



The Becket Parks and Recreation Summer Camp Program will begin on July 6 at the Becket Center Town Park pavilion. It will take place Monday through Thursday from 10-3 and will run until August 12. This free program is for Becket and Washington children ages 6-12 who would like to play games, learn sports, do crafts and have a lot of fun. If weather permits, one day will be spent at the Becket Beach. If you are interested in participating, please call the town secretary at 623-8934 and register now. If you have questions, please call Rita at 623-5146.

Anyone who would like to learn to swim....young or older.... may also register by calling the town secretary. Lessons will be Wednesday and Thursday from 10-12, July 7-August 12. A specific time will be determined for each swimming level the first day or the first day that you can be there. Talk with the life guard to determine the exact time.

If children attending the summer camp program would like to also have swimming lessons, parents/guardians will need to transport them from one activity to another.

Both Becket Parks have equipment available to kids. Becket Center Park has a ballfield, basketball half court, volleyball, tether ball, and a playground for children 0-12. (Adults should not use this equipment.) We have benches there for adults to exercise on! 😊 When not in use by the Summer Camp program, the pavilion is available for picnics.

The North Becket Park has a small ballfield, a fitness trail, a 1/7 mile tract, and picnic tables to sit at and watch the trains go by.

There is a great tennis/pickleball court on Prentice Place Street across from the athenaeum for everyone. Anyone wanting to help teach folks to play should call the Parks and Recreation Committee to volunteer your services.

We also have a wonderful beach for Becket and Washington residents. A life guard should be present from 10:00-5:30 daily. Rules for good beach behavior are listed. No dogs, no feeding wildlife, and fill in all sand holes before you leave. (See other rules posted there.) This is not the ocean which can smooth things out and so sand holes left there can cause erosion which damages the beach for everyone. A beach sticker must be obtained at the town hall for \$5.00 for Becket and Washington residents only.

A Mecum Way gate attendant will be in place to prevent cars without stickers from going to the beach. Police will also help to monitor beach access. The parking lot is small and prohibits large numbers of people using the beach at the same time. You may bring your canoe or sailboat or kayak and park in the designated spots to then truly enjoy this beautiful lake. Buckley Dunton Lake off Yokum Road also allows boating but no swimming.

There are trails to hike at the Becket Quarry and Becket even has a segment of the Appalachian Trail to hike on.

The Becket Arts Center also sponsors activities for children. They have free passes to use for local and near by museums. The Mullen House (across from the athenaeum) has a Becket Quarry Museum and a display of Becket baskets and is open to the public on Saturdays from 12-4. These are designed to help everyone learn some of Becket's history. There are also displays of artifacts about Becket's history at the town hall in the Becket Room and downstairs in the hallway. If you have never taken your children there, summer would be a great time to do that.

So.... as you can see there are lots of things to do in Becket.