

Great River Hydro encourages safe recreation on the Deerfield River

Special COVID-19 Announcement: GRH Recreation areas will be open for 2021 season.

Great River Hydro will make reasonable efforts to provide amenities like picnic tables and portable toilets, and to service those facilities in accordance with CDC and state guidance. Visitors are strongly encouraged to also follow CDC and state guidance regarding personal protection measures, such as social distancing, mask use, and personal hygiene, including being prepared with their own hand sanitizer for use in these facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Measures at GRH Recreation Sites – 10MAY2021

- Great River Hydro intends to open its recreation areas May 29 with restrictions, see below.
 - o Whitewater releases provided in accordance with the published schedule, beginning May 29.
- Recreation Site Safety Measures include mask use and social distancing, following CDC guidelines.
- Follow state and federal guidance on personal hygiene, mask use, social distancing, and group size.

Be Constantly Alert to Changing Flow Conditions:

- ✓ Don't swim or play near a dam or powerhouse as posted by signs and barriers. These areas can have strong underwater currents, sudden water discharges, slippery surfaces, and submerged hazards.
- ✓ Obey all warning signs, and restrictive buoys. These warnings are intended to keep people away from areas where water flows can change suddenly.
- ✓ Obey all audio-visual warnings. These warnings indicate water flows may change suddenly.
- Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. Dams hidden from view can still affect the water conditions in unexpected ways.
- ✓ Look for water level changes, including those affected by rain.
- ✓ Be aware of your location when powerhouses are nearby or across a stream.
- ✓ Flow information in the river sections below our facilities is available at www.h2oline.com

Help preserve the recreational areas for years of continued use:

- Drive on established roads and park in established parking areas.
- ✓ Obey all posted rules and regulations.
- ✓ Carry out what you carry in. Please keep all trash off the property and out of the water.

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