

Goldthwait Reservation 2023 – Area Use, Reservations, Permits, Fees and Procedures

PLEASE NOTE

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR A SMALL FIRE ON THE BEACH ROCKS ATTENDED BY NOT MORE THAN 12 PEOPLE. LARGER GATHERINGS ARE DIRECTED TO THE GENERAL USE PERMIT.

The Goldthwait Reservation is a private, non-profit land trust generously created in 1947 by Dr. Joel Goldthwait for the recreation and enjoyment of all the townspeople of Marblehead.

It is maintained and supported entirely through membership contributions, donations, special fundraisers, and many volunteer hours. Quiet enjoyment of this special place by Marblehead residents and their guests is encouraged. Contributions are encouraged by are not required for general access.

To request a permit for a fire on the beach, please read and follow these instructions.

The Goldthwait Reservation is private property and is the only beach in Marblehead that allows fires on the beach. In 2021 we reluctantly ceased granting any permits due to abuse and overuse.

Only ONE permit will be granted for any given night.

Advance reservations are required

- Current Goldthwait contributors may apply for a permit; [Donate – Goldthwait Reservation](#)
- Contact permit coordinator Jeanne Kleene (617-922-0656 or permits.gwr@gmail.com);
- Check to see if your date is available before applying;

Beach Fire Permits (No permit – No fire!)

- Fire permits are issued by the Goldthwait Reservation through the permit process; (Note: the Marblehead Fire Department does **not** issue permits);
- Permits must be requested at least 48 hours in advance;
- Applicants must be at least 21 years of age;
- Small “cooking” fires only – NO bonfires;
- Pits built on the beach rocks cannot exceed 24 inches in diameter;
- Fires must be completely extinguished/doused before leaving;
- Pits must be broken down before leaving or early the next morning;
- Instructions for notifying the proper local authorities will be provided with the permit.

Insurance for Gatherings or Events

- The coordinator will advise you about any insurance needs after reviewing your application;
- General Liability insurance that names and indemnifies the Goldthwait Reservation and/or proof of Liquor Liability may be required.

General Information

- Hours of operation are dawn to 10:30 PM (without exception);
- The parking lot closes at 8:30 PM and the gate will be locked unless special arrangements are made;
- Swim at your own risk; no lifeguard is on duty;
- Protect this special environment: never disturb the wildlife or trample fragile plant life;
- Do not trespass in the marsh.

For ALL entering the Goldthwait Reservation

- State and town ordinances and bylaws and Goldthwait rules and guidelines MUST be followed;
- Trash and recyclables - please take out what you bring in!
- Please NO glass, balloons, or smoking; Alcohol only by approval;
- Current Goldthwait Contributor stickers provide for access to the parking lot;
- No dogs on the beach or the rocks May 1 – October 31;
- All dogs must be leashed at all times and “Pooper Scooper” laws apply;
- Removal of rocks is prohibited by law.

RESERVATION AND PERMIT APPLICATION IS ON PAGE TWO (form dated April 25, 2023)

APPLICATION FOR GOLDTHWAIT RESERVATION USE

Questions? Contact permit coordinator Jeanne Kleene (617-922-0656 or permits.gwr@gmail.com)

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL

APPLICANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

(Street, City, State, Zip) _____

CONTACT: MOBILE: _____ LAND/HOME: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____ REQUESTED DATE OF RESERVATION: _____

REQUESTED TIME: from _____ to _____

GOLDTHWAIT CONTRIBUTOR: (Y / N) _____

____ I have read and understand the instructions and will comply with all (*Failure to follow the guidelines and rules may result in denial of your future use and jeopardize the enjoyment of others*).

BEACH ROCKS FIRES

NUMBER OF GUESTS: EST MINIMUM _____ EST MAXIMUM _____ (*not to exceed 12*)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GOLDTHWAIT RESERVATION

- ALLOWS **ONE** FIRE ON ANY EVENING
- LIMITS THE SIZE OF THE FIRE PITS (TO 24")
- INSISTS THAT THE FIRE IS THOROUGHLY DOUSED
- REQUIRES YOU TO BREAK DOWN YOUR FIRE PIT and REMOVE ANY UNUSED FUEL / WOOD (this is very important but can be done the following morning)

Applicant must notify Marblehead Dispatch on the day of the fire by calling 781-631-1212

With regret, we had to cease allowing beach fires in 2021. Unauthorized use, excessive fire pit sizes, vandalism, and failure to break down pits all played a part in forcing this change. Following these guidelines will help us to continue allowing this special pleasure.

Please help us to be able to continue to offer this unique opportunity.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

THIS SECTION FOR GOLDTHWAIT USE ONLY

REQUEST APPROVED _____ FEE _____ DEPOSIT _____

CONDITIONS: _____ APPLICANT NOTIFICATION TO MARBLEHEAD DISPATCH

_____ PROOF OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

_____ Goldthwait Authorization

_____ Printed Name

_____ Date

Please have this permit with you at the time of your use.