

Goldthwait Reservation 2024 – Area Use, Reservations, Permits, Fees and Procedures

PLEASE NOTE

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR THE FIRE PIT USE, GATHERINGS OF 12 OR MORE PEOPLE IN THE GRASSY/FIRE PIT AREA or ON THE BEACH THERE IS A SEPARATE PERMIT FOR SMALL BEACH FIRES

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 but are not required for general access.

To reserve an area for a gathering or party, please read and follow these instructions

Reservation Fees and Trash Deposits

- 12 or fewer people - no fee;
- 13 – 30 people - \$50 fee and minimal \$50 trash/cleanup deposit;
- 31 – 50 people - \$100 fee and \$100 trash/cleanup deposit;
- 51 – 70 people - \$200-\$500 fee and \$200 trash/cleanup deposit;
- More the 70 people – the Board of Directors will determine fees and any special requirements depending upon the time frame and purpose of the gathering.

The Board of Directors can adjust or waive fees at their discretion.

Advance reservations are required for ANY FIRES or GATHERINGS OF 12 OR MORE

- 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;

Fire Pit 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;
- Fires must be completely extinguished/doused before leaving;
- Instructions for contacting 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 is often advised and may be required. It is easily and economically arranged through [The Event Helper](#)

General Information

- Hours of operation are dawn to 10:30 PM (without exception);
- The parking lot closes at dusk 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 – September 30 ;
- All dogs must be leashed at all times and “Pooper Scooper” laws apply;
- Removal of rocks is prohibited by law.

APPLICATION FOR GOLDTHWAIT RESERVATION USE

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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*).

GATHERINGS OF 12 OR MORE IN THE FIRE PIT / GRASSY AREA OR ON THE BEACH

NUMBER OF GUESTS: EST MINIMUM _____ EST MAXIMUM _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: (e.g. child birthday, adult, school or scout gathering, wedding)

____ DO YOU PLAN TO:

HAVE ALCOHOL (Y / N)? _____ HAVE A CATERER OR BARTENDER (Y / N)? _____

HAVE A TENT (Y / N)? _____ Approximate Tent Size _____

SUPPLY A PORTABLE TOILET (Y / N)? _____ (Recommended for gatherings of 20 or more;
Required for gatherings of 60 or more)

USE THE FIRE PIT (Y / N)? _____ HAVE A BEACH FIRE? (Y / N) _____ (see beach fire permit)

THIS SECTION FOR GOLDTHWAIT USE ONLY

REQUEST APPROVED _____ FEE _____ DEPOSIT _____

CONDITIONS: _____ APPLICANT NOTIFICATION TO MARBLEHEAD DISPATCH

_____ PROOF OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

_____ PORTABLE TOILET

_____ Goldthwait Authorization

_____ Printed Name

_____ Date

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