

WELCOME BACK!

We would like to welcome EVERYONE back to Blue Haven; we have a pretty special year in store for you!

Happy Victoria Day

To our friends that live north of the border, we wish you a **Happy Victoria Day** this Monday May 22nd. Victoria Day (French: Fête de la Reine, or "Celebration of the Queen") is a federal Canadian public holiday in honor of Queen Victoria's birthday. The date is simultaneously that on which the current Canadian sovereign's official birthday is recognized. It is sometimes informally considered the beginning of the summer season in Canada.

The holiday has been observed in Canada since at least 1845, originally falling on Victoria's actual birthday (May 24, 1819). It continues to be celebrated in various fashions across the country; the holiday has always been a distinctly Canadian observance. Victoria Day is a federal statutory holiday, as well as a holiday in six of Canada's ten provinces and all three of its territories. In Quebec, before 2003, the Monday preceding 25 May of each year was unofficially the Fête de Dollard, a commemoration of Adam Dollard des Ormeaux initiated in the 1920s to coincide with Victoria Day. In 2003, provincial legislation officially created National Patriots' Day on the same date.

Thank You!

You are what makes this place SO special. Without campers like you, Blue Haven simply could not exist. I hear comments all the time about:

- How **BEAUTIFUL** this place is - Thank you for taking pride in you own area! Each site is like a piece of a puzzle - when everything comes together, you have a beautiful picture!
- How **FRIENDLY** everyone is - Thank you all for being so welcoming to others in the park
- How **CLEAN** the place is - Thanks to not just our team but again, each of you!
- There is always something going on - Thanks to our Volunteer Activity Committee and other volunteers that help at various events.

The **BIG PICTURE** is that we have a **VERY** special place to come and relax with family and friends.



Opening News

- **Roads** - ALL roads are open.
- **Water** - ALL water is on
- **Bath Houses** - OPEN Bathhouses include:
 - Southside (near the dumpsters)
 - Block (near the playground)
- **Site Cleanup** - we ask if you are raking your lots that all leaves and debris are put in bags. Our staff will come around and pickup yard debris - just leave it by the edge of your lot.
- **Camp Store Hours:** Our store hours as of right now are subject to change, but are currently as follows:

• Monday / Tuesday	10am to 5pm
• Wednesday	CLOSED
• Thursday - Sunday	10am to 5pm

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 5/16: Janet Allison
- 5/16: Karen Visconti
- 5/16: Matteo Stivaletta
- 5/20: Nate Dickinson

Happy Anniversary to the following:

- 5/5: Larry & Jesse Barnaby
- 5/23: Donna & David Bechard

Newsletter Content

If you have anything to add to the newsletter, please either drop it by the office or e-mail it to tm@momot.com by Monday mornings. Birthdays? Anniversaries? Article ideas? Recipes?

Camp Store We have a good stock of parts in stock in the Camp Store. If we do not have it, we specialize in getting things **QUICKLY** to Blue Haven with **NO FREIGHT** charges (in most cases). Some additional things that we provide from the store include (but not limited to):

- ICE! Only \$2 per bag (tax included)!
- Propane fills, regulators, hoses.
- Water hoses / Septic lines

Service Requests If you are in need of any service work on your camper, feel free to stop by the office so we can collect any necessary information - please remember that if this is on a specific appliance (like a refrigerator) we will need the model numbers & serial numbers from your appliance.



This Weekend's Activities

The Volunteer Activity Committee met recently to start planning the upcoming activities. Here is a list of what has been planned so far:

- **Horseshoes are back!** Beginning Friday May 19th at 7pm every Tuesday & Friday! Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun. Located at the horseshoe pits near the clubhouse. 
- **Texas Hold 'Em is back!** Beginning Friday May 19th and will be every Friday night at 8:00pm in the clubhouse! Anyone 16 years of age and older is welcome to play. There is a \$15.00 buy in and a \$5 Bounty. Everyone is welcome to come try your luck and show off your poker face! This will be held in the Clubhouse. 
- **Sunday, May 21st at 10am - General Meeting** - This will be in the Clubhouse and is open to all seasonal guests. 

Upcoming Activities the Blue Haven Calendar is available on our website at the following link: <https://www.plattsburghrvstore.com/blue-haven-campground/events>

Also please note that our weekly newsletter will be the best place to get details for each specific event. Here is what we have SO FAR:

- **Beginning May 27th - Saturdays - 50/50** Sellers will be going around the park selling tickets - Try your luck! They are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets. Please See John Gagnon at 21 Michelle. 
- **Saturday, May 27th at 1pm - Take-A-Shot Poker Run** Sign-up begins at noon at the South Side Bathroom for a 1pm start time. There is a \$5.00 entry fee, and you must be 21 to play. We would like to say a huge thank you everyone who has drop off donations. If you still have a donation, please see Holly at 44 Riverside. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Poker Run. 
- **Saturday, May 27th at 8pm - Welcome Back Adult Dance**, Join in for some great music from the Just Us Band! What a GREAT opportunity to get together and celebrate that we can get together again. We anticipate that this will be a VERY popular event as it will give a chance to meet some of the new campers and for them to meet our Canadian families! 

- **Sunday, May 28th at 1pm - Memorial Garden** We will be holding a small ceremony at the memory garden at the front entrance. Please plan on attending this remembrance of our passed loved ones. Please bring a red geranium to the office and sign up for the memorial, giving name of the person or persons to be remembered. Please have us all of the names no later than Friday, May 26th. 
- **May 28th - Darts in the Clubhouse** will resume on Sunday, May 28th at 2pm
- **June 3rd - Adult Softball** will resumes Saturday, June 3rd at 10am
- **June 23rd - Kid's Movie Night** Friday 8pm
- **June 24th - Kid's Fishing Derby** Sat. 7am
- **June 24th - Adult Dance** Saturday at 8pm
- **June 25th - Kid's Softball** Resumes the weekly battles every Sunday morning at 10am on the softball field!
- **June 26th - Adult Bingo** resumes weekly on Monday evenings at 7pm
- **July 1st - CAN/AM Celebration**
- **July 1st - Kids Bingo** resumes on each Saturday at 9:30am: It's that time of year! Kids Bingo returns to Blue Haven at 9:30am sharp in the clubhouse. Come try your luck and win a prize. Parent supervision during this event is encouraged! Come join the fun! 
- **July 9th - General Meeting** - Sunday at 10am. This will be in the Clubhouse and is open to all seasonal guests.
- **July 15th - Basketball Tournament**
- **July 15th - Cribbage Tournament**
- **July 22nd - Adult Softball Tournament**
- **July 22nd - Dance** - Saturday at 8pm.
- **July 28th - Kid's Movie Night** Friday 8pm
- **July 29th - Christmas in July**
- **August 5th - Cardboard Boat Race**
- **August 12th - St. Patrick's Dance**
- **August 20th - Kid's Softball Banquet**
- **August 26th - Halloween**
- **September 2nd - Labor Day Festival**
- **September 2nd - Poker Run**
- **September 2nd - Kid's Super Bingo**
- **September 3rd - Adult Super Bingo**
- **September 3rd - End of Season Dance**
- **September 9th - Dart Tournament**
- **September 10th - General Meeting**



Friendly Reminders:

Every Camper at Blue Haven deserves to be able to enjoy their stay. Please read through these Policy Reminders and please also make your children aware of what applies to them. If anyone has ANY questions on these or any of our policies, please contact David or Tim in the Office.

- **ALL site rent is now due in full.**
- **Meter Bills** - The May reading has been completed and are ready to be paid.
- **Mail** - Please check the mailboxes in the office as there is still some unclaimed mail.
- **Packages** - All incoming packages are subject to the \$5 handling fee per package.
- **Site Improvements** - ALL site improvements MUST be approved by the office. This not only ensures that you abide by the policies, but also ensures the protection of our facilities. It is always an easier conversation before hand than it would be if your shed is too big or you move your fireplace and damage our infrastructure
- **Cars** - Only 2 cars allowed per site.
- **Speed Limit** - 5 MPH at all times.
- **Pets** - All pets must be leashed at all times. We must also have current shot records on file before bringing your pet into the park.
- **Site Appearance** - Each guest is responsible for the upkeep and 'curb appeal' of their site.
- **Quiet Hours:**
 - Weekdays - 10pm to 9am
 - Weekends and Holidays - 11pm to 10am
- **Curfew** - Under 18 must be on their site by 11pm
- **Bicycle Safety:**
 - Helmets are required for anyone 14 and younger (per NYS Law)
 - Obey the Stop Signs
 - Ride on the right
 - No riding after dark without a fixed light (not a flashlight)
 - Be aware of your surroundings.
- **Be respectful** - stay off other's sites

Golf Cart Policy Reminders

Operating Golf Carts in the Campground is a **Privilege**, and we have set these Guidelines to ensure safety for everyone in the Campground. Failure to follow these safety rules set forth will result in loss of that privilege:

- All carts must be registered with the office
- Please observe the 5mph Speed Limit
- Operator must be at least 16 years of age.
- Do NOT allow children to drive at ANY time - even while sitting on your lap.
- Cart Passengers MUST be limited to the number of passengers the cart is designed to carry.
- Golf Carts MUST have headlights and tail lights to operate at night.

Paddling Safety

Now that warmer weather is upon us, many people are starting to get out on the water to enjoy paddling. Whether you paddle in a canoe, a kayak, or on a stand up paddleboard, make sure you wear a Personal Floation Device (PFD).

Immersion in cold waters can quickly cause hypothermia, shock, and an inability to move and a properly fitted PFD can prevent drowning.

State law requires all children under 12 to wear a PFD while on a watercraft. Paddle safe by wearing your PFD at all times and following these other paddling safety tips:

- Large waves can form on large water bodies with steady winds. Heavy winds can create large waves on small and medium-sized water bodies. Know your abilities and the forecast for wind before setting out.
- Turn you canoe or kayak to point into large waves (or wakes from motorboats) to prevent being overturned.
- Find shelter on shore when you hear thunder.

We are Hiring We need to fill a few positions. If you or someone you know has experience or interest in this position, please contact Dave or Tim in the office.

- **Night Watchperson**
- **Facilities Maintenance**
- **Facilities Cleaner**

Product Spotlight

Standard Maxxair Vent Covers are a great addition to your camper as they can help keep your camper fresh and cooler by allowing you to keep your vents all season. Can be used Rain or Shine! Stale Musty Air, Smoke, and Cooking Odors Escape While Rain Stays Out! Available in many colors. Prevents Heat Build-up. Fits over most 14" x 14" Standard Roof Vents Installs easily! Can help cut your electric bill by allowing hot air to escape naturally and you will not have to rely on you're A/C as much! Contact us in the Camp Store!



Bass Fishing Basics (an article by takemefishing.org)

Bass fishing can be a great experience for beginners and seasoned anglers alike. For a successful day on the water, master these basic bass fishing tips and techniques.

BASS FISHING REGULATIONS

When you set out to fish for bass, be sure to familiarize yourself with regulations that govern the sport. For starters, the fishing season for bass varies by state, and in some states, like Rhode Island, there is no closed season.

SIZE LIMITS

Certain locations have minimum size limits for bass fishing, as well as maximums for the amount you can catch per day. And keep in mind that these size and catch limits may be different based on the various species of bass. In Kentucky, for instance, there's a daily limit of 15 for rock bass and six for largemouth bass.

GET A FISHING LICENSE

You'll also want to make sure you have a fishing license before setting out. Even recreational, first-time anglers may be required to have a license. In New York, anyone 16 or older has to get a license before casting. To purchase a license, check with the state's Fish & Wildlife Department or local retail establishments. They can usually be obtained by phone, online or in person. Following these tips should minimize, if not eliminate, your risk for illegal activity so that you can focus on your fishing without worry.

BASS BEHAVIOR

Just like any target species, understanding the factors that influence bass behavior is essential to mastering how to catch bass. One of the biggest impacts on the fish is the water temperature. Bass prefer warmer water, and the rise in temperature stimulates their appetite as well. But that doesn't mean they like it hot. So if you're fishing for bass in the summer months, they may actually be hunting for cooler water.

WEATHER

It's also valuable to learn how the weather can affect bass. Bass tend to shy away from the high sun and will seek shelter like a structure instead. In low light conditions, bass will be much more active and away from their hiding spots, making cloudy days or early morning or evening the best time to fish of bass.

FISHING MAPS

One of the best ways to find bass is to leverage today's available technology. Websites and fish finders can help you pinpoint areas in a body of water that hold bass. Even fishing maps can hold the keys to their location by marking places like ledges where they like to congregate.

BASS FISHING LURES

One reason why bass are such a popular for beginners learning how to fish has to do with their appetites. Simply put, bass are not picky eaters. They will go after almost anything they can, although they do have some preferences: crayfish and bluegill are universally hunted by bass.

JIG

When it comes to lures, the most common and arguably effective type is a jig. There are various options when it comes to jigs depending on the environment in which you're fishing. For instance, a punch jig can be used in thick vegetation because it's heavier. Another good option for areas with weeds or grassy cover are casting jigs, since their sleek design is intended to penetrate.

TOPWATER LURE

For an action-packed day, you may want to try a topwater lure. A walking bait is one of the more popular types because of its versatility. While

not novel, poppers are also a good choice, especially if you're trying to lure a bass out from under cover. Another favorite lure among bass anglers is the buzzbait.

PLASTIC WORMS

Even though they're not the most exciting, if you want to try your hand at plastics, go for a worm! Any bass, anywhere, will strike a finesse worm. You may want to try a rubber worm as well. Plastic crawlers are also a good way to mimic the bass' popular forage species.

SPINNERBAITS

Spinnerbaits are also very effective and can cover a large amount of water in a short period of time. Similar to crankbaits, they are suitable for nearly any condition. By stocking up on any of these lures, you're sure to have a productive day on the water!

