

EDITORSMESSAGE

REDISCOVER YOUR PLAYFUL SPIRIT WITH MANCHESTER NOW

Welcome to the first edition of *Manchester Now* – your ultimate guide to the incredible range of leisure opportunities offered right here in our community! Whether you’re looking to get active, stay creative, learn something new, or simply unwind, this catalog brings together the very best programs and services from Recreation, Neighborhoods and Families, Youth Services, Libraries and Senior Services.

From the very beginning of our lives, we are Built to Play. It’s an essential part of being human – a joyful expression of curiosity, creativity, and connection. As children, play comes naturally, filling our days with adventure and wonder. But as we grow, life’s demands – work, school, relationships, and responsibilities – can gradually pull us away from that playful spirit.

Yet play is not just for the young - it is a lifelong necessity. It nurtures our well-being, fosters social bonds and keeps our minds and bodies vibrant. In fact, being playful is one of the most powerful ways to maintain a healthy and fulfilling life, no matter your age.

This summer we invite you to rediscover that spirit of play. Dive into the hundreds of offerings listed in this catalog and find something that sparks your interest. Whether it’s joining a sports league, exploring creative arts, participating in community events, or connecting with neighbors through social activities, there’s something for everyone.

Get back on your playful path. Make time for yourself, your family and your friends. Reconnect with your community, and most importantly—have fun!

We look forward to seeing you out there, embracing the joy of play and making lasting memories.



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MANCHESTERLATER

Ground Breaking at The Oak

Stay tuned for an announcement for the grand opening of The Oak at Charter Oak Park, coming late summer / early fall.

Northwest Park Farmers Market

Mark your calendars for this fall’s Northwest Park Farmers Market, scheduled for Wednesdays, September 3 - October 29 from 4:00PM - 7:00PM at Northwest Park! Come enjoy the carefully crafted slate of diverse farms, prepared food vendors, artisans, local musicians and much more.

Fall Swim Lesson Registration Dates

Fall swim lesson registration will open on Wednesday, September 10 at 9:00AM. Stay tuned for further session information, including Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday & Saturday swim offerings.

Fall Festival

The Recreation Division’s annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 10 from 5:00PM - 8:00PM at Northwest Park. Come enjoy food vendors, bounce houses, a haunted trail and - most importantly - candy! Come dressed in your Halloween costume and enjoy a night out with the Manchester community.

Leisure Labs Open House & Exhibit Night

The Leisure Labs Open House will be held on Wednesday, October 1 from 6:00PM - 8:00PM. This open house will include a variety of demo activities and the introduction of the new *World in Manchester* exhibit, an exhibit that acknowledges the diverse cultures of Manchester that stem from all around the world. All those attending will receive a World in Manchester exhibit book and refreshments will be provided.

The center also exhibits the Manchester Sports Hall of Fame and the Luminaries of Change.

REGISTERNOW

Registration Dates  
Residents | May 7, 2025  
Non-residents | May 9, 2025

**Online Registration** | Don’t remember your username or password? Give us a call and we can assist you! Log on to: RecOnline.townofmanchester.org

**Over the Phone** | Contact us at (860) 647-3084. If paying over the phone a Visa or MasterCard must be used.

**In-Person** | Visit the Manchester Community Y Recreation Center or the Center Springs Park Main Lodge.

**Registration** | Participants who are Manchester residents require proof of residency upon initial account registration and set-up, unless otherwise noted. A resident is defined as a person who permanently resides in the Town of Manchester. Non-residents may only register for programs that indicate “nr” (non-resident fee) next to the listed fee.

**Program Enrollment Policy** | Enrollment is limited and most programs are on a first come, first served basis. The Recreation Division reserves the right to cancel or close a program which does not meet minimum enrollment requirements.

**Refund Policy** | Full refunds will be made if a request is made at least one week prior to the start of the program or if the Recreation Division cancels the class.

**Late Registration** | Late registration may be accepted for most programs if space permits. Programs are not prorated for late registration.

**Confirmation Receipt** | Online registrants should print out their receipt upon registration.

**Waiting List** | If your desired class is filled, you may be placed on a waitlist, if a waitlist is available. This does not include the Infant, Toddler, Preschool and Levels 1-6 swim lessons.

Program Cancellation Line

Access program cancellations 24/7 on our program cancellation line by calling (860) 647-3162.

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@ManchesterRecreation  
@YouthSvc  
@NeighborhoodsandFamilies



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Membership

Facility Pass for Seniors, Adults & Youth Valid until December 31, 2025

A facility pass is required and allows drop-in use of the recreation centers, outdoor pools, indoor pools, and the Community Y Fitness Center during the 2025 recreation season. Senior citizen passes are also valid for the Manchester Senior Center and Senior Center programs.

A facility pass is for Manchester residents only and a valid ID is required to prove residency upon purchase and renewal. You must be present when purchasing a membership as photos will be taken at the time of purchase. Adult, Youth and Senior facility passes can be purchased at Center Springs, Community Y Rec Center and Customer Service at Town Hall. Senior passes can also be purchased at the Senior Center.

Facility Pass Fees

Youth (0 - 20 years old)	No Cost
Adults (21 - 59 years old)	\$25.00
Senior Citizen (60 and older)	\$10.00
Lost Card Replacement Fee	\$5.00

Special Consideration

*Per Connecticut General Statute 19a-77 we are required to disclose that our programs are not licensed by the State Office of Early Childhood.*





# MANCHESTERLOCATIONS

The Manchester locations guide includes information on town green spaces, recreation centers, program facilities and more. For a complete listing of facilities, please contact the Recreation Division at (860) 647-3084.



## CENTER SPRINGS 39 LODGE DRIVE

A picturesque, 57-acre park in the center of Manchester, Center Springs Park offers an 18-hole disc golf course, fishing and observation piers, covered pavilions, public art installations, and is home to the Center Springs Lodge, the main office for the Department of Leisure, Family and Recreation. The park also has an access point to the Cheney Rail Trail.



## DOG PARK AT MOUNT NEBO 155 SPRING STREET

This park is open from dawn to dusk and provides an enclosed space for licensed dogs to play and socialize. Dog owners are required to abide by posted rules.



## CHARTER OAK PARK CHARTER OAK STREET

Charter Oak Park includes playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, a softball field, music garden, the only three-sided handball court in the state, and internal park pathways and access to the East Coast Greenway, along with a connection to Mount Nebo park. Coming soon - The Oak soccer field and all wheel park and pump track. During the summer, the park hosts the Park Ambassador and Yellow Bike programs.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER 448 TOLLAND TURNPIKE

Located at Northwest Park in Building #1, this center provides early childhood development programming, support and parenting resources. This center is managed by the Youth Service Bureau.



## COMMUNITY Y RECREATION CENTER 78 NORTH MAIN STREET

The Community Y Recreation Center houses a fitness center, gymnasium, and exercise and dance studio. The center also hosts registration for recreational programs and memberships.



## EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER 153 SPRUCE STREET

The Eastside Neighborhood Resource Center is home to the Neighborhoods & Families Division and offers no-to-low cost community-based programming, as well as space for community groups to meet. This is also the site for the community's popular Spruce Street Farmers Market and community garden.

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## NORTHWEST PARK 448 TOLLAND TURNPIKE

This premier 24-acre park on the north end of Manchester sits on the north shore of Union Pond and features baseball fields, a pond, observation pier, accessible playground, pavilion, hiking trails and more. Pavilion available for rental May 1 - October 11, 2025. Contact the Lead Pavillion Coordinator for rental information - (860) 647-3075



## SENIOR CENTER 549 EAST MIDDLE TURNPIKE

The Senior Center offers a comprehensive array of activities and services to meet the needs of Manchester's seniors, encourages healthy lifestyles and supports lifelong learning.



## OLCOTT STREET SPRAYGROUND 126 OLCOTT STREET

The sprayground is open from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend from 10:00AM - 8:00PM.



## YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU 63 LINDEN STREET

The Manchester Youth Service Bureau is devoted to providing opportunities for personal growth to Manchester youth, ages birth to 21, through no-to-low cost programs, services and activities that aim to develop responsible individuals who make positive contributions to the community.



## PUBLIC LIBRARIES 586 MAIN STREET | MAIN LIBRARY 100 NORTH MAIN STREET | WHITON

Manchester has two public libraries. The Main Library Building is located in the heart of Manchester's downtown, while Whiton Branch Library is located on the north end of Manchester, adjacent to the Community Y Recreation Center.



## UNION POND PARK & FIT TRAIL 110 NORTH MAIN STREET

This 6.88 acre park overlooks Union Pond and provides park-goers with areas for fishing and boating as well as the waterfront outdoor Jay Howroyd Fit Trail featuring eight fitness stations. The Hockanum-Oakland trail can also be accessed at Union Pond Park.



UPCOMINGEVENTS

THURSDAY CREATIVE NIGHTS

Location: Northwest Park  
Th, 7/3/25 - 8/21/25 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

RED, WHITE AND BLUE TIE-DYE | JULY 3  
Add some color to your wardrobe - join us for a fun, twisty, scrunchy time! Bring your own shirt, pants or socks - anything you want to add some red, white and blue to!

CANVAS PAINTING | JULY 10  
Unleash your creativity in a vibrant world of colors! Join us for a night of fun and artistic expression, where you'll turn your fantastic ideas into stunning canvases. Don't miss this chance to discover the artist within you!

CERAMIC PAINTING | JULY 17  
Unleash your inner artist as you paint stunning ceramic pieces like suns, adorable piggy banks, and so much more! With a rainbow of beautiful colors to choose from, this is the perfect opportunity to express yourself and have a blast while doing it!

CLAY NIGHT | JULY 24  
A night of creativity awaits as we unleash our imagination to shape anything from clay! Whether it's an animal, a whimsical creature, or a charming mug, let it dry and you'll have a beautiful creation

OPEN MIC & POETRY WORKSHOP | JULY 31  
Calling all artists! Rappers, singers, dancers -this is your moment to shine! Join us for an open mic night where you can unleash your creativity and showcase your amazing skills. Plus, don't miss out on our engaging poetry workshop to elevate your art.

NEEDLE POINT CRAFT NIGHT | AUGUST 7  
An opportunity to learn the techniques of creating a fun needlepoint art piece. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this craft night will guide you through the process step by step.

CANVAS PAINTING | AUGUST 14  
Enjoy the experience of splashing vibrant watercolors onto your canvas to create stunning art pieces. This event welcomes all skill levels, so come unleash your imagination and see what you can create!

OPEN MIC NIGHT | AUGUST 21  
Calling all artists! Rappers, singers, dancers - this is your moment to shine! Celebrate the end of summer, unleash your creativity and showcase your amazing skills.

COLOR DASH  
Location: Northwest Park Pavilion  
Join us for a vibrant, family-friendly Color Dash at Northwest Park! Enjoy a fun-filled day with a colorful 1-mile run, bounce houses, a DJ, Kona Ice and much more! Perfect for all ages—come out and make memories while getting covered in color! Registration recommended.  
Sat, 5/10/25 | 11:00AM - 2:00PM

PUBLIC WORKS DAY  
Location: 321 Olcott Street  
Visit the Public Works facilities for Touch-a-truck, informational materials, games, gifts, and more!  
W, 5/21/25 | 10:00AM - 12:00PM

JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY CONVERSATION  
Location: WORK SPACE, 903 Main Street  
Join the Neighborhoods & Families Division and community partners for a conversation focused on all things Juneteenth. The panel will consist of a roundtable of local leaders as they explore Juneteenth, its impact on our community & the necessity of commemorating the holiday. Light refreshments will be provided.  
F, 6/20/25 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Spruce Street FARMERS MARKET  
Good Food. Good People. Grown Here.  
WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 4 - AUGUST 27, 4:30-7:30 PM  
MARKET FIELD, 153 & 163 SPRUCE STREET  
SNAP DOUBLED UP TO \$30.00

MARC'S 2025 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES  
Location: MARC Inc, 151 Sheldon Road  
Tu, 7.8 | 7.15 | 7.22 | 7.29 | 6:30PM - 8:30PM

MASS-CONN-FUSION | JULY 8  
R&B, funk, and disco cover band

NIGHT SHIFT | JULY 15  
60's, 70's, and 80's cover band

CHANGES IN LATITUDES | JULY 22  
Jimmy Buffet tribute band

STILL KICKIN' WITH THE BIG CITY HORNS | JULY 29  
60's, 70's, and 80's tribute horn band



JAMES "DUTCH" FOGARTY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION  
Manchester Community College - Great Path, Manchester, CT  
The James "Dutch" Fogarty Independence Day Celebration committee is celebrating 40 years of legendary live music, kid's zone activities, marketplace offerings, food, family, friends and fireworks-filled fun. This annual get-together will be the highlight of the summer and is not something to be missed.  
Sat, 7/5/25 | 4:00PM - 9:00PM | Rain Date: July 6



CRUISIN' ON MAIN STREET  
Main Street, Downtown Manchester  
Mark your calendar for August 3rd and attend one of the largest one-day car shows in all New England. Whether you are showing a car or just attending to check out the cars, listen to great music, and/or enjoying a meal downtown, you can't miss this great annual event.  
Sat, 8/3/25 | 11:00AM - 3:00PM | Rain Date: August 10



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
Leisure Labs at Mahoney Center  
National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police and neighborhood partnerships. Join us at Leisure Labs for bounce houses, Police Department Recruiters, PAL Judo demos, family fun with DJ Dale & more!  
Tu, 8/5/25 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

CHARTER OAK: FRIDAY SPECIALS

The Park Ambassadors are looking forward to seeing you this summer at Charter Oak Park! OurPark Shop will be open Monday - Friday from 5:30PM - 8:30PM, starting June 23 through August 22, where you can sign-out either a Yellow Bike or scooters. Proper identification and safety equipment required.

We will also be open for drop-in activities, including life-size Jenga/Connect Four, foosball, arts and crafts and more! The Friday Night Specials series will return this summer from Friday, June 27 - Friday, August 22. All events and drop-in activities are free to attend; no registration is required.

Summer Kick-Off  
June 27 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
Bring the family and enjoy our summer kick off featuring inflatables & recreational games and activities!

No Friday Night Special and OurPark Shop  
July 4

Manchester Police Department Night  
July 11 | 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
Come visit the Manchester Police Department and their officers to see all their exciting equipment and enjoy a night of fun and games!

Lutz Museum: Fur, Feathers or Scales Night  
July 18 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
Do mammals, birds and reptiles share similar physical features, and how do we tell them apart? The Lutz Museum will be joining the Park Ambassadors with three live animals, one from each group, along with biofacts from the museum's natural history collection.



DOG BARK-ETS AT MOUNT NEBO DOG PARK  
Su, 6/1/25 | 6/22/25 | 7/20/25 | 12:00PM - 2:00PM  
Bring your dog to shop from dog-focused vendors, learn about the local business who support a dog-friendly community and grab a treat for your dog to enjoy!



Rec on the Run is a mobile pop-up creative arts, sports and games vehicle offering FREE activities in Manchesters parks and neighborhoods. Join us at the locations below and let your creativity run wild!

Tuesday - Friday | 5:00PM - 7:00PM

Tuesdays | Mahoney Recreation Center

Wednesdays | Spruce Street Farmer's Market

Thursdays | Northwest Park

Fridays | Charter Oak Park

COLOR ME WEEK  
July 1 - July 3  
(No program July 4)

JUNK IT WEEK  
July 29 - August 1

BEAD IT WEEK  
July 8 - July 11

PAINT IT WEEK  
August 5 - August 8

PAINT IT WEEK  
July 15 - July 18

BUILD IT WEEK  
August 12 - 15

COLOR ME WEEK  
July 22 - July 25

COLOR ME WEEK  
August 19 - August 22

MANCHESTER PAL 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL SERIES  
Get ready to ball out this summer!

The Manchester PAL 3-on-3 Basketball Series is back and it's bigger, better, and full of Friday night fun! Kids ages 5 to 18 can hit the courts for an exciting evening of hoops, high-fives, and hometown spirit. Hosted by Manchester PAL, Manchester Police, and the Youth Services Bureau, this FREE series includes skills practice, competitive games, plus pizza and water for all players. It's all about safe play, community vibes, and smiling faces. Let's play, grow, and have a blast together.



June 13 - August 15  
Fridays 5:00PM  
Same day registration.  
For more info, contact:  
Pwalsh@manchesterct.gov



CELEBRATEMANCHESTER

From June 1 - 14, join in on this annual series of events to celebrate the people, places & activities of Manchester!

CelebrateManchester

JUNE 1 - JUNE 14

SENIOR LINE DANCE PARTY

Location: Senior Center  
No experience needed and you do not need to bring a partner - all welcome! Admission is free but tickets are required to be eligible for door prizes. Tickets available at the Senior Center and at Customer Service at Town Hall.  
Tu, 6/3 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

VETERANS BARBEQUE

Location: Manchester Elks Lodge  
At the Manchester Elks Lodge, 30 Bissell Street. The Lodge will be cooking up barbecue chicken and ribs with all the fixins which will be free to our veterans to show our appreciation and support. Please RSVP by contacting Gerry Gallo, 860-836-8396 or email to veterans@manchestereleks.org  
Th, 6/5 | 11:30PM - 2:00PM

THE LITTLE THEATER OF MANCHESTER: PROOF

Location: Cheney Hall  
A poignant drama about love and reconciliation.  
F, 6/6 | 7:30PM



JOSEPH D. NEGRI CONCERT

Location: Center Memorial Park  
Bring a blanket, chair, family and friends to this free concert featuring Mass-Conn-Fusion. Food available for sale.  
Sat, 6/7 | 6:30PM  
rain date Sunday 6/8

TAKE A HIKE - CT TRAILS

Manchesterlandtrust.org  
Location: Center Springs Park  
Sat, 6/7 | 1:00PM  
Location: Salter's Pond  
Su, 6/8 | 1:00PM

DUCK RACE

Location: Charter Oak Park  
Tickets \$5 per duck. Cash prizes will be awarded. Sponsored by the Manchester Lion's Club.  
Contact David: 860-250-1500  
David@dubaldo.com  
Sat, 6/14 | 2:00PM

EVENTS AT WORK\_SPACE

June 1st to 14th  
For Celebrate Manchester programs at WORK\_SPACE, visit: Workspacemanchester.com/events-programs  
903 Main Street | 860.647.6029 | info@workspacemanchester.com



SPRUCE STREET FARMERS MARKET: OPENING DAY

Location: Market Field, 153 & 163 Spruce Street  
• 25+ local vendors, food truck, live music  
• Enter for a chance to win a \$50.00 market gift certificate  
• SNAP accepted and doubled up to \$30.00  
W, 6/4 | 4:30PM - 7:30PM

CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY

Explore Manchester's historic spaces and places at no cost!  
Sa, 6/14

9:30AM - 12:30PM | The Mill Studio of Fine Arts  
199D Forest Street

10:00AM - 2:00PM | Old Manchester Museum  
126 Cedar Street

11:00AM - 3:00PM | The History Center  
175 Pine Street

11:00AM - 3:00PM | Cheney Homestead, Gardens, and Keeney Schoolhouse  
106 Hartford Road

11:00AM - 3:00PM | Woodbridge Farmstead barn and grounds  
495 East Middle Turnpike

11:00AM - 3:00PM | Pitkin Glass Works at the corner of Parker and Putnam Streets

11:00AM - 3:00PM | The Fire Museum  
230 Pine Street

12:00PM - 3:00PM | Truck Day at the Lutz Museum  
247 South Main Street



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ART IN THE PARK

Location: Center Memorial Park  
A free art and craft festival with over 150 booths featuring unique items for sale including all genres of traditional and cutting-edge painting, photography, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, wood, fashion and related vendors. The day will include interactive art projects, music, and spoken word on the Main Stage and food trucks onsite.  
For info, contact artintheparkmanchester@gmail.com  
Su, 6/1 | 10:00AM - 4:00PM

AQUATICEVENTS

Active Recreation Card required for all Friday Night Aquatic events 9

MOI THE KOI - YOUTH & ADULT SWIMMING CHALLENGE

Moi the Koi is calling on swimmers of all ages to complete this year's summer challenge! Moi is challenging youth 17 and under to complete 50 laps & individuals 18 and over to complete 150 laps - you may use any strokes that are marked on the 2025 summer swimming challenge card. Challenge cards will be distributed at the Community Y Recreation Center, Center Springs Park and all Town of Manchester pools. Once you've completed your challenge card, bring the completed card to the Community Y where you'll be entered into our raffle. The challenge will run from July 1 - August 1, and winners will be drawn at Waddell Pool on Friday, August 8.

SLIDE INTO SUMMER

Location: Waddell Pool  
Children of all ages can kick start their summer at Waddell Pool with games, toys, noodles, and music! Popsicles will also be provided for out-of-pool leisure time. Pool Pass required.  
Tu, 7/1/25 5:30PM - 7:00PM

PIRATE NIGHT

Come to the pool in your favorite pirate costume or outfit and receive a free pirate treat! Moi the Koi will be there to judge costumes - the best costume will win a prize!  
July 11 | Globe Hollow, 5:00PM - 7:30PM

LUAU NIGHT

LIMBO LIMBO LIMBO! Join us at our pools to experience the thrill of a backyard LUAU! With music, dancing, leis, and more, this will be a luau you don't want to miss.  
July 11 | Waddell Pool, 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
July 18 | Swanson Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
July 25 | Salters Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

BACKYARD GAMES NIGHT

Join us for an evening of your favorite backyard games. Spike ball, cornhole, and more! Stop by the pool to challenge the lifeguards to some games and enjoy the wonderful features of our pools. Tournaments will be set up to add a little competition.  
July 11 | Marcy Macdonald, 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
July 18 | Waddell Pool, 5:00PM - 7:00PM  
July 25 | Swanson Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
August 1 | Salters Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM



FREE FAMILY SWIM

Bring your family down to the pool and enjoy a free night of swimming.  
July 11 | Swanson Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
July 16 | Salters Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
July 25 | Globe Hollow, 5:00PM - 7:30PM  
August 1 | Marcy Macdonald, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

UNDER THE SEA

Come to the pool dressed as your favorite under the sea character! Under the sea treats will be provided. Moi the Koi can't wait to see you there!  
July 18 | Marcy Macdonald, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

LIFEGUARD NIGHT

Interact with the staff and get to learn and try some of the techniques the lifeguards learned during their training.  
July 11 | Salters Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
July 18 | Globe Hollow, 5:00PM - 7:30PM  
August 1 | Waddell Pool, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

NOODLE NIGHT

Bring a float or grab a noodle and relax at the pool. Pools will have limited noodles available. Noodles and floats are only allowed on designated nights and times.  
August 1 | Swanson Pool, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

BUILD IT YOURSELF BOAT CONTEST

Come join us for a BIY Boat Contest. There are only two rules: boat must be made of cardboard and duct tape, and they must be built prior to arriving to the contest. Bring your boats to Globe Hollow and see if your boat is the fastest. Participants will paddle from one lifeguard chair to the other to cross the finish line - the fastest time wins! Free pizza to all program participants. Bring your boats and hope they float!  
August 1 | Globe Hollow, 5:00PM - 7:30PM  
Rain Date: 8/8/25

SPRAYGROUND | 121 OLCOTT STREET

May 24, 2025 through September 1, 2025  
The Sprayground will be open 10:00AM - 8:00PM  
7 days a week!



K-9 KERPLUNK

Location: Globe Hollow Pool  
In conjunction with the Manchester Youth Commission, licensed and eligible dogs will be able to swim at Globe Hollow! Swimming is for dogs only. Pre-registration or on-site registration required | \$5.00 per dog (maximum 2 dogs per handler)  
Sun, 8/10/25 | 1:00PM - 3:00PM





# SUMMER AQUATICS

All pools open June 30, 2025 - August 10, 2025

SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION	PRE-SEASON
Leisure Labs and Martin Camp Swim Lesson registration opens W, April 30 at 9:00AM	Marcy MacDonald   June 16 - 29 Open Swim: 1:00PM – 5:00PM Adult Lap Swim: 5:00PM – 6:00PM
Open to Manchester residents only. Registration opens W, May 7 at 9:00AM	
In-person   Community Y   Center Springs Lodge Online   Reconline.townofmanchester.org Online registration requires users to set up an account. The Recreation Division suggests accessing the on-line registration site prior to the day of registration to complete this set up.	POST-SEASON Marcy MacDonald   August 11 - August 22 Open Swim: 1:00PM – 5:00PM Adult Lap: 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Cost   Swim lessons are \$25.00 per child per session.	NOTES July 4 - Globe Hollow only 1:00PM - 6:00PM
Placement Children may not be enrolled in more than one class per session. Parents who register their child for more than one swimming session take the chance of incorrectly placing their child. If incorrect placement occurs, parents may call the Recreation Division and transfer their child into the correct level if space is available.	Globe Hollow's last day is Su, August 10 but only open for Adult Lap Swim from 12:00PM – 1:00PM

AGE REQUIREMENTS	CLASS RATIOS (instructor : children) :
Infant: 6 months - 18 months *adult must be in the water with child Toddler: 19 months - 3 years 5 months *adult must be in the water with child Preschool: 3 years 5 months - 5 years Levels 1 - 6: 5 - 12 years	Infant   Toddler   1:12  Preschool   1:6  Levels 1 - 6   1:8



## POOL SCHEDULE

MARCY MACDONALD   110 CEDAR ST   860.647.3382	
SWIMMING LESSONS	MON - THUR 9:30 - 11:10AM MON - THUR 5:00 - 8:00PM
ADULT LAP SWIM	MON - FRI 11:35 - 12:30PM SAT 5:00 - 6:00PM
OPEN SWIM	MON - SAT 1:00 - 5:00PM
SENIOR AQUA EXERCISE	FRI 10:00 - 11:00AM
EVENT + LESSON MAKE-UPS	FRI 6:00 - 8:00PM

GLOBE HOLLOW   100 SPRING ST   860.647.6037	
SWIM LESSONS	MON - FRI 9:30 - 11:20AM
ADULT LAP SWIM	MON - FRI 11:30 - 12:30PM
OPEN SWIM	MON - FRI 1:00 - 5:00PM
SWIM LESSON + ADULT LAP	MON - THUR 5:00 - 7:30PM
OPEN SWIM + ADULT LAP	SAT   SUN 1:00 - 6:00PM
EVENT + LESSON MAKE-UPS + ADULT LAP	FRI 5:00 - 7:30PM

SALTERS POOL   103 LYDALL ST   860.647.3296	
SWIM LESSONS	MON - THUR 6:00 - 8:00PM
ADULT LAP SWIM	MON - FRI 12:00 - 1:00PM SUN 1:00 - 6:00PM
OPEN SWIM	MON - FRI 1:00 - 5:00PM SUN 2:00 - 6:00PM
AQUA EXERCISE	MON - THUR 5:00 - 6:00PM
EVENT + LESSON MAKE-UPS	FRI 6:00 - 8:00PM

SWANSON POOL   48 N. MAIN ST   860.647.3297	
SWIM LESSONS	MON - THUR 5:30 - 7:00PM
ADULT LAP SWIM	MON - FRI 12:00 - 1:00PM MON - FRI 5:00 - 5:30PM SAT 1:00 - 2:00PM
OPEN SWIM	MON - FRI 1:00 - 5:00PM SAT 2:00 - 6:00PM
TEEN SWIM LESSONS	MON   WED 7:00 - 8:00PM
SWIM FOR FITNESS	TUE   THUR 7:00 - 8:00PM
EVENT + LESSON MAKE-UPS	FRI 6:00 - 8:00PM

WADDELL POOL   163 BROAD ST   860.647.5234	
ADULT LAP SWIM	MON - FRI 7:00 - 8:00PM
ADULT SWIM LESSONS	MON   WED 6:00 - 7:00PM SUN 4:00 - 6:00PM
OPEN SWIM	MON   WED 1:00 - 6:00PM TUE   THUR 1:00 - 7:00PM FRI 1:00 - 5:00PM SUN 1:00 - 4:00PM
EVENT + LESSON MAKE-UPS	FRI 5:00 - 7:00PM

# SWIM LESSONS



MONDAY - THURSDAY	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY
Session 1 6/30/25 - 7/10/25 Session 2 7/14/25 - 7/24/25 Session 3 7/28/25 - 8/7/25	Session 1 6/30/25 - 8/4/25  <b>TUESDAY</b> Session 1 7/1/25 - 8/5/25	Session 1 7/2/25 - 8/6/25  <b>THURSDAY</b> Session 1 7/3/25 - 8/7/25

SWANSON POOL	SESSIONS
LEVEL 1	MON - THUR 5:35 - 6:05PM 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 2	MON - THUR 5:35 - 6:05PM 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 3	MON - THUR 5:35 - 6:05PM 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3

GLOBE HOLLOW	SESSIONS
PRESCHOOL	MON - THUR 10:40 - 11:10AM 5:00 - 5:30PM 5:35 - 6:05PM 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 1	MON - THUR 9:30 - 10:00AM 10:05 - 10:35AM 5:00 - 5:30PM 5:35 - 6:05PM 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3   camp
LEVEL 2	MON - THUR 9:30 - 10:00AM 10:40 - 11:10AM 5:00 - 5:30PM 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3   camp

LEVEL 3	MON - THUR 9:30 - 10:00AM 10:40 - 11:10AM 5:35 - 6:05PM 1   2   3   camp
LEVEL 4	MON - THUR 10:05 - 10:35AM 5:00 - 5:30AM 1   2   3   camp
LEVEL 5	MON - THUR 10:05 - 10:35AM 5:35 - 6:05PM 1   2   3   camp
LEVEL 6	MON - THUR 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 6 + Lifeguard	MON   WED 6:50 - 7:30PM 1
LEVEL 6 + Diving	TUE   THUR 6:50 - 7:30PM 1

SALTERS POOL	SESSIONS
LEVEL 1	MON - THUR 6:10 - 6:40PM 7:20 - 7:50PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 2	MON - THUR 6:45 - 7:15PM 7:20 - 7:50PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 3	MON - THUR 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 4	MON - THUR 6:45 - 7:15PM 7:20 - 7:50PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 5	MON - THUR 6:45 - 7:15PM 1   2   3
LEVEL 6	MON - THUR 6:10 - 6:40PM 1   2   3

MARCY MACDONALD	SESSIONS
INFANT	MON 6:10 - 6:40PM TUE 6:10 - 6:40PM WED 6:10 - 6:40PM THUR 6:10 - 6:40PM 1
TODDLER	MON 6:10 - 6:40PM TUE 6:10 - 6:40PM WED 6:10 - 6:40PM THUR 6:10 - 6:40PM 1
PRESCHOOL	MON 5:00 - 5:30PM TUE 5:00 - 5:30PM MON - THUR 5:35 - 6:05PM 6:45 - 7:15PM 10:40 - 11:10AM 1   2   3

LEVEL 1	MON - THUR 9:30 - 10:00AM 10:05 - 10:35AM 6:45 - 7:15PM 7:20 - 7:50PM 1   2   3   camp
LEVEL 2	MON - THUR 10:05 - 10:35AM 10:40 - 11:10AM 6:45 - 7:15PM 5:35 - 6:05PM 7:20 - 7:50PM 1   2   3   camp
LEVEL 3	MON - THUR 9:30 - 10:00AM 10:40 - 11:10AM 5:35 - 6:05PM 6:10 - 6:40PM 7:20 - 7:50PM 1   2   3   camp



AQUATICPROGRAMS



HYDRO CIRCUIT | AGES: 18+

Location: Salters Pool  
Done in shallow or deep water, this combination of cardio and strength training combines circuit training principles and the latest aquatic equipment with water-based fitness.  
M/W, 6/30/25 - 7/31/25 | 5:00PM - 6:00PM  
Fee: \$60/\$75 (nr)

TOTAL AQUA | AGE: 18+

Location: Salters Pool  
Designed for all fitness levels, this class combines segments of cardio and strength training using training intervals and weight resistance tools.  
Tu/Th, 7/1/25 - 7/31/25 | 5:00PM - 6:00PM  
Fee: \$60/\$75 (nr)

BEGINNER ADULT SWIM LESSONS (SUNDAYS) |

AGES: 18+  
Location: Waddell Pool  
This class is designed for first time swimmers or those who may have a fear of water. Participants will learn skills needed to keep themselves and others safe in the water as well as basic front and back swimming strokes.  
Sun, 7/6/25 - 8/10/25 | 4:00PM - 5:00PM  
Fee: \$36/\$45 (nr)

BEGINNER ADULT SWIM LESSONS (WEEKDAY) |

AGES: 18+  
Location: Waddell Pool  
irst time swimmers or those who may have a fear of water will learn skills needed to keep themselves and others safe in the water, as well as basic front and back swimming strokes.  
M/W, 6/30/25 - 7/30/25 | 6:15PM - 7:00PM  
Fee: \$60/\$75 (nr)

INTERMEDIATE ADULT SWIM LESSONS

(SUNDAYS) | AGES: 18+  
Location: Waddell Pool  
As participants become more comfortable in the water, they will expand their basic swimming knowledge from their beginner class, including safety skills and swimming skills.  
Sun, 7/6/25 - 8/10/25 | 5:00PM - 6:00PM  
Fee: \$36/\$45 (nr)

SWIM FOR FITNESS, SWIM FOR LIFE | AGES: 18+

Location: Swanson Pool  
Evaluation and individual swim fitness programs are used to help achieve swimming goals, such as 30 consecutive laps. Participants must be able to swim the full length without stopping.  
Tu/Th, 7/1/25 - 7/31/25 | 7:00PM - 8:00PM  
Fee: \$60/\$75 (nr)

TEEN SWIM LESSONS | AGES: 13 - 18

Location: Swanson Pool  
Designed for the teenager interested in learning to swim or who may have a fear of the water, taught by an American Red Cross certified instructor to develop and improve swimming and safety skills.  
M/W, 6/30/25 - 7/30/25 | 7:00PM - 8:00PM  
Fee: \$35/ \$44 (nr)

SENIOR AQUA EXERCISE | AGES: 60+

Location: Marcy McDonald Pool  
A low-impact water exercise class involving movements like walking, jogging, arm and leg lifts and other body weight exercises, often focusing on maintaining balance and improving cardiovascular health.  
F, 7/11/25 - 8/8/25 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM  
Fee: \$30/\$37 (nr)

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR CLASS (WSI)

SUMMER SESSION | AGES: 15+  
Location: Salters Pool  
Become a certified instructor to be able to teach swimming lessons. This certification is the gold standard and provides the most comprehensive training for swim instructors. Registration for class will close on Monday, August 4.  
Prerequisites: Must be able to swim at a Learn to Swim - Level 4 ability.  
M - F, 8/11/25 - 8/15/25 | 11:00AM - 5:00PM  
Fee: \$125/\$350 (nr)

PRIVATE SWIM LESSONS

Private swimming lessons (1:1) and semi-private lessons (1:2) are structured to cater to meet you or your child's specific instructional needs. Lessons are offered as 4 thirty-minute sessions at a mutually agreed upon time. Please contact Recreation Supervisor Josh Charette at (860) 647-3139

PRIVATE SESSION

4 X 30 Minute Private (1:1) Lessons  
Fee: \$100

SEMI-PRIVATE SESSION

4 X 30 Minute Semi-Private (1:2) Lessons  
Fee: \$160/for2

EARLYCHILDHOOD

CRADLE TO CRAYONS | AGES: 2-5 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Cradle to Crayons is a preschool playgroup that supports the development of skills that will promote success in school and life. Activities include circle time, art, fine motor, gross motor, pre-math and pre-writing skill building.  
Session 1 | Th, 5/15/25 - 6/19/25 | 3:00PM - 4:15PM  
Session 2 | Th, 7/10/25 - 8/28/25 | 3:00PM - 4:15PM

TODDLERS & WADDLERS |

AGE: 6 MONTHS - 2 YEARS  
Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Toddlers & Waddlers is a semi-structured playgroup for toddlers to engage in developmentally appropriate activities and socialize. Children will be encouraged to participate at their own pace and ability and activities will be structured based on needs.  
Tu, 5/13/25 - 6/24/25, 3:00PM - 4:15PM

NATURE EXPLORERS | AGE: 2 - 5 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Nature Explorers is an outdoor class that focuses on early experiences outdoors. This group will engage in short hikes and outdoor activities to explore nature at an age-appropriate level.  
Tu, 7/8/25 - 7/29/25 | 3:15PM - 4:15PM

STROLLER WALKS | AGE: 0 - 5 YEARS

Location: Charter Oak Park  
Join us for leisurely group stroller walks for parents of young children. All fitness levels are welcome. Walks will be slow and on the paved bike trail.  
W, 7/9/25 - 8/13/25 | 9:30AM

ROBIN'S MOTHERING GROUP |

AGE: BIRTH TO 1 YEAR  
Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
Supportive group for moms with babies under one years old run by Lactation Consultant Robin DeGemmis. This program is a chance to meet other moms and receive breastfeeding advice from a board certified lactation consultant.  
Th , 5/14/25 - 8/28/25 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM

MY BABY & ME | AGES: BIRTH - 2 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
This group is for new caretakers and their children. Our goal is to establish a community of new parents of young children and provide early socialization opportunities for their babies.  
Session 1 | Th, 5/15/25 - 7/3/25 | 9:15AM - 10:45AM  
Session 2 | W, 7/9/25 - 08/27/25 | 9:15AM - 10:45AM



PLAY & LEARN SUMMER SERIES

Ages: 1 - 5  
Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
We will pair our learning with rhymes, movement, stories, circle time, themed activities, crafts, vocabulary rich conversations and of course, play! Caregivers should be prepared to participate with their little learner! **\$36/\$44(nr) per class.**

Numbers, Shapes and Colors!

A caregiver-child class where we will learn about early math skills! We will learn simple math concepts like sorting, circle time, themed activities, crafts, vocabulary rich conversations and of course, play! Caregivers should be prepared to participate with their little learner!  
M, 5/12/25 - 6/30/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM  
(No class 5/26 & 6/16)

Weather and Seasons!

A caregiver-child class where we will learn all about our changing seasons and the weather we experience with them!  
Tu, 5/13/25 - 6/24/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM  
(No class 6/17)

Creative Movement!

A caregiver-child class where we will learn about different ways to move. We will explore animal movements, the way water moves, movement in nature and more!  
M, 7/7/25 - 8/11/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM

Construction, Community and Transportation!

A caregiver-child class where we will learn all about our community, who works here and what tools they use.  
Tu, 7/1/25 - 8/5/25 | 9:30AM - 11:00AM

MY TODDLER & ME | AGES 2 - 4 YEARS

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
This group is for caretakers and their toddlers. The goal is to establish a community of parents of young children and provide socialization opportunities that focus on toddlers as they develop an awareness of their peers and begin to engage in deeper play and social opportunities.  
F, 5/16/25 - 8/29/25 | 9:00AM - 10:30AM

CTFSN PLAYGROUPS | ALL AGES WELCOME

Location: Northwest Park Early Childhood Center  
This program is a free playgroup run by Connecticut Family Support Network for parents and their children with special needs and special healthcare needs including siblings. Once monthly on Saturdays. Follow Manchester Early Childhood Collaborative on Facebook for program details

HAPPY HIKERS JULY SERIES | AGE: 4 - 12 YEARS

Join us for family and child friendly hikes and walks around Manchester! These hikes are free and drop-in. Siblings are welcome if able to be carried or keep up with the hike. Dates are pending early release schedule for MPS and subject to change.

**HIKE 1** | Oak Grove Nature Center  
W, 7/9/25 | 2:45PM  
Location: Parking Lot, 269 Oak Grove St

**HIKE 2** | Manchester Land Conservation Trust  
W, 7/16/25 | 2:45PM  
Location: Parking Lot, 330 Bush Hill Road

**HIKE 3** | Porter Howard Reservoir  
W, 7/23/25 | 2:45PM  
Location: Ferguson Road

**HIKE 4** | Base of Case Mountain  
W, 7/30/25 | 2:45PM  
Location: Spring Street Parking Lot near the waterfall

**FAMILY CAMP |**  
**AGES: YOUTH 2+ & CAREGIVERS**  
Family Camp provides a variety of engaging, educational outings designed for families to enjoy together. Each trip requires registration and has limited space. Participants may sign up for one or multiple excursions. No fees!

**Children's Museum in West Hartford**  
F, 7/18/25 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM  
**Southwick Zoo**  
F, 7/25/25 | 10:00AM - 4:30PM  
**Winding Trails**  
M, 8/18/25 | 9:00AM - 2:00PM  
**Oak Grove Nature Center**  
F, 8/22/25 | 9:00AM - 1:00PM