

COCKENOE ISLAND CAMPING PERMITS
SUMMARY OF KEY RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.) Any person wishing to camp on the Island between May 15th and October 15th of any year must receive a camping permit from the Westport Conservation Department, Town Hall, Room 205.
- 2.) Camping on the Island is permitted only in authorized and designated campsites.
- 3.) Pursuant to State of Connecticut Law, all Cockenoe Island campers must provide their own portable latrines. The Marine Police will monitor this requirement.
- 4.) Access to the Island is restricted to those locations marked for access.
- 5.) For each campsite the occupancy is limited to no more than five (5) persons and two (2) tents.
- 6.) Any reserved campsite that is not occupied by 9:00 p.m. shall be forfeited for that night, and any reserved campsite not occupied by 1:00 p.m. of the second day reserved shall be forfeited for the remainder of the reservation and made available to other campers.
- 7.) Open fires shall be permitted on designated camping area only. Portable grills shall be permitted only on beaches and designated camping areas. No fire shall be left unattended or unextinguished.
- 8.) The following are prohibited:
Littering; glass bottles and containers; the consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages on the island between October 15 and May 15; beer kegs or other containers of beer in excess of one (1) liter between May 15 and October 15; cutting of any trees or other woody vegetation for firewood or any other purpose; cutting, trampling or otherwise damaging dune grasses or other vegetation on the Island; trespassing into fragile natural areas; and the disturbance or feeding of any species of wildlife, including waterfowl, on any land portion of the Island.
- 9.) Pets are not allowed on certain areas, including but not limited to areas designated as wildlife sanctuary, areas closed for nesting birds, dunes, sand spit, tidal wetlands and bluffs. Campers and their visitors shall keep their pet(s) restricted to their reserved campsite by tying, caging or leashing the animal(s). In addition, pets are allowed on non-restricted areas only if they are kept on a leash. Pets are strictly prohibited from chasing, injuring or otherwise disturbing birds or other species of wildlife, digging up or mutilating vegetation, destroying or defacing Town property on the Island, and bothering any other Island users. Owners are additionally responsible for removing any feces from the Island and disposing of them in a proper manner.
- 10.) **Please remember that Cockenoe Island has a carry in/carry out policy. Please take your trash with you. There is no trash pick-up on the Island.**
- 11.) Except under emergency situations, vessels shall land on the Island in designated areas only.
- 12.) Quiet shall be observed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- 13.) For any violation of the conditions of a camping permit issued for Cockenoe Island, penalties, such as fines or revoking of permit may be imposed.

Note: This summary is intended to outline key rules and regulations governing Cockenoe Island in Westport, CT, and to assist in the preservation and enjoyment of this Island. No attempt has been made to employ exact wording of statutes and regulations, nor to provide a complete listing of them. For legal purposes please consult the Westport Ordinance entitled, "Cockenoe Island" listed in Chapter 30, Article VII of the Code of the Town of Westport.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT
THE WESTPORT CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
AT (203) 341-1170
MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.