

## Prohibited Activities

The following activities are expressly prohibited within the Park:

- Hunting and possession and use of weapons. Ceremonial props such as arrows or spears must have soft (rubber) tips.
- Offensive behavior and profanity
- Removal of natural habitat, with the exception of fish.
- Removal, digging or cutting of plant life, trees, shrubs, or other growth
- Smoking when the danger of fire is moderate to extreme.
- Washing of vehicles, bicycles or animals in any natural body of water.
- Bathing, swimming, laundering in the waterways or ice skating
- Off-road recreational vehicles and dirt bikes on other than paved roads.
- Bicycle, scooter, skate board or other operator-propelled vehicles or devices, except on paved roads. Exception is made for wheelchairs where terrain allows.
- Piston-powered watercraft on ponds; electric motors are allowed
- Defacing or altering any structure, sign, or other item of public property.
- Disturbing, harassing or molesting any species of wildlife, including nesting birds.

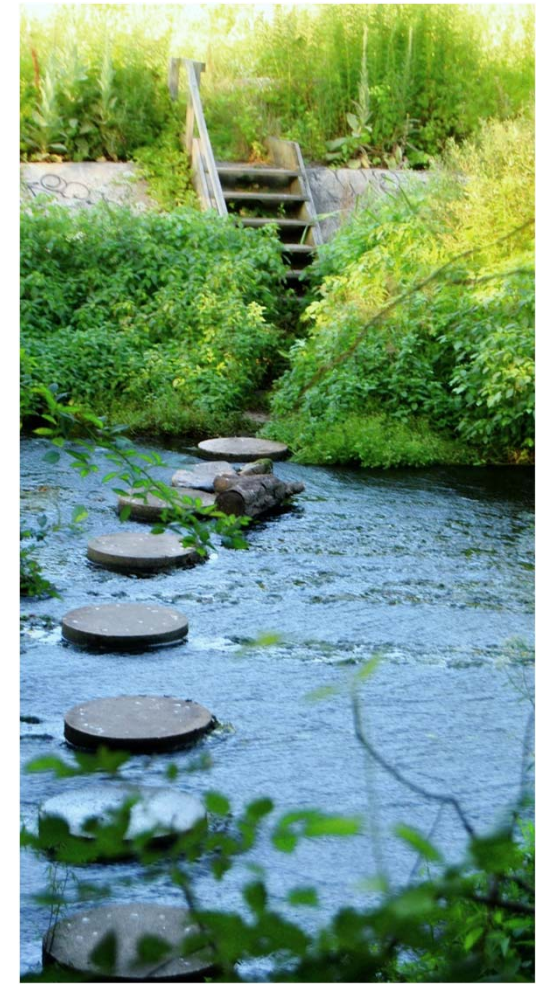


## Melville Park Recreation Area

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## About us

Welcome to the Melville Park Recreation Area. This 153-acre tract is devoted to passive, not active, recreation. We welcome you to enjoy the grandeur of this natural landscape.

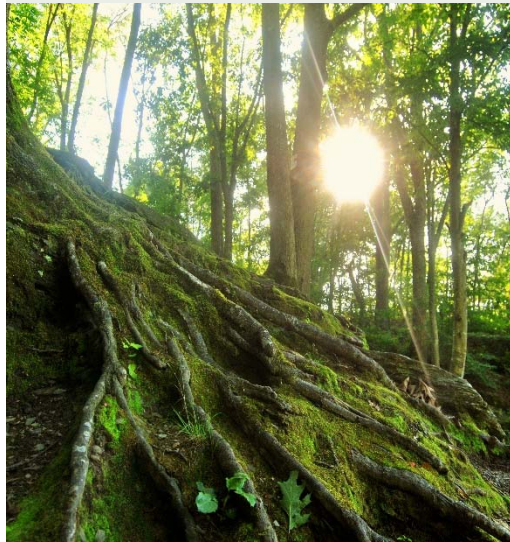
The Melville Park Committee members are the caretakers of the Park. We have created these rules to help maintain the Park's beauty and to protect its habitat. We invite you to join us in our caretaking responsibilities for this public land. Applications to become a volunteer member of the Committee may be obtained at the Portsmouth Town Clerk's office.

## Park Rules and Regulations

- The trash policy is "Carry In/Carry Out." Dispose of trash responsibly.
- Obey the directions given by Portsmouth Police and Fire personnel, properly identified members of the Melville Park Committee, the Melville Campground Campmaster and assistants, or authorized representatives of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.
- All dogs must wear a collar with valid license tag. Town ordinance requires dogs to be on a leash at all times.
- You are required to pick up after your dog, and *Mutt Mitts* are available.
- The hours of the Park are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- Parking is allowed in the designated areas only. Motorbikes and motorcycles must be parked in these designated areas.

“Please help protect  
this nature reserve  
for the enjoyment  
of all.”

~Melville Park Committee



Approved - Melville Park Committee - 12/08/08  
Approved - Portsmouth Town Council - 01/12/09

## Park Rules and Regulations (cont.)

- Fishing licenses are required. Fishing season runs from the first Saturday in April to the last Saturday in February. The Rhode Island DEM stocks trout in the upper pond, behind Melville School, and the lowest pond, at least twice a year.
- Permission to use metal detectors or other location devices must be obtained from the Melville Park Committee.
- Overnight camping outside the Melville Ponds Campground is allowed for organized groups with an appropriate permit. Permits for camping within the Park may be applied for at the Melville Campground office. There must be one adult for every four children (under the age of 18 years). There will be no more than 10 persons per campsite. Quiet hours are between 11pm and 7 am. Blaring music at any time is prohibited.
- Having a campfire requires a permit from the Portsmouth Fire Department. The ground surrounding the campfire must be protected by a cleared berm of rock or soil. The fire must be attended at all times and must be completely extinguished before leaving the Park.
- Maximum campsite occupancy is 36 hours. Camping over the 36-hour limit is allowed for a fee at the Melville Campground, adjacent to the Park (401-682-2424). Motorized camping gear must use the Melville Campground.