

June 18, 2024

## Aylesford Lake Public Beach open for 2024 season

KINGS COUNTY, NS – The extended season for Aylesford Lake Public Beach is now underway.

The popular recreation destination owned and operated by the Municipality of the County of Kings opened for the season June 15, the earliest it has opened for public use in recent history.

Aylesford Lake's public beach, playground and picnic area located at 580 North River Road will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lifeguards will be on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The beach will remain open for the 2024 season



until 8 p.m. on Sept. 15 to extend the season beyond the typical Labour Day weekend end date.

**Paddlers of all skill levels are welcome to try the Municipality's free kayak and paddleboard Ioan program**, with walk-up loans starting on July 1 and online reservations opening on July 5.

- The Municipality makes the paddling equipment available to visitors of Aylesford Lake Beach at no cost.
- 50-minute loan sessions beginning on the hour will be offered between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., with a mix of weekday and weekend options available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- To reserve paddling equipment online starting July 5, visit the Municipality's recreation website: <u>www.countyofkings.ca/recreation</u>.

In addition to free kayak and stand-up paddleboard loans, Aylesford Lake Beach features an inclusive indoor washroom and changing facility, accessible parking lot and boardwalk, sheltered playground, paved pathways to key service areas on site, accessible beach and water access, and a playbox with yard games and beach toys available for beachgoers to borrow.

Phone: 902-678-6141 or 1-888-337-2999 Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm <u>inquiry@countyofkings.ca</u>

181 Coldbrook Village Park Drive, Coldbrook, NS B43 1B9 Please use this shared community space with care, be kind to one another, respect wildlife, and ensure all trash/recyclables/compostables are placed in the correct waste bin. Please do not bring pets, "floaties," or propane tanks to Aylesford Lake Beach. Service animals are welcome, and personal floatation devices (PFDs) are encouraged. A list of Rules and Regulations for the beach and picnic area can be found in this <u>Aylesford Lake brochure</u>.

## **Community Celebration Beach Event:**

To celebrate this early opening of the beach, municipal staff invite the public to a free community 'Welcome Back to Aylesford Lake Beach Party' on Saturday, June 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be music, yard games for all ages, a scavenger hunt word scramble, face painting, refreshments, and mini try-it kayak and paddleboard loans!

## **Recreation Information Available Online:**

- Follow the <u>Municipality of Kings Recreation Services page</u> on Facebook for news about upcoming activities and events.
- Visit the <u>Recreation Bookings Portal</u> to make online reservations.
- Check out the 2024 <u>Recreation Summer Offerings brochure</u> for more details about kayak and stand-up paddleboard loans, outdoor programming and summer day camps.

## Contact:

For more information about the Aylesford Lake Beach facility, please call Sean at 902-690-6145.

For information about summer recreation programs offered by the Municipality, please contact Recreation Intern Annie at 902-690-2211 or email recreation@countyofkings.ca.

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