



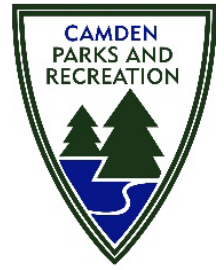
Camden Parks and Recreation 2024 Proposed Budget



Our Mission: *To enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors through recreational opportunities, community events and stewardship of the town's public lands.*



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Department Overview

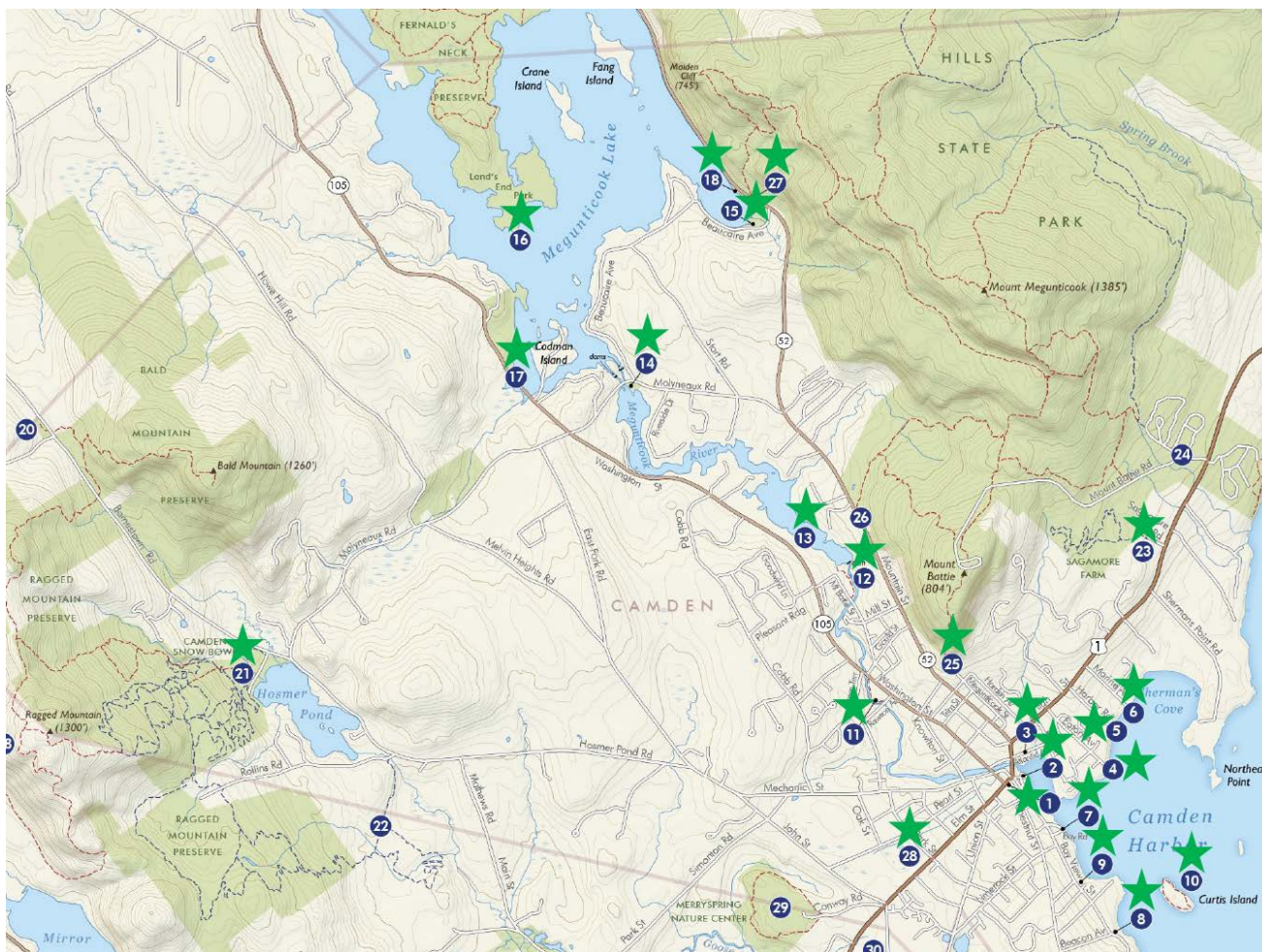
- The Camden Parks and Recreation Department manages and/or maintains more than 700 acres of town property and several facilities, including parks and numerous trailheads, overlooks, sections of the Riverwalk, the (former) tannery property, several boat launches, and the Camden Snow Bowl facility and grounds.
- The Parks and Recreation staff co-organize events and concerts. Staff also manage Snow Bowl facility and field rentals. Recent and annual events include:
 - Maine Lobster Ride, Ragged Mountain Scuttle, Camden Snow Bowl TrailFest, Summer Sounds Concerts, and Camden Windjammer Festival (public landing).
- Parks and Recreation staff contribute to the Maine Healthy Beaches program with weekly summer beach water testing and reporting.
- Camden Summer Recreation camp is run in partnership with the Penobscot Bay YMCA at the Snow Bowl, with recreation staff and town support.



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Managed/Maintained Town Property Map



1. Camden Village Green
2. Camden Public Landing
3. Camden Harbor Park/Amphitheatre
4. Eaton Avenue Overlook
5. Harbor Road Overlook
6. Marine Avenue Overlook
7. Bay Road Overlook
8. Curtis island Overlook
9. Laite Beach Park
10. Curtis Island
11. Camden River Walk – Tannery
12. Camden River Walk – Seabright
13. Shirttail Point Park
14. G.W. Hodson Park
15. Barrett's Cove Beach
16. Megunticook Lake/Land's End
17. Bog Bridge Boat Ramp
18. Barrett's Cove Boat Ramp
21. Camden Snow Bowl/Ragged Mtn
23. Sagamore Farm
25. Mount Battie Trail Head
27. Maiden Cliff Trail Bridge
28. Camden Bog



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Managed/Maintained Town Property Tasks

- 1. Camden Village Green**
Mowing, Spring/Fall Cleanup, Trash Collection, Dog Waste Collection, Occasional Stonework and Monument Maintenance, Assist Camden Garden Club with Grounds Maintenance/Beautification.
- 2. Camden Public Landing**
Mowing, Weeding, Clean/Maintain Public Restrooms & Picnic Tables, Trash Collection, Assist Harbormaster with Seasonal Dock Installation/Removal.
- 3. Camden Harbor Park/Amphitheatre**
Mowing, Spring/Fall Cleanup, Sea Wall Maintenance.
- 4. Eaton Avenue Overlook**
Brush Clearing, Pruning, Trash Collection, Spring/Fall Cleanup.
- 5. Harbor Road Overlook**
Brush Clearing, Pruning, Trash Collection, Spring/Fall Cleanup.
- 6. Marine Avenue Overlook**
Brush Clearing, Pruning, Trash Collection, Spring/Fall Cleanup.
- 7. Bay Road Overlook**
Brush Clearing, Pruning, Trash Collection, Spring/Fall Cleanup.
- 8. Curtis Island Overlook**
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Trail Maintenance.
- 9. Laite Beach Park**
Mowing, Spring/Fall Cleanup, Summer Beach Water Testing, Clean/Maintain Public Restrooms and Outdoor Rinse Area, Maintain Children's Swing Set and Grounds, Beach Stairs and Sea Wall Upkeep.
- 10. Curtis Island**
Tree/Branch Blowdown Removal Assistance as Needed, Responsible for Caretaker's House/Lighthouse Maintenance Materials.
- 11. Camden River Walk – Tannery Section**
Occasional Mowing and Pruning
- 12. Camden River Walk – Seabright Section**
Trail Maintenance, Spring/Fall Cleanup
- 13. Shirttail Point Park**
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Trash Collection, Portable Toilets, Picnic Tables
- 14. G.W. Hodson Park**
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Picnic Tables
- 15. Barrett's Cove Beach**
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Daily Cleanup, Trash Collection, Portable Toilets, Picnic Tables, Swim Float
- 16. Megunticook Lake/Land's End Park**
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Occasional Pruning, Trail Work and Picnic Tables
- 17. Bog Bridge Boat Ramp**
Spring/Fall Cleanup, Install/Remove Boat Floats and Portable toilets
- 18. Barrett's Cove Boat Ramp**
Install/Remove Boat Floats and Docks and Portable toilets
- 21. Camden Snow Bowl/Ragged Mountain**
Mowing, Sports Field Maintenance, Boat launch Dock In/Out, Lodge and trail Maintenance and Daily Cleaning, Off-Season Chairlift Maintenance/Inspections, Fall Chairlift Ride Operations
- 23. Sagamore Farm**
Occasional Trail Cleanup
- 25. Mount Battie Trail Head**
Maintain Lower Trails and Bridges, Cleanup Blowdowns
- 27. Maiden Cliff Trail Bridge**
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- 28. Camden Bog**
Spring/Fall Cleanup



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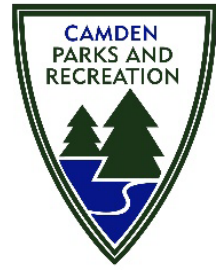


Staff and Roles

- Two Full-time positions for six months - Recreation Admin
 - One director, one assistant director - payroll, accounts payable, rental bookings, camp registration, event management and sponsorship acquisition, marketing, strategic planning and all associated tasks.
- Seven Full-time positions for seven months - Parks
 - Facility management, parks, Snow Bowl and Oak Hill Cemetery groundskeeping, trail maintenance, event assistance, assist with various town-wide projects.
- One Full-time position for seven months - Cemetery
 - Groundskeeping at Mountain View Cemetery.
- One Seasonal Full-time position for six months - Parks
 - Assist with full-time parks staff's duties.
- One Seasonal Full-time position for six months - Cemetery
 - Assist with full-time cemetery staff's duties.



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2023 Highlights

- **Town property, Parks and Overlook signs**
 - Continue program to replace public parks and overlook signs
- **Maiden's Cliff Trailhead Signage**
 - Worked with a donor to develop and install a memorial sign to include a trail map and other details.





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Budget Details and Changes

- Wages and benefits - slight increase. Positions are full.
- Purchase a new mower trailer and 4-wheeler (share with Snow Bowl).
- Additional funds for bridges and trail repair and restoration.



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Cemetery Budget Details and Changes

- The Cemetery Budget is ultimately reimbursed to the town by the Cemetery Association.



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Planned projects FY 24

- **Shirrtail Park Improvement (CIP)** **\$180,000**
 - Stabilize the riverbank and relocation of the parking lot for safety
- **Tennis Court restoration – LWCF grant**
 - 1 full size tennis court and 2 pickle ball courts
- **Replace aging bridges on Kuller and Maiden's cliff trail** **\$3,000**
- **Town Parks and Recreation website** **\$3,000**
 - Interactive