Length: (See section on beach hours) these hours and season dates are subject to change with availability of staff and weather.

*Eligibility: Town Residents, Taxpayers,

*Family, Individual & Senior Beach Passes: Available online or by calling the Recreation Department

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE. THEY WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING REGULAR HOURS EVERY DAY FOR CLEANING.

- 1. NO FISHING OR FISHING NETS ARE ALLOWED IN THE SWIMMING AREA.**
- 2. PLEASE AVOID BRINGING GLASS CONTAINERS ON THE BEACH.**
- 4. PLEASE FOLLOW "CARRY IN/OUT" TRASH POLICY.**
- 5. NO ANIMALS ALLOWED. NO DOGS ALLOWED.**
- 6. NO POP-UP TENTS ARE ALLOWED. BEACH UMBRELLAS MUST BE TEATHERED TO SOMETHING TO AVOID FLY AWAYS.**
- 7. NO GRILLING ALLOWED AT THE BEACH.**
- 8. PROFANE OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- 9. SWIMMING IS ALLOWED ONLY WHEN THE WATERFRONT IS OPEN AND A LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY.**
- 10. PLEASE HAVE YOUR BEACH PASS AND I.D. READY FOR GATE ATTENDANT.**
- 11. NO THROWING OF SAND OR ROCKS IS ALLOWED. NO THROWING OF BALLS IN THE WATER.**
- 12. PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE DUCKS, GEESE OR THE FISH.**
- 13. COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFEJACKETS ARE PERMITTED ON NONSWIMMING CHILDREN PROVIDED THE CHILD REMAINS IN THE SHALLOW END WATER WITH AN ACCOMPANYING ADULT!!!**

