

Community Park Pool Frequently Asked Questions

Princeton Recreation Department



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 29, 30, & 31, June 5, 6, 12 & 13

Public Swim Hours: 11:00am-7:30pm

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 19 through Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)

Weekdays: Public Swim Hours: 12:00pm – 7:30pm

Weekends & Holidays: Public Swim Hours: 11:00am – 7:30pm

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): \$6

Resident Adult (18 & Older): \$12

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. If you had a DAC in 2020, you will use the same card in 2021 but you must register for the 2021 Daily Admission Card in your Community Pass account and complete the waiver. If you fail to do so, your card will not be active. 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 no place for patrons to shelter and safely social distance 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 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.

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 flotation devices are permitted. We offer 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. 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.

Can I bring in my own food?

Yes, you can bring your own food but glass bottles/containers are prohibited. Alcohol is prohibited.

Can we bring coolers?

Yes, coolers are permitted to be brought into CP Pool, but are subject to being searched upon entry to ensure that no prohibited items are being brought into the complex.

Do you have a concession stand?

As of this time, the concession stand will not be open in 2021.

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?

No areas of the pool complex will be available for reservation by private groups this summer.

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 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 have passed the swim test.

- 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.

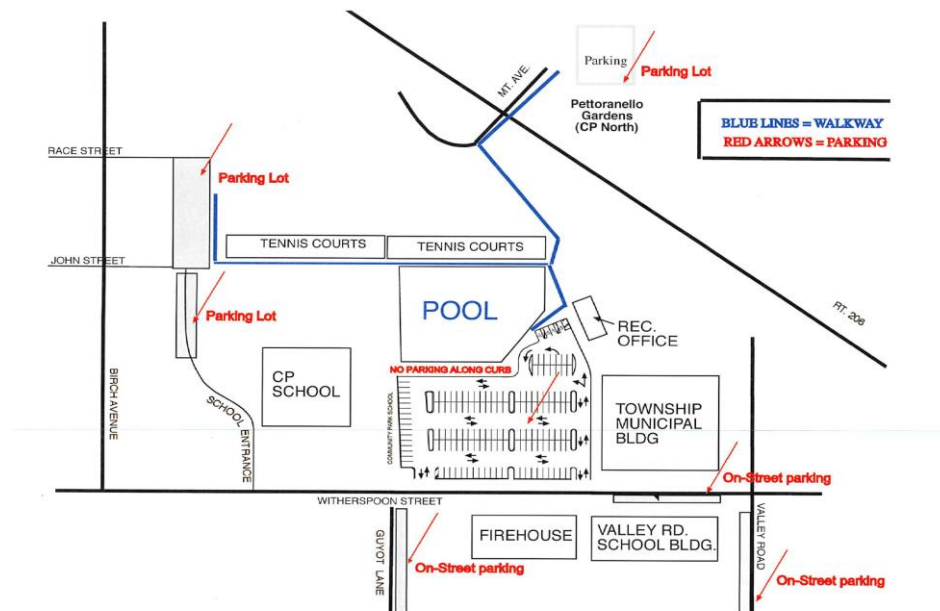
Swim Test:

- 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. Patrons may bring small pop-up tents for sun protection provided they do not need anchoring in the ground. Tents must be removed when the patrons leaves for the day.

Do camps utilize your facility?

There will be no camp usage of CP Pool in 2021.

Where can I sit in your facility?

All seating at CP Pool is available on a first come, first served basis. We will not be providing chairs and picnic tables in 2021 but patrons may bring their own chairs.

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.