

## **Becket Town Beach**

### **Mecum Way**

**43° 17'43.52"N 73° 03'47.39"W elevation 1550 feet**

During the 1970's the town built a road down to Center Pond adjacent to the public right-of-way. A neighbor gave the town an additional 100' portion of the lake front. Suddenly, there was a public beach for residents. Since that time there has evolved an open space area for swimmers to enjoy the sun and water and a parking area. The town Park's committee then provided a lifeguard who was able to give swimming lessons during the summer to children and continues to do so today. A floating dock and perimeter ropes are put out in the swim area by volunteers every year and retrieved in the early fall. Recently a dock was installed to separate the boat launching area from the swim area. Because this is a great pond, the State of Massachusetts has designated five cartop boat only parking spots. Larger motorboats may be launched before 10:00 a.m. and retrieved after 7:00 p.m. only. However, boat trailers are not allowed to be parked there. The state has also constructed a kiosk to share information on aquatic conditions. Kayakers and canoers must use one of the five cartop parking spots.

A shed has been constructed to house a porta-potty for the public and a room to store lifeguard supplies. Due to the popularity of the beach, the town has initiated a beach pass program. A pass for Becket/Washington residents only may be acquired at respective town halls after January first for the coming year. A gate attendant will be at the Route 8 entry way to see the pass which should then be displayed on the car's dashboard.

Picnics are allowed and charcoal fires may be built in the proper receptacles if the weather is suitable. There is a solar garbage receptacle for the appropriate disposal items. Otherwise, as with all parks, carry in-carry out is the policy. When using the beach area please read and obey all posted regulations. They are there for everyone's safety and enjoyment.



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