

Comtu Cascade Park – Use Policy – Approved May 10, 2021

For many years Springfield's riverfront was devoted to industrial purposes, but Comtu Cascade Park now offers a safe, accessible venue for events and recreational use. The Town of Springfield has created the following guidelines to ensure that everyone can benefit from this unique and valuable resource. Requests for park use should be directed to the Town Manager's Office at (802) 885-2104 or tosmanagerasst@vermontel.net.

1. Any activity that would unduly interfere with casual, incidental use of the park by others requires an event permit that must be approved in advance by the Selectboard. Examples include the use of amplified sound & lighting equipment, and sources of heat, smoke, noise or impact hazard such as portable grills, fireworks and aerial drones. Motorized vehicles (excepting mobility devices) are not allowed in the park except by prior authorization.
2. Groups of more than sixteen (16) people desiring to gather at the park instead of, or in addition to, nearby areas on Main Street, Park Street, or Valley Street require Town Manager and Police Chief approval in order to mitigate potential parking and safety issues.
3. Any commercial use requires an event permit. Any activity that involves the sale of goods and services also requires a vendor's permit, available through the Town Clerk's Office, and may require approval by the Development Review Board.
4. The installation or construction of fixtures or amenities such as the placement of portable sanitation facilities, tents, signage, inflatable games or displays, and crowd control devices, may require approval by the Development Review Board.
5. Bikes, scooters and skateboards are not to be ridden in the park.
6. Animals must be kept on leash and under the owner's control. Please clean up after your animals using the bags and waste receptacles provided.
7. Any activity that involves the use of electricity from one or more of the fixtures in the park, or the use of municipal water at the park, requires approval in advance by the Town Manager. A fee will be charged.
8. The Town Manager has discretion to approve, deny or set conditions for uses described above and for other uses not described above.

Similar to parades and other large events, certificates of insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or a signed waiver of liability is required.