

Community Park Pool Frequently Asked Questions

Princeton Recreation Department



The following are not allowed in the CP Pool complex: bikes, scooters, skateboards, inline skates, frisbees, and soccer balls.

What are the daily admission rates to bring a non-resident guest with me to the pool in 2023?

Non-Resident Guests must be sponsored by either a Pool member or DAC holder and then pay the appropriate daily admission fee upon entry to the pool. (Guest of a Pool member = \$7/youth & \$14/adult. Guest of a DAC Holder = \$14/youth and \$18/adult)
PRD reserves the right to limit guests as needed on any given day based on capacity and attendance.

Are you accepting any new non-resident members in 2023?

We are accepting new non-resident members in 2023. Individuals will need to create a [CommunityPass](#) account in order to register.

I'm a Princeton resident but I have never had a Daily Admission Card (DAC). When can I pick up my DAC?

After you register for your 2023 Daily Admission Card on Community Pass, you will need to come to the Recreation Department office (380 Witherspoon St) from 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday and have your photo taken for your DAC.

I'm a Princeton resident and had a DAC previously, can I use the same card again this summer?

Only if your DAC had your photo on it. If not, you must first register for the 2023 DAC option in [CommunityPass](#) and then come to the office to have your photo taken and receive your new DAC. If your DAC already has your photo on it then all you need to do is register for the 2023 Daily Admission Card Season in Community Pass and complete the online waiver.

Can I bring food and/or drink with me to the pool?

Yes. Guests may always bring their own food and drink. Glass bottles and alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the complex. Bags and coolers are subject to search upon entry to the complex to ensure that no prohibited items are brought in. The concession stand will also be open during normal hours of operation.

Are there tables and chairs available for use at the pool?

Chairs, benches and tables are available for use on a first come first served basis. Patrons may continue to bring their own chairs if they choose.

Can I reserve the Pool Community Room or other space for a gathering at the pool?

The Community Room is available to be reserved on weekends only for parties and gatherings. During the week, when not in use for Recreation Department Camps/activities, the Community Room is available first come first served and may not be reserved or used for large gatherings. All other seating areas are available first come first served and may not be reserved.

How do I find out if the pool is closing early due to inclement weather?

Be sure to check Princeton Recreation [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for the latest updates. You may also call the pool from office: 609-921-2990. Please keep in mind that if the pool has already closed for the day due to inclement weather there may not be anyone there to answer the phone. PRD reserves the right to close early due to inclement weather at the discretion of the manager. In addition, due to limited sheltering capacity, patrons may be asked to leave the complex in the event of a thunder/lightning delay.

What is your address and phone number?

Address: 380 Witherspoon Street Princeton, NJ 08540

Pool Phone: (609)-921-2990

Recreation Dept. phone: (609)-921-9480

When is CP Pool open?

Early Season Weekends:

Dates: May 27, 28, & 29, June 3, 4, 10 & 11

Public Swim Hours: 11:00am-8:00pm

Princeton Recreation will also have open office hours on these early season weekend dates for registration, pool photo ID's, and other services. Office Hours will be 10:30am – 6pm.

Full Time Schedule

Dates: Saturday, June 17 through Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Weekdays: Public Swim Hours: 12:00pm – 8:00pm*

Weekends & Holidays: Public Swim Hours: 11:00am – 8:00pm

*Starting in mid-August the complex will close at 7:30pm daily due to diminishing daylight.

If I am a Princeton resident, Can I pay by the day to use CP Pool?

Yes. Daily admission rates are as follows:

Resident Child (17 & younger): \$7

Resident Adult (18 & Older): \$14

All Daily Admission guests must first register for a Daily Access Card (DAC) on Community Pass in order to come to the pool and pay the daily admission fee. All DAC's must have a photo. Even if you had a DAC last year, you must register again. If you fail to do so, your card will not be active. If your DAC from a prior year does not have your photo on it, you must come to the office to have your picture taken and receive a new DAC.

To register: <https://register.communitypass.net/princeton>

Can I get a refund if it rains?

In case of inclement weather, we have a rain check list. We do not give refunds (Cash, check or credit card) on daily admission.

What is the Thunder/Lightning Policy?

In the event of thunder or lightning, CP Pool will close for a minimum of 30 minutes from the last sound of thunder or visual sight of lightning. During a thunder/lightning delay, all patrons must leave the complex. There is very limited capacity for patrons to shelter within the complex during an electrical storm. PRD reserves the right to close the complex at any time for the remainder of the day based on the weather forecast and/or current weather conditions.

Do I have to pay to enter the complex if I am not swimming?

All individuals entering the pool complex are required to pay an admission fee (or have a pool membership) regardless of whether they plan to swim or not.

At what age can I drop my child off to go to the pool by themselves?

Children ages 11 and older may come to the pool unaccompanied by an adult. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied and supervised by someone that is at least 15 years of age or older. Individuals that are of questionable swimming ability should not use the dive well or deep end of the main pool regardless of age. Management reserves the right to issue a swim test to anyone of questionable swim ability.

Does my child have to wear a swim diaper?

In conjunction with the New Jersey Sanitary Code (8:26-5.4) the following pool patrons must wear swim diapers and plastic pants that fit snug around the waist and leg:

- All children under 3 years of age
- All children age 3 & over that are not completely toilet-trained
- All pool patrons that are incontinent
- Non-compliant patrons will not be allowed in the water. This is applicable for all pool patrons in all pools. Plastic pants are available for purchase at the pool front office.

What flotation devices are permitted in your facility?

Non-Inflatable floatation devices are permitted. We offer US Coast Guard approved life vests free (with your ID) for daily use from our pool front office.

Can I bring pool toys into Community Park Pool?

CP Pool permits pool toys in the Kiddie Pool only at the discretion of the CP Pool management. Large rafts, inflatables and/or inner tubes are not permitted. Toys that negatively affect the enjoyment of other pool patrons or hinder lifeguard's ability to scan the pool are prohibited. Toys are not permitted in the main pool or dive well under any circumstances. Ball playing and Frisbee tossing are not permitted in the complex.

I lost something at Community Park Pool – What should I do?

Please speak to our Customer Service Staff at the CP Pool front office, or call (609)-921-2990. We do not keep most lost and found items beyond 24 hours.

Do you have any rental areas for birthday parties?

A section of the Community Room may be reserved on weekends only for birthday parties.

Are pets allowed at CP Pool?

With the exception of service animals, pets are not allowed in the complex.

Do you have an ATM?

No, we do not have an ATM on site.

In addition to cash do you accept any other payments?

Yes, we accept credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and Discover) and personal checks.

What items are not permitted at Community Park Pool?

The following are prohibited: balloons, alcohol, glass containers and all other prohibited items/actions detailed in the CP Pool rules and municipal parks ordinances including any amplification of sound or music.

How deep are the pools?**Main Pool**

- Main Pool depth ranges from 3 to 5 feet of water

Family Bay Pool

- Family Bay depth ranges from a zero-depth entry point to 3 feet of water

Kiddie Pool

- Kiddie Pool depth ranges from a zero-depth entry point to slightly less than 1.5 feet of water

Dive Pool

- Slide area: 4 feet deep
- Diving area: Depth ranges from 9 feet to 14 feet

Slide Rules:

- Individuals under the age of 11 and less than 48" tall must take the swim test in order to use the slide.
- If a patron is 48" tall or taller or 11 years of age and older, they do not have to take the swim test in order to use the slide.
- Start slide when directed by the lifeguard. The slide lifeguard has the authority to turn away swimmers of questionable ability.

- Only one person on the slide at a time.
- Younger children MAY NOT ride with an adult.
- Per the slide manufacturer guidelines, patrons that are pregnant, persons with heart conditions and/or back problems should not use the slide.
- Bathing suits or swim attire with buckles or exposed metal parts cannot be worn on the slide as they may cause damage to the slide surface.
- Goggles, masks, glasses or flotation devices are not permitted on the slide. Sliders must exit the pool immediately.

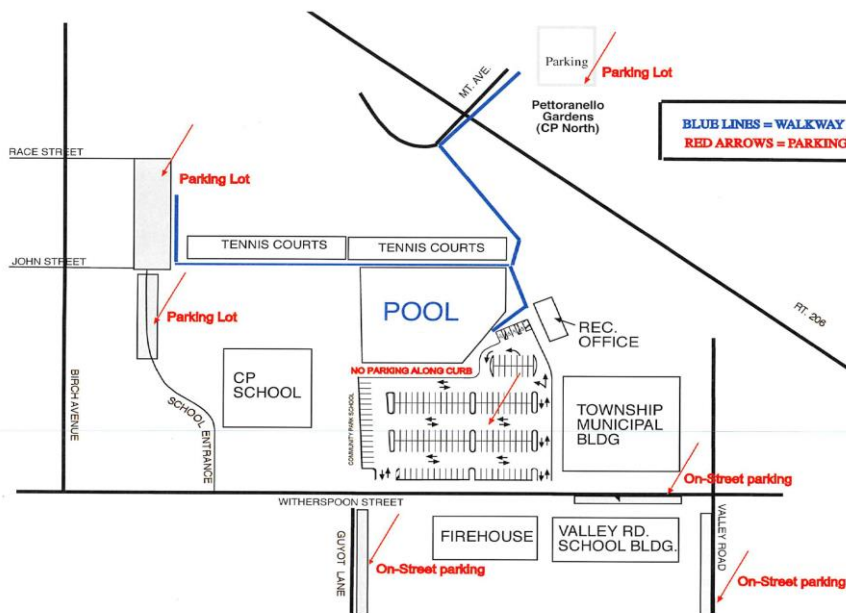
Swim Test:

- Consist of swimming the length of the pool without stopping or standing and treading water for 90 seconds.
- Individuals that do not pass the swim test must wait a minimum of 1 day to take the test again.
- All individuals under the age of 11 or of questionable swimming ability must take the swim test in order to use the dive boards.

Does it cost anything to park?

Parking is available for free in the CP Pool Parking lot, located on Witherspoon Street.

What if the CP Pool Parking Lot is full? Please refer to the alternate parking map below:



Is there shade at the pool?

Yes, there is both natural and artificial shade throughout the facility. At the discretion of the management, patrons may use small pop-up tents (not taller than 50" or wider than 60"). In

those instances, anchoring hardware may not disturb the grass turf or irrigation system underneath. Tents must be removed when the patrons leaves for the day.

Do camps utilize your facility?

Yes, both the Recreation Department Day Camp and Travel Camps use the facility. The Day Camp will be in the complex from approximately 12pm – 2pm, Mon-Fri from June 26 – August 4.

Where can I sit in your facility?

All seating at CP Pool is available on a first come, first served basis. Tables, chairs and benches are available on a first come, first served basis.

Is the pool water heated?

CP Pool does not heat the pool water.

Do you allow smoking in the facility?

CP Pool is 100% Smoke-Free. This includes e-cigarettes or vapes. Smoking is not allowed within 35 feet of the CP Pool entrance or the entryway to any municipal facility per municipal ordinance.