

# Buxton Recreation Department 2020 Annual Report



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Our mission never changed in 2020... In fact, providing community connection with a focus on physical and mental health became even more essential we navigated the challenges of world-wide pandemic. On March 16, our programs went remote, taking place on social media platforms for two months. With an emphasis on outdoor programming, Buxton Recreation came out from behind the computer screen in May for the first time in months to feature a storyboard walk at Town Farm Park. This was the first step towards the safe, creative, and engaging in-person programming that the department offered through the rest of 2020. Summer camps, art programs, T'ai Chi, youth sports, full day childcare, and special events took new forms to keep recreation livability high, and strived to keep community moral higher. Although uncertainty is still looming, Buxton Recreation is looking forward to continuing to work with citizens over the next twelve months. We are here to serve families, senior citizens, and community members however we can. Buxton Recreation still strives to "Play Every Day", and we are hopeful that we will be working with more of the community with each passing month of 2021.

- 3 Number of full time, year round staff members
- 28 Number of part time and seasonal employees
- 156 Number of programs and events offered
- 11,053 Hours Worked

## Virtual Programming

37 Online Programs/Activities offered from March-May  
Virtual Programming Highlights

**United We Step:** 43 citizens joined the three week fitness challenge.

**Postcard Campaign:** 443 Connection Post Cards sent to Children and Senior Citizens

## Special Event Spotlight

56 families registered their backyard campsite for the MRPA Backyard Campout Weekend

61 senior citizens participated in the Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Luncheon

66 families participated in the Town Farm Halloween Haunt

## School-Age Childcare Programs

141

Children in grades Pre-K-8 who utilized school year childcare programs including:

Kid's Club	Late Arrival Care
Before School Care	February Vacation Camp
After School Care	December Vacation Camp

Kid's Club helped 53 children attend more than 1,800 Remote Learning Zoom calls from September-December.

# 2020 Park Utilization for Programs

With indoor fitness facilities being closed, and many summer plans being altered, the outdoor recreation industry saw a boom in 2020. Walking, hiking, and playing at municipal facilities became a staple in daily routines. The demand for green space, parks, and trails grew, and Buxton Recreation worked to promote and utilize these resources as much as possible. Parks became the setting for our summer camp childcare series well as special events.

## 2020 New Programming

### Storyboard Walks

-Featuring Maine Authors-  
"Halfway Wild" by Laura Freudig  
"At One" by Lynn Plourde

### Park Passport Program

Community challenge to explore Buxton's parks and playgrounds.

### July-National Parks and Recreation Month

Buxton municipal parks campaign to inform residents of local hiking, paddling, and fishing opportunities, as well as location and history of the parks.

### Town Farm Haunt

Buxton Recreation's Halloween event, made possible by community volunteers, including BCES PTO and Buxton Fire/EMS. This physically distanced haunted walk featured graveyards, witches, a haunted house, and much more.

## Town of Buxton Municipal Parks and Green space

### Meditation in Motion: T'ai Chi for Adults

Bi-weekly program took place outside at the Town

### Youth Soccer Program

**10** volunteer soccer coaches coached **96** soccer players grades PK-7 with a modified season including wellness checks at each practice

### Buxton Recreation Outdoor Summer Programs

**18** staff oversaw **9** camps with **119** registrations over **8** weeks of programs

Goals: Peer socialization, physical activity, social emotional development, social responsibility, and promotion of creativity in both group and individual initiatives

Mini Summer Camps: All Thing's Art, Get Active Sports Camp, Next Level Sports Camp, Nature Explorer's Camp

## Traditional Programming in New Ways



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