

*Waterville  
Parks & Recreation*



*Fall & Winter  
2010-2011*



# DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Waterville Parks & Recreation  
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## **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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[www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks](http://www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks)

## **Parks and Recreation Staff**

Matt Skehan - Director  
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## **Mission Statement**

The Waterville Parks and Recreation Department seeks to provide high quality facilities and program opportunities for leisure time activities for all Waterville residents.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## How to Register

Complete the registration form and mail along with total fees due to: Waterville Parks and Recreation, 6 Wentworth Ct, Waterville, ME 04901. Full payment is expected prior to the start of a program. We do not send or call with confirmations for mailed registrations. We will only notify you if the program you are registering for has been filled, canceled or changed.

You may also come into our office located at 6 Wentworth Ct. in Waterville during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

## Payment Method

The City of Waterville is not equipped to take credit or debit cards at this time. We can only accept cash or checks as payment. Please make checks payable to "City of Waterville". Full payment is expected prior to the start of each program.

## Participant Age/Grade

All participants are required to be of the age/grade requested in the brochure to be eligible to participate. No exceptions can be made.

## Refunds

Waterville Parks and Recreation will grant refunds by check (please allow two to three weeks for processing) for programs, field trips and activities **PRIOR** to the program's first class or the day of the field trip. Once a program has started, **NO** fee will be refunded. There will be no refund for field trip cancellations made the day of the field trip. The Department encourages registrants to carefully consider their schedule prior to registration.

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## **Registration Forms**

A program registration form is located in this brochure. Please feel free to make as many copies of the registration form as you need. You may also pick up additional copies at the Waterville Parks and Recreation Office.

## **Field Trip Policy**

Please note that many of our field trips have registration deadlines. Many times we cannot offer the field trip unless a minimum number of participants is reached. Please register and send in any fees early to reserve your ticket or seat. Anyone 17 and under *must* be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older. There will be no refunds for field trip cancellations made the day of the field trip.

## **Program Satisfaction**

Satisfaction is the goal of the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department. We are committed to offering the best programs and services we can. If at any time you are not happy with our services, please call and discuss the matter with one of our staff members.

## **New Programs**

Programs and activities that are offered depend a great deal on the interests and needs of the people and availability of instructors. If you have a suggestion for a new program, or if you are qualified to instruct, teach or coach a skill that could be included as one of our special activities, please contact Waterville Parks and Recreation.

## **Residency**

You are a resident if you own or rent property within the City of Waterville.

## **Cancellations**

The Waterville Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel a program due to insufficient registrations or any other case that prevents the presentation of an activity in a safe, acceptable manner.

## **Individuals with Disabilities**

All programs are available to people with disabilities and arrangements will be made when necessary to allow participation.

# FIELD TRIPS



## **Fall Foliage Trip Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway**

Join the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department as we travel on the Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway to experience the breathtaking fall foliage colors. Composed of Route 17 and Route 4, the Rangeley Lakes Scenic Byway runs through the mountains of Western Maine. The route offers fantastic vistas of the rugged mountains, cascading rivers and streams. Encounter the vast beauty of Smalls Falls, the Appalachian Mountains, Mooselookmeguntic Lake, Beaver Pond, Coos Canyon and more. The bus will stop at some of the above sites as well as stopping in Rangeley where you can dine, shop at specialty stores and visit the Apple Festival.

When: Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Bus Departs: 9:30 am from Waterville High School

Bus Returns: Approx 4:30 pm at Waterville High School

Fee: \$8.00 (does not include lunch)

***Please register prior to Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
We must have a minimum of 15 people for this trip.***

# Disney ON ICE

Disney on Ice Princess Classics will be visiting the Cumberland County Civic Center in February 2011. At this time final details have yet to be released, but we plan on going. Please look for further information on our website at [www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks/content/428/trips.php](http://www.waterville-me.gov/departments/parks/content/428/trips.php).



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Halloween Party

Preschoolers through grade 5 are invited to join us for a *fang-tastic* good time at our Department's annual Youth Halloween Party for a safe and fun alternative to trick-or-treating held at Waterville High School. Hang around for a *spell* and see *witch* one of our many carnival games will win you the most candy and prizes. Proceed with caution when entering our always spooktacular haunted house designed by the Waterville High School Key Club.

Who:               Preschool children - Grade 5

When:             Halloween Night, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Where:            Waterville High School Gymnasium

Time:             5:00 - 7:00 pm



# *Father/Daughter Dance*



Young ladies can dance the night away with dad or a favorite male guardian. Join us for a special evening of dancing, food, punch and lots of fun. Each young lady will receive a lovely corsage to wear for the evening. Enjoy an elegant evening and capture the moment by having a digital photo taken with our special backdrop for an additional \$5.00. Please Note: While the dance is traditionally held in February, it is not intended to be a Valentine's Day dance. This year's dance will feature some new decorations and an exciting new color scheme.

Tickets for the dance can be purchased at the Waterville Parks and Recreation Office at 6 Wentworth Court starting on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets may also be purchased by mailing the RSVP card along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Office.

Please Note: Tickets will not be on sale the evening of the dance. Tickets must be purchased prior to the dance.

Who:	Girls, Grades K - 5
When:	Friday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>
Where:	Waterville Junior High School
Time:	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Tickets:	\$15.00 per couple* \$20.00 for non-residents* \$5.00 for each additional daughter or chaperone*

\*Unfortunately, due to price increases with our vendors it was necessary to raise admission prices this year. Admission prices have not increased in over 10 years.

# *Easter Egg Hunt*

Please join us on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for the annual Waterville Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt. Children ages 3-7 will be able to hunt for eggs filled with candy and toys in the parking lot or on the field at Waterville Junior High School. Don't miss your chance to meet the Easter Bunny!

Who: Ages, 3-7

When: Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Where: Waterville Junior High School

Start Time: 10:00 am sharp *(Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to start time).*

*Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring a basket or other container to collect eggs in.*



# SPORTS

## FALL & WINTER COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

We are pleased to bring back both of our Coed Volleyball Leagues. Each league is an eight week recreational volleyball program which allows persons of all skill levels to organize a team and compete. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept individual registrations, team registrations only.

The *Fall League* begins in September and runs for eight weeks. Games will be played on Monday or Thursday. Matches start at 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Teams should be composed of six to nine individuals and teams must have at least two women on the court at all times. Please register your team by **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

The *Winter League* begins in January and features two divisions of competition and the season concludes with a tournament. A maximum of six players are allowed on the court with extra players rotated in. Teams should be composed of six to nine individuals; each team must have a minimum of two women on the court at all times (we strongly encourage your team to have three women on the court at all times). Please register your team by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Who: Males & Females, 16 years and up

When: Fall League - **Starts September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Winter League- **Starts January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Where: Waterville Junior High School

Fee: \$2.00 per person, per game

## OVER THE HILL BASKETBALL

For veteran basketball players, there is an opportunity for you to participate in our Over The Hill Basketball League. Games are played on Sunday evenings starting in January and go through the end of March. Playoffs will conclude the season. Teams interested in playing must register by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Unfortunately, no individual registrations will be accepted, *teams only*.

Who: Adults, 30 years and over

When: Sunday Evenings, January - March

Where: Waterville High School

Fee: *TBD*

## HOTSHOT BASKETBALL CONTEST

Boys and girls ages 9-18 are invited to participate in a Basketball Hotshot Contest. Hotshot is a basketball skills competition that involves shooting baskets from five “hotspots” marked on one half of a basketball court. This competition tests your speed, shooting, dribbling and rebounding ability within a series of one-minute time periods. There are four age categories for boys as well as for girls: 9-10 years, 11-12 years, 13-15 years and 16-18 years. Local winners will advance to regional competitions. Please register 15 minutes prior to start time.

Who: Boys and Girls, Ages 9-18

When: January 22, 2011  
Girls, 9:00 am Boys, 10:00 am

Where: Waterville Junior High School



## 2011 ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL

Waterville Parks and Recreation will once again be overseeing three adult summer softball leagues:

The ***Bash League*** is a summer recreational softball league designed for players 16 years and older. Male players who participate in the Men's Summer Softball League cannot participate in the Bash League.

The ***Smash League*** is a summer competitive coed softball league designed for players 18 years and older. Male players that compete in the Men's Summer Softball League are allowed to play in this coed league.

The ***Men's League*** is a highly competitive league designed for players 18 years and older. The season will conclude with playoffs.

All leagues follow ASA rules with some modifications.

Informational meetings will be held in March 2011. Please look for specific dates on our website and in the Sports Notices section of the Morning Sentinel in the Spring. Team registrations will be accepted after the meeting. Unfortunately, no individual registrations will be accepted, ***teams only***.

## GIRLS YOUTH SOFTBALL

The Waterville Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth softball program for girls in Grades 1-6. Players will participate in an “In-House” League and play against teams in the Fairfield PAL League. Games begin in mid to late April. This year we will feature three “leagues” of play. Girls will be placed based on the grade they are currently in.

### ***Instructional League – Grades 1 & 2***

This league will focus on the players learning to develop the proper skills to play the game of softball. Coaches will pitch to players. Score will not be kept at games as this is strictly a learning environment.

### ***Minor League – Grades 3 & 4***

This league will focus on having the girls develop in a real game situation. Girls will be able to pitch, but not with a full windmill technique. Games will be officiated by coaches.

### ***Major League – Grade 5 & 6***

This league will be based on the same rules as junior high school softball utilizing the 10th fielder. Girls will be allowed to pitch with full windmill techniques. Games will be officiated by umpires.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with our youth sports programs. If you are interested in coaching, please contact our office at 680-4744.

# YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

In addition to programs offered through the Parks and Recreation Department, some youth sport programs are offered through independent organizations. For your information, a listing of the contact people are below.

## **Little League (Spring)**

Who                      Ages, 4-12  
Contact                 Ellen Huggins, 872-6515  
Web Site                [www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=wtrvlme](http://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=wtrvlme)

## **Babe Ruth Baseball (Spring)**

Who                      Ages, 13-15  
Contact                 Greg Potter, 873-3060  
Web Site                [www.leaguelineup.com/centralmainebaberuth](http://www.leaguelineup.com/centralmainebaberuth)

## **Youth Soccer Association (Spring/Fall)**

Who                      Ages, 6-12  
Contact                 Heather Carey  
Web Site                [www.wysa.info](http://www.wysa.info)

## **Alfond Youth Center - Youth Basketball (Fall)**

Who                      Grades, K-6  
Contact                 Tim Lecrone, 873-0684  
Web Site                [www.aplaceforkidstogo.org](http://www.aplaceforkidstogo.org)

## **Central Maine Youth Hockey Association (Fall/Winter)**

Who                      Ages, 3-16  
Contact                 Mike Boulet, 453-4722  
Web Site                [www.cmyha.org](http://www.cmyha.org)

# LOCAL TRAIL SYSTEMS

## Merrit Nature Trail

This trail begins beyond the end of the building near the baseball field at the Waterville Junior High School, which is located off of the West River Road. The nature trail is a great spot to explore a bit of the Maine woods. The trail passes through a field, a Northern Hardwood Forest, a Hemlock and Fir Forest, and along the Messalonskee.

## North Street Recreational Area Trail

This trail contains walks of a 1/2 mile, 1 mile or 2 miles and can be walked in 20 minutes to an hour. The trail follows the shoreline of the Messalonskee Stream around the North Street Recreational Area. There are several loops that can be walked with all loops returning to the widened North Street sidewalk.

## Oxbow Nature Preserve

The entrance to this trail is located near the parking lot of the Lutheran Church on Cool Street. The Messalonskee Stream surrounds the preserve on three sides. The Preserve provides an ideal area for environmental education. Your walk on the loop will subject you to many different and beautiful wildflowers, ferns, trees, and birds.

## Quarry Road Recreation Area

John Morton (Morton Trails, LLC) has designed a bike trail of exceptional beauty and variety, winding through the woods between Quarry Road and Messalonskee Stream. The multi-use, four season loop trail is 4.5 kilometers in length and 16-18' in width. The trail offers beautiful views of the Stream, impressive hemlock and pine stands and leads to an enormous open field at the base of what was the old Colby ski slope. A variety of ups and downs, twists and turns creates a marvelous and challenging venue.

## Perkins Arboretum At Colby

The West entrance to this trail is at the back of the field opposite the Colby President's house. The trails through the arboretum and bird sanctuary are maintained for nature study, walking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Mountain biking is prohibited. The land is a state Wildlife Management Area and includes successional, transitional, and climax forest, as well as the Perkins stream. The nature trail is yellow blazed and there are also red and white trails.

# WATERVILLE DOG PARK

Thanks to the generosity of the Waterville Area Humane Society, the City will soon have its very own dog park! In a City with such a dense population like ours, this is a welcome addition. The park will be located off West River Road with designated parking at Pine Ridge Golf Course and/or Pine Ridge Rec. Area. The park will be open free of charge to Waterville residents and individuals from area communities. The park will open late September, 2010. Please see our website for a listing of rules and regulations.



# QUARRY ROAD RECREATION AREA UPDATE & EVENTS

**Update:** The contractor who built our 5K loop trail last Fall (Applied Forestry, Inc.) came back this summer to help “clean-up” a few areas. Several areas were stumped, graded and reseeded. One area in particular that will be much improved from last season is the sliding hill located at the base of the former Colby ski lift. This hill will surely provide a big thrill for kids and adults! The contractors also installed a 4’ wide bike path along the Stream-side portion of trail. The path was constructed to help firm-up the surface for mountain bike wear & tear. The Recreation Area is currently closed due to some of the recent construction. We plan to reopen late September, early October 2010.

**Event:** Thanks to generous funding from TD Bank, the New England Nordic Ski Association (NENSA) is launching a new series of programming across New England, Kids Ski Days! These days are designed to introduce families of all athletic backgrounds and abilities to the sport of cross country skiing.

Activities can include but will not be limited to: slalom courses, radar gun speed testing, beanbag toss, mini-marathon, obstacle courses, organized group games (including the ever popular Feral Cat Tail Grab), treasure hunt, biathlon practice, and jumps. There will also be snacks and lots of general merriment. Our Kids Ski Day will be held on Sunday, January 2, 2010 at Quarry Road Recreation Area, Waterville, ME.



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