

July 2019 Parks Report

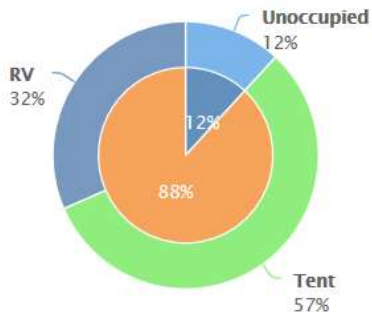
Downtown –

- July put our maintenance schedule into high gear, and it will continue to be full speed ahead until Labor Day weekend, as usual. The limited crew is doing all that they can do to keep up with trash and bathrooms.
- The Rec Center playground continues to be a work in progress as our attention and time has been required in other areas due to the busy season. Draintile was installed along the tennis courts and west side of the building, with more to be added. Don't fret kids, there will be monkey bars.
- After much discussion, the Hebert Rogers Memorial drinking fountain was repaired and put back into public use. The water quality tests came back safe, and the Parks crew will continue to operate it seasonally until that is not the case. I am going to hold on to the dream of a water feature being constructed there when the time comes.
- Joni's Beach is clearly affected by the high-water levels and is being monitored frequently. I will be discussing the feasibility of shoreline stabilization options during this upcoming budget season.
- The poison ivy along the north property line of Joni's Beach will continue to be treated. Informational signage identifying the plant has been posted, and I would advise sailboat owners not to leave their dinghys (or anybody with any vessel for that matter) in the vegetation remaining on the beach leading to the church property.
- All picnic tables at Joni's are scheduled to be replaced by the end of August and I plan to add gravel and improve the base under the pavilion.

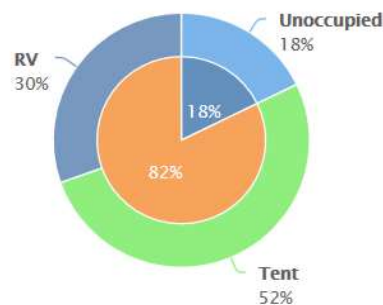
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- It has also been full speed ahead at Big Bay since mid-June. The crew and Camp Hosts are doing all they can do to keep the Park clean and inviting.
- As of this report, July and August occupancy at the Park has decreased by 4% since last summer, specifically on weekdays. Weekends in 2020 are already filling up. Remember that you can make an online reservation up to 1 year in advance, so don't delay and plan now.

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Enjoy the Parks and be safe,
Respectfully submitted,
Ben Schram, Parks Supervisor