

MC Beach & Pool Guide ~ Summer 2010

Name	Address	Open to Public/Cost	Additional Information
Peterson Park	Wolcott	Public, free	2 playgrounds, picnic tables, bike park, hiking trail
Stanclift Cove	Barkhamstead, on 318 near the intersection of 181	TBD	http://www.town.new-hartford.ct.us/town-dept/stanclift.html (New Hartford administers the Cove for the town of Barkhamsted 860-379-8082
Brodie Park	New Hartford corner of West Hill and Niles Road	Season beach pass is \$235 for non residents The guest fees are per person, so its \$5 per adult and \$2 per child and parking is up top near the playground.	http://www.newhartfordrecreation.com/NewHartfordParks.aspx http://newhartfordplus.com/?p=2672
Secret Lake	Avon	\$550/year	Includes the lake (where dogs are welcome) and a pool
Stratton Brook Park	Simsbury	Free during the week, \$14/car on weekends and holidays (or you can get a state park season pass for \$100.)	It has a lake, beach, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, and a walking trail.
Town Forest Park	Simsbury	Free	The water is more like a swamp than a lake -- not ideal for swimming.
Mills Pond	Canton	TBD	They have a great little wading pool that has a nice grassy area around it and is fenced off from the big pool, little ones are safely contained. The wading pool is open all day where as the big pool is only open in the afternoons.

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Winding Trails	Farmington	Members only but non-members can visit for a day for a small fee with a member.	<p>Membership is year-round (they offer sledding, skating, xskiing in winter, mountain biking, swimming, boating in summer, climbing wall, adventure courses, weekly triathlons, holiday events like Easter egg hunts and pumpkin decorating, family movie nights, you name it).</p> <p>WT has many preschool programs year-round, family events, sports for kids (soccer, hockey) and summer camps that are open to members AND non-members.</p> <p>We use our membership mostly in summer where there is a clean lake and beach, playground for the kids, concession stand, boathouse, bathrooms, and showers.</p>
Cranbrook Park	Granby, off Route 189	Free	<p>Has a pebble/sandy area by the brook where you can wade in water shoes (because of the rocks) and maybe catch small fish with a net. There is a playscape structure on a sandy surface nearby, as well as a picnic pavilion, a swing set and an asphalted path patch around for a tricycle/training wheels bike ride.</p>
Municipal Park	Westfield, MA located on Greylock Street off Franklin Street (which is Rte 10),	Free	<p>Hours are 10:30 to 8, Monday-Sunday, June-September. You have to activate water by placing hand over and touch the top of green bollards (posts). Water is turned off if outside temperature is below 68 degrees or less or in case of inclement weather. It's free and there is a playground, a picnic pavilion and restrooms next to it.</p>
Mt. Tom Pond	Mt. Tom State Park in Litchfield	\$100 Season Pass	<p>Has a small sandy beach with clean restrooms, and a snack shack that serves everything from grilled cheese sandwiches to chicken fingers to ice cream. You can even rent canoes and kayaks there. Good size for those with small children, and during the week it's never packed.</p>
Simsbury Farms Pool	Old Farms Road, Simsbury	<p>A family pass (for 4 people) is \$95 for Simsbury residents, \$145 for non-residents. You can also just stop by and swim without a pass -- I think the fees for that are about \$4 per person, kids under age 1 swim for free.</p>	<p>Simsbury also has public pools at Simsbury Farms. It contains a lap pool, diving pool, 4 ft deep swimming pool, and a wading pool, locker room, lounge chairs, etc. They let you bring your own toys and floaties and such into the wading pool and 4 ft pool. We love it because our kids range in age from 2 to 11, so there is a pool that is appropriate for each member of the family!</p> <p>Season passes available online: http://www.simsburyrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=18265</p>