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NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING CENTER (NGTC) **BEACH PARKING PASS POLICY – 2023**

1. National Guard Training Center (NGTC)

a. National Guard Training Center (NGTC) in Sea Girt, New Jersey is a State-owned and operated facility funded and organized to support the New Jersey National Guard (NJNG) under the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA). In addition to the National Guard units located at NGTC, there are presently five (5) long-term tenant organizations based at the Training Center; the New Jersey State Police (NJSP), the New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ), the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC), the New Jersey Department of Corrections (DOC), and the New Jersey Youth ChalleNGe Academy. There are numerous other government, public, and private lessees who use the premises on various occasions.

b. NGTC is not part of the State park system, and through a cooperative agreement, the beach is patrolled by the Borough of Sea Girt Beach Patrol. Due to the limited number of parking spaces, there are a limited number of beach parking passes that can be issued.

c. There are four (4) changing rooms and two (2) outside showers that are provided at the left side of the beach parking areas, in addition there are several Porta-Johns (including handicapped) available.

d. NGTC beach parking lot will be open from May 27, 2023 through September 4, 2023. Beach access will be available from 0900 through 1900 during this period. If no lifeguards are on duty, swimming is at your own risk.

2. NGTC Access. In support of force protection measures, NGTC is a restricted access facility. Individuals must present credentials to the Security Team at the Access Control Point (ACP). The following users are authorized access:

a. All Active Duty and Reserve Component military personnel and their dependents living or stationed in New Jersey have free access to NGTC beach parking with the presentation of a valid military or dependent identification card. They are NOT required to purchase a Beach Parking Pass for themselves, however:

(1) Current NJNG service members are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes.

(2) Retired National Guard service members are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes.

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(3) Current and Retired Active-Duty Military service members are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes.

b. Current and retired DMAVA State employees and NJNG Title-5 employees have free access to NGTC with the presentation of a valid DMAVA or DOD identification card and are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes.

c. Current and retired NJSP, DOC, JJC, and DCJ law enforcement officers have free access with the presentation of a valid state identification card. They are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) beach parking passes.

d. Local first responders who directly support NGTC have free access with presentation of a valid identification card and are authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) beach parking passes. Local first responders include current members of the Sea Girt Borough, Manasquan Borough, and Wall Township Police, Fire and EMS/Rescue Squads.

e. A service-connected disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient who presents a Department of Veterans Affairs identification card, Purple Heart license plate/placard has free access to NGTC and is also authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) guest beach parking passes. In addition, Gold Star parents and spouses, or the spouse of a Fallen Trooper, are authorized a free beach parking pass. Gold Star parents and spouses, and spouses of Fallen Troopers are also authorized to sponsor and pay for three (3) beach parking passes.

f. Only service animals are allowed on NGTC and the beach. Emotional support animals are not permitted. Service animals must be designated as a service animal. The owner of the service animal is responsible for cleaning up after the service animal. In situations where it is not obvious that the dog is a service animal, installation personnel may ask only two specific questions: (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability? and (2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform? Staff are not allowed to request any documentation for the dog, require that the dog demonstrate its task, or inquire about the nature of the person's disability.

3. Beach Parking Passes.

a. The revenue generated by beach parking passes offsets the cost of lifeguards, daily beach raking, maintenance, seasonal latrines, and trash removal.

b. Beach parking passes cost \$50.00 per person annually. Credit card is the only form of authorized payment. Sponsors can purchase beach parking passes remotely by calling 732-974-4500 or in person at the National Guard Training Center, Building 7, Room 132, beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2023, between the hours of 0900 and 1200.

c. The beach parking pass is valid from May 27, 2023 through September 4, 2023.

d. Personnel or retirees who qualify for access due to employment with multiple agencies listed in paragraph 2 are not authorized to purchase more than three (3) guest beach parking passes.

e. Beach parking passes are issued to individuals for passenger vehicles with an occupancy that does not exceed the vehicle's capacity (i.e. do not overload the vehicle with passengers in order to get more people to the beach). Busses, large vans and similar large vehicles are not authorized to use the beach parking pass and are prohibited from parking at the beach parking lot.

4. Additional Responsibilities and Disciplinary Actions.

a. Beach parking passes are reissued annually by the Superintendent. Beach parking passes that are forged, improperly completed or presented by anyone other than the issued cardholder will be confiscated by Security. The person(s) presenting such a pass will be denied entrance and a report will be filed with the Superintendent.

b. The clearly printed name of the user on the beach parking pass must match the driver's license or other identification to gain access.

c. Appropriate Commanders and agencies will be notified by the Superintendent for further disciplinary action in the event person(s) with beach parking passes are denied entrance or removed from the installation for misconduct.

5. Beach Rules.

a. The following beach rules apply to visitors and those stationed at NGTC:

- (1) When no lifeguards are on duty, swim at your own risk.
- (2) Park only in authorized areas.
- (3) Swimming is only permitted on the southern portion of the beach.
- (4) No boats, kayaks, rafts, surf boards or personal watercraft.
- (5) No pets, excluding service animals (refer to paragraph 2.f).
- (6) No glass containers.
- (7) No alcoholic beverages.
- (8) No tents or cabanas.
- (9) No vehicles on the beach.
- (10) No fires, grills, or BBQs.
- (11) It is prohibited to walk on the dunes and rock jetties.
- (12) Do not enter the restricted environmentally sensitive areas and wildlife habitats behind the ranges and on the beach.
- (13) Fishing in approved area only (north beach).
- (14) Remove all trash/litter from the beach and deposit in approved containers.
- (15) No unmanned aerial systems (i.e. drones).
- (16) No entrance into natural resources protected areas.

b. Beach visitors will comply with the lifeguard and NGTC swimming restrictions and guidance. Visitors are subject to the rules, regulations, and other guidance. Failure to comply will result in confiscation of the beach parking pass, eviction from NGTC, and disciplinary or criminal charges, as appropriate.

6. East Picnic Area Events.

a. Military units, tenant agencies and visitors may request the use of the East Picnic Area for events. The East Picnic Area is not on the beach. It is located on the grass field north of the beach parking lot. A written request for the use of East Picnic Area must be submitted to the Superintendent, National Guard Training Center, 100 Camp Drive, Sea Girt, NJ, 08750. The request must contain: the proposed date(s) to include primary and alternate date(s), purpose of the event, and the primary and alternate points of contact information, i.e. name, telephone number, email address. The request must also include verification that both the primary and alternate point of contacts have read the Natural Resources Brief located at <https://www.nj.gov/military/admin/departments/ngtc>.

b. Tents, cabanas, and grills may be used in the East Picnic Area. They are not provided by NGTC.

7. Natural Resources Area. There are two (2) closed sections of the beach known as the Northern Protected Area and the Southern Protected Area. Several rare species of wildlife utilize these protected areas and are closed to human activity. Please refer to NGTC's Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.



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