TOWN OF STRATHAM

STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Public Notice April 7, 2020

Temporary Closure of Parking Lots at Stratham Hill Park Stevens Park Closed to the Public

The Town of Stratham is committed to following recommended guidance from state and federal authorities in order to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus. As a result and out of concern about the volume of people congregating in the Park, the Select Board will be closing parking lots and parking areas serving Stratham Hill Park effective beginning Tuesday April 7th until further notice.

The Board believes open space and park assets are important resources at times like these, however, they need to be used in accordance with best practices in social distancing in the face of this pandemic.

The Town of Stratham is committed to protecting the health and safety of the Town and Town employees and we ask for the public's patience, understanding and cooperation as we navigate this period of time as a community.

The following steps will also be taken:

- Closure of the main parking lot and dirt parking area around 4H Barn/ Pavilion will be blocked and signed to indicate no parking available.
- Signage will be placed along Portsmouth Avenue and sections of Depot Road and Sandy Point Road indicating that there will be 'No Parking' along either side of the road.
- Signage at the following neighborhood access points will inform the public that parking is prohibited by Temporary Order of the Police Department at these locations:
 - Long Hill Road
 - o Scamman Road

- Jack Rabbit Lane
- o Lovell Road
- o Portsmouth Avenue (2)
- o Crestview Terrace
- o Gifford Farm Road
- Point of Rocks Terrace
- o Crockett's Way
- o Stratham Memorial School
- In effort to promote social distancing the Pump Track, Tennis Courts and basketball courts have been closed for public usage. The playgrounds at both Stevens Park and Stratham Hill Park will remain closed.

Trails will remain open. Access shall be by foot or bicycle only.

Stevens Park is completely closed to the public

Trail users shall adhere to these recommendations:

- Refrain from using parks or trails if they are exhibiting symptoms.
- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to and during use of parks or trails.
- While on trails, warn other users of their presence and as they pass, and step aside to let others pass.
- Observe CDC's minimum recommended physical distancing of 6-10 feet from other individuals at all times. If this is not possible, users should find an alternate location or depart that space.

For more information on this Policy please contact the Town Office, please call 772-4741 ext. 187.