

Good afternoon, Silver Lake Members!

We hope you are all as excited as we are here at Grafton Recreation for Summer 2025 at Silver Lake!
We are looking forward to our opening date on Saturday, June 14.

Read on for need-to-know information before coming to the beach this year.

2025 Regular Season Dates and Times

Saturday-Friday

June 14-August 10

Saturday-Thursday 11:00am-6:00pm, Fridays 1:00 pm-6:00 pm. All beachgoers must be off the beach by 6:15pm

Silver Lake Beach Contact Information

- Staff at Silver Lake do their best to answer the phone during operating hours, when possible. The phone number to the boat house is **(508) 839-2860**.
- The parking lot address is 245 Upton Street, Grafton, MA 01519.

Beach Capacity

- The beach can accommodate enough beachgoers that can fit in the parking lot. The Head Lifeguard may limit admissions if safety is a concern. Once the parking lot is full, members and day pass holders can enter the beach through other means (walking, biking, etc.).

Daily Admission/Guest Fees

- Resident guests/daily admission welcome. Unfortunately, we are not allowing non-resident guest passes at this time.

Check In

- Members will need to check in with Silver Lake staff upon arrival at the parking shed before parking and sitting down on the beach. They will give the names of all who are on the membership in the car, so we can begin to accurately track usage data. Anyone in the vehicle who is not a member must pay for a day pass. Please note- memberships are connected to the address on file.
- Members will receive a *digital membership card* this year that is attached to your household MyRec account and can be accessed by following instructions on the included attachment. Any issues, questions, or concerns with the digital membership cards, please email us at recreation@grafton-ma.gov or call us at 508-839-8507.
- If you do not have your membership card, no problem! You can give your name at the parking shed and we can check you in that way.

Parking

- Beachgoers must park in designated parking spots in the upper parking lot.
- THERE IS NO PARKING ON STREET, police will be notified and cars towed. If the parking lot is full, please try and come back at a later time.
- The handicapped parking spots near the bathrooms should not be used for loading/unloading.

Lake Health

The pond water will be tested weekly. Water samples are sent to a lab to test for E. Coli or Enterococci. The results of the tests are posted at the beach. The state threshold for safe swimming is 235/100ml or geometric mean of 5 recent samples >126/100ml. Typically our beach and swim area test in the single digits well below the safety threshold. If they would ever reach the threshold, we close the beach until the levels return to normal.

Silver Lake Beach is permitted to operate a bathing beach by the Local Board of Health and note that the beach is not monitored for bacteria outside of the specified season date range.

Potential Beach Closures

The beach may get closed for a variety of reasons, at the discretion of the Recreation Department:

1. Blue-Green Algae

Blue-green algae can form harmful blooms in lakes, ponds, and rivers that make the water murky, and can sometimes make the water look like pea soup or paint. The Grafton Recreation Department works in conjunction with Grafton Board of Health to identify Blue-green algae blooms and determine the opening/closures of the waterfront. In the case the beach must close due to Blue-Green algae, the closure will be posted on the Grafton Recreation Department website and a text message alert will be sent out to members that have opted-in to text messaging. To check that you are signed up to receive these messages, please call 508-839-8507.

2. Weather Events

Rain, wind and low temperatures weather closings will be at the discretion of the Recreation Department. Closures will be posted on the Recreation Department website and a text message alert will be sent out to members that have opted-in to text messaging on the MyRec account. To check that you are signed up to receive these messages, please call 508-839-8507.

The beach will be cleared during storms with thunder/lightning. All patrons must exit the beach property and may be readmitted if weather remains thunder free for 30 minutes and lightning free for 1 hour. No refunds will be issued if the beach must be cleared.

Other

- Please use the provided trash receptacles on the beach when you are there or carry in/carry out.
- Please note that closures of the beach due to factors out of our control (inclement weather, bacteria/algae levels, etc.) will not be eligible for any refunds.

Other general beach rules can be found [HERE](#).

Should you have any questions about this summer's operation, we welcome you to call the Recreation Department at 508-839-8507 or email me directly at CHerd@grafton-ma.gov. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Silver Lake this summer!

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Grafton Recreation Department