Redding's Topstone Park is more than just a great place to swim in the summertime; Topstone offers so much more, like year-round picnicking, hiking and nature study. Our new playground has made visiting the park even more enjoyable. There are also grills, picnic tables, tetherball poles and basketball hoops available for use in and off season. Residents may also apply for beach birthday party or overnight camping permits on weekends.

Many people use a stroll on the trails as an opportunity to walk their dog. Leashes are required in the parking lots, driveways and beach area. After May 15, dogs are prohibited from the beach area entirely. We recently added a small dog park along the entrance driveway, where your dog can be off leash once you are in the fenced in area. Years ago, we had created a small waterfront area known as "Magee's Swimming Hole" across the dam. Here your dog can romp off the leash and go for a swim even after beach season begins.

Once summer season begins, our beautiful 280 acre facility offers a superb sand beach and guarded swimming area as well as use of the Park and Recreation Department's fleet of fun watercraft. We have kayaks, paddleboats, a rowboat and canoes for your enjoyment. Use of these boats is free of charge as it is included with your admission to the park. In addition, we'll be offering a wide variety of new special programs hosted by our lifeguards, residents and invited guests such as outdoor lectures, family fun nights and contests.

This summer, the beach will be open for swimming on "weekends only" starting Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Beginning June 22, we will be open every day until school opens in the fall when we are closed for a few days and reopen Labor Day Weekend.

To encourage use of Topstone Park year-round, we hope to secure a volunteer to open and close the entrance gate so that the park can be used during the day from about October 1 until early May, allowing patrons to conveniently drive up to the main parking lot.

We are also hoping to have a staff member at the Park in the warmest parts of May and September to allow use of the playground and prevent swimming before the beach is open for swimming with lifeguards present.

There are many different price options for your convenience including a Family Season Pass fee of only $160 for residents - a real *steal* of a deal! We have changed the pass structure allowing a discount for single parent families. We also are allowing residents to sign up additional family member for a pass who may live out of town for an additional fee. This year you may also renew your season pass online or pay at the park.

Besides buying a Full Season Pass, residents may choose to pay at the entrance (see the chart on the next page) or buy a "20 Use Pass." The 20 Use Pass is only $85 and will be punched once daily for each person who uses the swimming beach.

Another option is our "Weekly Pass." Residents may purchase a Weekly Pass for themselves or their guests at the park for $16 per person, per week. These passes are good for 1 calendar week and may be purchased at the entrance or at our office. A great offer for those who are home only a few summer weeks or for weeklong visiting guests.

Pass Type	Resident	Includes This # of Daily Guest Passes	Non-resident Passes
Family:	$160	4	$350
Single Parent Family	$140	4	$320
Adult:	$70	2	$160
Youth:	$45	2	$110
Senior:	$35	4	$85
20 Punch Card:	$85	NA	NA
Weekly:	$16/person	NA	NA

Lastly, we are now allowing residents who visit at the end of the day to pay ***only $5 per person*** when entering the beach after 5:00pm.

Hopefully these new choices will make using our Town Park an even better value for you, your family and your friends.

Hours of Operation

This summer, the Topstone Park Beach opens for swimming on Memorial Day weekend May 23-25. The park will open on a "weekends only" schedule (Sat Sun)10:00am-7:00pm.

Beginning Monday, June 22*, Topstone will be open daily for the summer as follows:

Weekends and Holidays	10:00am-7:00pm
Weekdays (Mon-Thurs)	10:00am-7:00pm
Fridays	10:00am-8:00pm

*We are trying to open for a few weekdays starting Wed. 6/17 from 2:00-6:00pm but that is dependent on staffing.

The beach will be closed August 26-September 4 due to the schools opening but will reopen for the weekend of Aug 29-30 and for Labor Day Weekend for September 5-7 from the hours of 10am-7pm.

Season Beach Passes

ID is required as proof of residency for purchasing your pass. Acceptable forms of ID: a driver's license, tax bill or a current utility bill. PO boxes are not acceptable.

Topstone season passes can be renewed online and can be purchased at Topstone Park as well as through the Park and Recreation office during normal office hours, by mail, or fax. If you had a pass last year, you can renew your pass online.

Forms are available at our office or online at www.townofreddingct.org

Although we call them "Passes," we actually have a list of pass holders at the beach welcome table. Showing your Drivers' License to the entrance guard and having them check the pass holders list will permit your entry. Those visitors paying the daily fee should bring their Drivers' License to prove residency as well.

Forgot to buy your pass in advance and not ready to purchase a pass? You can pay the daily use fee at the entrance table, ask for a receipt and use your receipt(s) for up to a maximum of $50 credit off your season pass if purchased within 2 weeks.

Single Day Rates

	Resident	Guest	Non-resident
Adult	$8	$8	$18
Youth	$7	$7	$16
Senior	$4	$4	$9
After 5:00pm	$5	$5	$10

A Few More Important Details:

Smoking and Alcohol Policy

For the safety and enjoyment of all patrons, smoking and vaping is not permitted past the parking lot and alcohol is not permitted in the park at any time except certain Park and Recreation Department special events.

Family / Guest

A "family," for our purposes, is any one or two adults who live at the same address year round and all the children who live at that same address. You may buy a separate pass for one Nanny /Caregiver (or additional adults who live in your household at the rate of $35 per adult or $30 per youth. You may also choose to count the nanny as one of the two adults in the household (In these cases, the second parent must then pay the $8 daily resident fee when they attend or buy a Punch Pass, Weekly Pass, etc…..).

Resident who have summer guests or family members whose permanent residence is outside Redding are not Redding taxpayers can't be included on your family pass without extra fees. They must pay the daily fee if accompanied by the resident; or the non-resident fee if not accompanied by a resident. Beginning last year, we allowed residents who are family passholders only to pay additional fees for family members who do not live in your household; @ $35 per adult and $30 per child. They can enjoy Topstone Park under your Resident Family Pass for this reasonable additional annual fee. This is only for residents who have purchased a "Family Season Pass."

Non-swimmers

Parents of non-swimmers who venture into the shallow areas are expected to be in the water with them *at all times*, within an arm's reach of their children.

No flotation devices are permitted except certified lifejackets. "Noodles" are considered swim toys to be played with by swimmers or by non-swimmers with an adult standing next to them within arm's reach in the water.

Age Requirements and Boats

Topstone has canoes, kayaks, funyaks, a row boat and paddleboats available for use at no additional charge with your admission. However, boat waivers must be signed by an adult before using any of our watercraft.

Youth pass holders 13 and older have full use of Topstone without a supervising parent/guardian adult being present; although they must have their parents fill out a "Seasonal Boat Use Waiver" if they wish to be allowed to use the boats when their parents are not present.

Children age twelve and under are required to have a supervising adult with them whenever they are at Topstone Park.

Boat waivers or Seasonal Boat waivers must be signed by parents of all participants under the age of 18 who will be using a boat without an adult onboard with them.

Children ages 11 and older may use the canoes, kayaks or paddle boats if their parents sign the boat out for them. Nine and ten year olds must always have an adult in the boats with them but may use the smaller, easy to handle funyaks on their own provided their parents sign them out.

9-12 year olds may only use the boats if a parent signs them out or if a parent has signed the "Seasonal Boat Use Waiver" allowing another adult to sign them out.

Topstone Park Special Events

We have a few adult concerts and one family concert for this summer at Topstone Park.

We also have wonderful lifeguard run activities which are planned by our summer staff. These will be finalized by mid June. Please be sure to check the Topstone Activity Calendar on the Topstone page of our website for these lifeguard-run special events but for now, save these dates!

May 23-25 Opening Weekend 10am-7pm
-Weekends only until Monday, June 22

Monday, June 22 Sweet Megg performing Solo
– Adult Concert* 7:00 – 9:00pm
(Raindate - June 23)

Monday, August 10 "Timeless Songwriters"
– Adult Concert* 7:00 – 9:00pm
The Music of Joni Mitchell - Paul Simon - Carly Simon - James Taylor performed by Anne Carpenter and Peter Calo with Paul Adamy on bass
(Raindate - August 11)

Family shows will be added stay tuned!

*These 2 adult concerts are "listening events" where alcohol is allowed after the park closes for the day. Please leave children at home. Children who enjoy listening to music may attend only if they are seated with their parents during the entire event.

There is NO ALCOHOL at Family and Intergenerational shows that are being planned

Birthday Parties at Topstone

Want to have a youth birthday party at Topstone? We can offer you a table and shade cover for a 2-3 hour time block. To request a party simply send an email specifying your interest in having a birthday party at Topstone to Rob Blick at rblick@reddingct.gov

We need the approximate number of children, age of the children, your cell number and the date and time you are requesting. We will get back to you confirming availability within a few days and you're all set.

Provide us with a list of your guests the day of the party (or in advance) so we don't charge them when they arrive. We will only charge you for any guests who do not have a Season Topstone Pass. So….. if all of the people you invite to your party have Topstone passes, there is no additional fee for a party at Topstone! Just contact Rob by email with the pertinent info today and reserve your party.

If you prefer to have your party after hours or continue after the beach is closed, you may include that request in your email. There are additional fees for evening or camping parties. The privilege of evening and overnight groups is for Redding residents only.

Waterfront Lifeguard Class

We have a Waterfront Lifeguard Class being offered June 23-26at Topstone Park. Sign up now online under ADULT PROGRAMS. Must be 15 years old to sign up and 16 to be employed at a waterfront.

Swim Lessons @ Topstone

This year we will again plan on offering low cost group swim lessons and private swim lessons at Topstone Park.

The lessons will be taught whenever possible by certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructors (WSI). Our WSI will use the instructional levels as defined by the American Red Cross Swim Lesson Program.

Registration details for this summer's swim lessons will be available by June31. This year, our group lessons will run Monday- Thursday in 2 week sessions with Friday

makeups. All children taking swim lessons must be pretested except for the non-swimmer lessons.

GROUP SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION & TESTING

All participants (except preschool non-swimmers and Level 1's) must be pre-tested prior to registering for swim lessons so that we get them in the correct class.

PACA Parent and Child Together are for children 18 months to 3 years old.

Preschool Swim Lessons are for 4-5 year olds only

Level 1-5 Swim Lessons are for children 6 years old and up by the first day of class.

Testing Required?	Class
No	PACA – Parent and Child together
No	Preschool Level 1 Non-swimmer
Yes	Preschool Level 2
No	Level 1 Non-swimmer
Yes	Level 2
Yes	Level 3
Yes	Level 4

This year Pretesting will be done by arrangement with our instructor. Sign up on line for "I Need To Be Swim Tested"

Pre-testing will take place at Topstone Park on the following dates and time by appointment only
- Saturday & Sunday, June 6-7
- Saturday & Sunday, June 13-14
- Saturday & Sunday, June 20-21
- Weekdays June 22-25

Additional testing times by arrangement mid-season.
If you can't make our swim testing dates, you may still sign up to make an appointment. Remember, you may not register for some classes until you have been tested.

GROUP SWIM LESSON SESSIONS

Session 1:
Monday-Thursday 6/19 to 7/9
Session 2:
Monday-Thursday 7/13 to 7/23
Session 3:
Monday-Thursday 7/27 to 8/6

Specific dates and times for each class level will be published by June 3 and you may register at that time except for classes that required testing. Sign up to be tested now!

Cancellations/ makeups and credits

Make ups for rained out classes will be on Fridays. Credits will be issued if no make-up class can be held. No credits will be issued for missed classes. Light rain or drizzle does not automatically cancel classes. If there is a question as to whether class will be held or not, call the Park and Recreation cancellation line at 938-5036 and select voice mail option #3. Whenever possible cancellation line will have class status listed at least 30 minutes prior to the class time. However, decisions are often made earlier and sometimes classes are cancelled at the park due to changing weather conditions.

GROUP LESSON FEES

Family Passholders: $64/ session
Individual Passholder $96/ session
Non-passholders $128 / session

Where do I find the Swim Testing Registration form?

By June 3, the Swim Lesson Registration info will be available online. Register online to be tested. Sign up for: "I need to be swim tested

Sign up for the Park and Recreation Email blast to get the word the moment lesson details are available. www.reddingct.gov

We will run all classes with at least 2 people in them. Class size is limited to a maximum of 6 students per instructor.

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

We will offer Private Swim lessons this summer at Topstone Park for 6 weeks beginning June 29 on Mondays-Thursdays. There will be 4 half hour morning classes at 10:45am each week between 6/29 and 8/6.

Private swim lessons will on a first come first served basis separate from our group lesson registration process but info will be available before June 3. Lessons are $100 for four private lessons and $150 ($75 each) for four semi-private lessons. We will accept one single payment of either $100 or $150 for each slot reserved. This means if you choose the semi-private option, One of you will sign up, $150 and exchange money between you.

To be alerted about the release of our swim lesson schedules and forms, be sure to sign up for the Park and Recreation email blast. www.reddingct.gov