

Bristol Select Board

February 7, 2019

I've been part of the planning committee for the New Haven Ledges Race since it's first year in 2009 and an active member on the Vermont Paddlers Club Board of Directors for over a decade.

This race has more or less become a tradition in the whitewater boating community throughout New England. It signifies the kick off of the boating season in Vermont for the most part. We run the race low or high water and participants and spectators alike enjoy the day along the New Haven in Bristol, VT.

We've picked April 13th as the race date this year with April 20th as the back-up date if the water is too high or too low. The race course and format will be the same as the past several years, beginning from a start ramp below Eagle Park ending well up river of Route 116 in the pool below Bartlett Falls.

With 2018 being our 10th year, we have a really strong handle on safety and logistics for the event, both on the river and off the river. There are three locations where we set up static safety on the river. We also split the field of racers and have half of them serve as on river safety while not racing. Off river we provide shuttle service for the racers so they aren't hauling their boats up and down the road and to minimize traffic disruptions in general. We bring in a port-a-potty to handle spectator and racer needs. We cover the race with insurance and add the Town of Bristol additionally insured through coverage via the American Canoe Association. We've been doing this since the first race. Lastly we always have a certified EMT on hand for any incidents that would require their attention.

In years past I've provided the following for select board to be ok with the event:

- Certificate of Insurance and Bristol as additionally insured with the risk management plan
- EMTs on site and formal contact with Bristol Rescue Squad so that they are aware of the event.
- Contact the Bristol Fire Department,
- Contact the Bristol Police Department and Vermont State Police for the state permit.
- Eagle Park reservations to Val for the date of the event

If there is more needed please let me know and I'll be more than happy to follow up. I plan to have the above items taken care of and in place by early March.

Bristol has been super gracious to let us hold this race the last 9 years. We are requesting approval to hold the race again this year on April 13th 2019 (with a make-up date on April 20, 2019). We hope to be able to continue this tradition for years to come.

If you have any questions or concerns or advice for me please feel free to contact me at any point here via email or you can reach me by phone - 272-6209 or email - ryanmtnman@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



Ryan McCall
New Haven Race 2019
Vermont Paddlers Club

Bristol Recreation Department

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It's All good!

APPLICATION FOR USE OF Bristol Parks

Eagle Park Memorial Park Sycamore Park Town Green Riding Ring

Event: New Haven Ledges Race 2019

Contact Name: Ryan McCall

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Phone Number: 802-272-6209

Phone Number: N/A

Email: ryanmtnman@gmail.com

Email: N/A

Event Date: 4/13/19 (make up date 4/20/19)

Load in Time: 7am

Event Time: 9am

Load out Time: 5pm

Expected Attendance: 60 racers and various spectator

Description of the Event: Down-river whitewater race from Eagle Park to the Rt 116

Requested area of the park for use: Parking area, along river banks and near picnic table(s)

The Bristol Town Parks have served as landmarks in Bristol for many years. The intention is to preserve the Parks as a place to hold activities that celebrate our sense of community.

The Selectboard reserves the right to approve, deny or impose conditions to any proposed use of the Town Parks. All applicants may be asked to appear before the Town Selectboard

We ask that you have respect for each other, our park and our community.

Fees: Will be determined on a case by case basis

All fees are to be paid prior to the event. Checks should be made payable to **Bristol Recreation Department**

Will your event require use of:

- Water
- Electricity

No **Fee: N/A**
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General Terms of Rental Agreement:

1. There is no smoking in the park at any time.
2. No open flames.
3. The service or consumption of alcohol within the venue or on the grounds is prohibited.
4. All events must conclude by 10pm with clean up done by 11pm
5. **All parties using any town park for activities will be responsible for providing receptacles for trash and recycling, as well as removing it from the park at the conclusion of your event. Like many other public parks, our parks are now a pack in/pack out park.**
6. Any damages or issues must be reported as soon as possible to the Recreation Department within 24 hours of your event or you may be held responsible.
7. Users may be required to provide a constable or police officer to maintain order during a planned event. In that eventuality, users are responsible for the associated expenses.
8. Children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times.
9. All events must be suitable for all ages.
10. Users are responsible for leaving the facilities and the grounds in the same condition they found them. In the event of extraordinary damages (beyond normal wear and tear), users are responsible for all costs of repairs or cleaning.
11. **Users must supply the Town of Bristol with a certificate of insurance.**

The Town of Bristol Selectboard reserves the right to approve (or deny) all proposed uses of Town Parks.

I hereby agree to comply with the rules & regulations of the Town of Bristol Selectboard governing the use of the Bristol Town Parks.

Signature: Ryan Q. McCall.... Date: 2/7/18

Please contact Bristol Recreation Department one week prior to your event to go over security procedures.

Permit **Granted** _____ **Denied** _____
Conditions:

Deposit Ck # _____

Fee Ck# _____

Received by: _____