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# FERRY BEACH



...New friends and old, babies to seniors, singles, couples and families ... sand, sun, stars and surf ... laughter, games ... homecooked food ... worship and music ... talks early in the morning to late at night, on the beach, around the fireplace, doing chores and over the dining tables ... time away from home and together making memories and friends to last the church year long.

**Who, what, when and where?** North Parish parishioners are invited to sign-up for a get-away weekend Friday, September 24 through Sunday, September 26 at the Ferry Beach Conference Center on the southern Maine coast in Saco.

**What are the accommodations and how much does it cost?** We are renting three lodging buildings at Ferry Beach. Each has sleeping rooms with two or more beds and bathrooms and showers on each floor. The cost for the weekend which includes lodging and all meals is \$110 per person over age 12, \$55 per person ages 5 to 12, children under 5 free. There is a \$350 ceiling per family. Reduced rates are available for families in need. Contact Suzanne Adams at 978-697-1991. Requests are kept confidential. Communications will be made by email if one provided.

Ferry Beach also has a large camping grove for tents and trailers. Each site has electricity and water hookups. The grove has its own bathrooms and showers. The cost is \$75 per person over age 12 and \$45 per person for ages 5 to 12 for the camp site and all meals. Children under 5 are free.

Those who do not wish to stay overnight may come for the day on Saturday and join us for dinner, breakfast or lunch. Please see meal prices below.

**Reservation Form** Please indicate next to each name any food allergies or special needs.

Name	Age if under 18	Name	Age if under 18
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Amount due for lodge accommodations

Number over age 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$110 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number age 5 to 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Amount due for camping

Number over age 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number age 5 to 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Coming for the day only

Number over age 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 dinner = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number age 5 to 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 dinner = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number over age 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 lunch = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number age 5 to 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 lunch = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount due \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**The full registration amount is due one week before the weekend or earlier. Payment at the weekend by special arrangement ONLY.**

Please make checks payable to **Ferry Beach Weekend** and pay at church or mail to *Suzanne Adams, 173 Campbell Road, North Andover, MA 01845*, Phone 978-682-8585, Email address [sue@gndhome.com](mailto:sue@gndhome.com).

I'm adding \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my check as a donation to Ferry Beach's Capital Campaign.

## Weekend schedule

In true UU fashion, Ferry Beach weekends are loosely structured. You will need to attend meals at appointed times. However, the rest of the weekend is yours to plan as you wish. Some people like to explore the Maine coast, some want to mingle and enjoy conversations, games or work on a jigsaw puzzle, and some want to squirrel away in the living room or on the porch with a good book. And many head for the beach and the water! All are invited to join in the Saturday afternoon volleyball game for all ages and skill levels, the Talent-No Talent show, and intergenerational worship service Sunday morning.

Arrive anytime after 4:00 p.m. on Friday and stay as long as you wish Sunday.

Because of safety concerns, the Ferry Beach catering service will provide all meals. However, volunteers will be needed to help with dining room set-up, worship, picking up and other jobs. A job list and description of jobs will be provided to all who sign-up and there will be an opportunity to sign-up before the weekend or when attendees arrive. Please let us know if we need to accommodate your travel schedule or you have other special requests. We ask that attendees bring a snack or dessert to share for Friday night or Saturday happy hour before dinner.

We try to accommodate requests for room assignments, particularly teens who wish to room with or close to one another. Only one building has first floor sleeping accommodations and a handicapped bathroom, so please let us know if you would like one of these rooms.

## What to bring

- bedding or sleeping bags and pillows for a single bed
- towels, face cloth, soap, shampoo
- warm clothing, rain gear
- bathing suits, beach towels, lawn chairs
- flashlight(s)
- beer, wine, or soft drinks and coolers
- board games, cards
- sand toys, kites, sports equipment
- your food contribution - snack or dessert
- firewood for the fireplace

## Location

More complete directions will be emailed out to all who are attending. Ferry Beach is located just south of Old Orchard Beach and just below the Ferry Beach State Park. You take exit 36 (Saco - Old Orchard) off the Maine Turnpike. Without traffic, it usually takes about one hour and 30 minutes from the church.

## About Ferry Beach

The history of Ferry Beach begins with a remarkable Universalist preacher, Dr. Quillen Hamilton Shinn, who had a talent for building churches and congregations. He organized more than 50 churches and built 35 new church buildings. From 1882 to 1900 he organized summer gatherings in NH and then ME. He finally found his own gathering spot, a seaside hotel operated by the Boston and Maine Railroad called the Ferry Beach House (now known as The Quillen) with its own wooded grove. He borrowed money on his life insurance policy to buy the hotel. Over the years, through donations, the Ferry Beach Association has purchased more than 25 acres and added additional buildings.

The Beach hosts UU churches, like ours, on the fall and spring weekends and is home to an ecology school during those weeks. Once school is out, the summer week-long and weekend programs begin for adults, singles, children and families. Please visit [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org) for more information. There's still time to sign-up. All meals are included and there are always morning worship services and programs for children.