

Thanks to many of you for helping the Town of Livingston spread the word about new park rules for the summer of 2021 at North Twin Lake Park. Below are some answers to Frequently Asked Questions we have received.

**Question: How can the town tell me I can't access the lake if I have access rights in my deed?**

**Answer: All deeded access property owners have unrestricted pedestrian access to the lake as they have enjoyed for generations. Parking access will be subject to availability, however, like everyone else. Present proof of deed to the town clerk's office and you will be granted a permanent access pass that does not need to be renewed.**

**Question: Why should I have to pay \$165 as a nonresident for the chance to get a season's pass? What if I'm not selected?**

**Answer: It's free to apply for a nonresident permit. Simply email your name and contact information to the Town Clerk, [livingstontownclerk@yahoo.com](mailto:livingstontownclerk@yahoo.com) anytime before May 15, 2021. That day, all received names will be drawn from a hat and the first 25 people will have the chance to purchase a season's pass for \$165. You pay only if you are selected in the lottery.**

**Question: I'm a local and I can't fish in the evenings anymore?**

**Answer: Restricted Access is only from June 15 to Labor Day. Anyone can access the park from dawn to dusk all other times of year, including spring and early summer, and for ice fishing.**

**Question: Who will enforce these changes?**

**Answer: Attendants will be present daily at the lake's parking lot to check passes. Cars parked along roadways will be ticketed by law enforcement.**

**Question: What if I rent my place?**

**Answer: If you are the primary resident of a Livingston address, you will either enjoy a free season's pass subject to first-come, first-serve access, or deeded access rights provided your landlord transfers that right to you as a primary renter.**

**Question: Why were we not consulted on these proposed changes?**

**Answer: The Town Board relied heavily on the input of the Friends of North Twin Lakes group, park staff, property owners on the lake, and interviews with attendees to the lake to form this policy. We welcome constructive input on how we might continue to improve this policy to provide a balance of access and use. Our primary goals are to ensure that Livingston residents have primary access and that the use of the lake does not become unmanageable during peak summer hours. If you have concrete ideas, please consider either joining the Friends group or reaching out the Town Board.**

**Question: What are the fees used for? Will they reduce my taxes?**

**Answer: Even if all lottery permits are selected and paid for, the revenue raised would fall far short of the annual upkeep, maintenance, and staffing costs of this park. Since Livingston taxpayers must shoulder the cost of this park, we strongly believe that access should be free for Livingston residents and that Livingston residents should have the first chance to access the park.**