

# RECREATION NEWS



## 5K Run/Walks

**Sun May 6:** Ch.O.I.C.E. Academy Fun Run/Walk on the Millstone Hill West Bike Path. Registration is 8am-8:45am at the picnic shelter in Rec Area. Start time is 9am. Registration fee is \$25. Proceeds support student trip. Email Garrett Washburn at [garrettw@wcmhs.org](mailto:garrettw@wcmhs.org) for more information.



**Sat May 12:** St. Monica-St. Michael's School Run in the town forest. Race time is 9:30am. Proceeds benefit the school. Call the school at 476-5015 for more information.

**Sat May 19:** Central VT Runners' Barre Town Spring Run on the Rec Area path and Millstone Hill West Bike Path. Registration is 7:45am-8:45am at the track. Race time is 9am. Registration fee is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Barre Town Rec Department. Visit [www.cvrrunners.org](http://www.cvrrunners.org) for more information and entry form.

**Sun July 29:** Central VT Runners and the Rehab Gym's Barre Heritage Festival Race in the town forest. Race day registration is \$10 at the 44 Brook St parking area, 8:45am-9:45am. Race time is 10am. Pre-registration before July 22 is \$5 by mail. Visit [www.cvrrunners.org](http://www.cvrrunners.org) to register.

## Ice Cream Socials at the Playgrounds

Mark your calendars for the Recreation Board's popular, free, summer ice cream socials at the playgrounds! All socials start at 6:30pm. Dates and playground locations below:

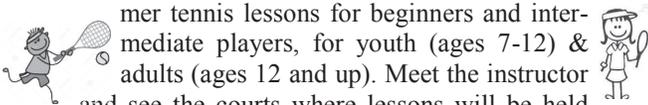
- Tue Jul 10: Trow Hill, Hill St.
- Tue Jul 17: Lower Graniteville, Baptist St.
- Tue Jul 24: Upper Websterville, Brook St.
- Tue Jul 31: South Barre, Wilson St.
- Tue Aug 7: East Barre, Pleasant St.
- Tue Aug 14: Upper Graniteville, Park St.



Child not required for admission! ☺

## Tennis Lessons

**June 19-29:** Barre Town Recreation will offer summer tennis lessons for beginners and intermediate players, for youth (ages 7-12) & adults (ages 12 and up). Meet the instructor and see the courts where lessons will be held during in-person registration on Thursday May 26, 6pm-7pm, rain or shine, at the Barre Town Rec Area tennis courts next to Barre Town School. Contact this year's instructor, Lee Wilschek, at [leewilschek@yahoo.com](mailto:leewilschek@yahoo.com). Visit [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) for more information and to register.



## Swim Lesson Reimbursements

The Town of Barre offers swim lesson reimbursements of up to \$25 to encourage our youngest residents to learn to swim. Call the town at 479-9331 or visit [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) for the form and instructions. Remember that swimming in the quarries is prohibited for everyone's safety!



## Rockfire

**June 29-June 30:** This popular arts, fire and music event is back! Visit [www.rockfirevt.com](http://www.rockfirevt.com) for the schedule of events. Park across from Millstone Lodge on Littlejohn Road. Fees are charged for the Firewalk through forest trails. Rockfire is produced in conjunction with the VT Granite Museum of Barre.



Note that the 44 Brook Street parking lot will be closed to the public on Saturday June 30 in the evening and designated for performers and volunteers.

## Youth Soccer in the Rec Area

**BASA Spring Soccer, April 16-June 30:** Barre Amateur Soccer Association practices are Monday-Friday, 5pm-8pm. Games are on Saturday or Sunday. Register at [www.eteamz.com/BASAVT](http://www.eteamz.com/BASAVT)



**Capital Soccer Camp, June 25-June 29:** Kids aged 6-15 years can get high-level, individualized training from experienced coaches at this camp. 9am-12pm. Tuition is \$160. Visit [www.capitalsoccer.net/inc-Articles/barre-camp](http://www.capitalsoccer.net/inc-Articles/barre-camp) for more information and to register.

## Town Forest Walks



June through September, Barre Town Forest Friends will once again lead easy to moderate nature walks. Meet at the 44 Brook St. parking area. All ages welcome, and dogs on leashes too. If rain is heavy enough to require an umbrella the walk will be canceled. For more info or rain checks contact Marianne at 802-476-4185 or [mkotch731@gmail.com](mailto:mkotch731@gmail.com).

- Every Tuesday walks, June 6-Sept 25, start at 9am sharp and are led by Marianne Kotch and Suzy Klinefelter.
- Every other Sunday walks, June 10-Sept 30, start at 9am and will be led by naturalist Samantha Ryan.

## Beach Volleyball Tournament

**Early July:** Snap Fitness will host an all-day beach volleyball tournament in the Rec Area to benefit DragonHeart VT, a breast cancer support group. To register or for more information, contact organizer Brett Haug 203-470-0323.



## Disc Golf Course Events



**Sat May 26:** Green Mountain Disc Golf's annual point series tournament for members only will occupy the disc golf course all day on this date. For membership and tournament information visit [www.gmdgc.org](http://www.gmdgc.org).

**Date TBD:** The Barre Lions' Annual Community Disc Golf Challenge, open to the public, is usually mid-June on a Tuesday night. Visit [www.barrelions.com](http://www.barrelions.com) for more info.

## Caws 4 Paws and Spring Into Summer Festival, Saturday June 9, 10am-2pm

Parents of kids and pets alike: Mark your calendars and plan for lots of FUN at the Rec Area!

**Caws 4 Paws** will feature a Pet Expo, 802 Disc Dogs performances, the Dock Dogs Canine Aquatics Competition qualifying events (come back Sunday to watch the finals!), Vermont Search & Rescue, police K-9s, Therapy Dogs Vermont, service animals, and more! Proceeds to benefit to the Town of Barre Community Dog Park.



**Spring into Summer Festival** activities will include crafts, bounce house, face painting, information tables and displays, storytime with the Aldrich Library, the BRecs Challenge, and more! Free, and no registration required. Follow “Town of Barre—Recreation” on Facebook for more details in the weeks before the Festival.

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

*All ages and abilities welcome!*



### Town Forest



The 350-acre town forest has 20 miles of mountain biking and hiking trails for public enjoyment. Horseback riding is also allowed, except on the new Rauli’s Run trail. Most of the forest is inside the large block of land bounded by Littlejohn, Donahue, Graniteville and Church Hill Roads. There is also a section north of Littlejohn Road. Millstone Trails Association (MTA) maintains the trails inside the town forest, some of which extend beyond the forest’s borders. Those trails are open to walkers.

Mountain bikers are asked to buy a MTA membership or a day pass. Passes and memberships are available at Lawson’s Store in Websterville. All pedestrian use is free.

Maps are available at the town office and on the MTA website [www.millstonetrails.com](http://www.millstonetrails.com). MTA also offers a trail app; see their website for more details. Trail names are posted along the trails to help you find your way.

Parking to use the forest is provided at 44 Brook Street in Websterville and at the top of Barclay Quarry Road in Upper Graniteville. Check out the kiosks at these parking areas for seasonal forest trivia.

Note that camping and fires are NOT allowed in the town forest. And please, Leave No Trace, and Carry In, Carry Out so that this resource can be enjoyed by all into the future.

### Town Playgrounds

Did you know there are six playgrounds around town? All have swings and slides among other equipment. Some have pieces unique in the region, like the net climber at Upper Websterville and the Cruise Line at Trow Hill.



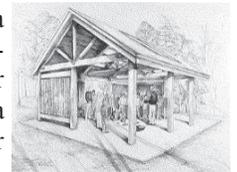
All playgrounds are open dawn to dusk. The town recreation budget pays for expenses. The cemetery maintenance crew visits each playground weekly to empty trash and recycling containers, and look over the playground for problems. A contractor is responsible for cutting the grass. If you see a problem at a playground, report it to the town office at 479-9331.

A quick guide to each playground is below.

Playground, Street	Shelter	Basketball	Equipment	Field
E. Barre Park, Pleasant St.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Upp.Websterville, Brook St.	Y	Y	Y	
Upp.Graniteville, Park St.		Y	Y	
Lwr. Graniteville, Baptist St.	Y	Y	Y	
Trow Hill, Hill Street	Y	Y	Y	
S. Barre Park, Wilson St.	Y		Y	Y

### Reserving the Picnic Shelter

The picnic shelter in the Recreation Area (near the school) is a popular spot for reunions, parties, showers and club, group or business picnics. Call 479-9331 to request a time and/or reservation. The fee is \$50 for up to 50 people, plus \$1 per person over 50.



### Community Dog Park

The Town of Barre Community Dog Park, organized by volunteers, is ready for use! Please keep your dog leashed from the Rec Area gate until the outer gate of the dog park is latched behind you and your dog. Your dog may be friendly, but someone else’s dog might not appreciate yours running up to them. Also, pick up after your dog whether in the dog park or not. Stocked Mutt Mitt stations and trash bins are at the Dog Park, at both ends of the Rec Area road, and at both ends of the bike path. Please do NOT walk your dog in the school playground.

Those looking for doggy playmates and ways to help out can join the group’s Facebook page. Find them by searching for “Town of Barre Community Dog Park” on Facebook.



The photographer’s dog waits in the airlock of the new volunteer-developed dog park. The shy/small dog area is at left, the confident/large dog area is at right.