Ecology

An island ecosystem is fragile. Small actions have large impacts.

- Rocks and vegetation protect the shore and provide habitat. Please do not remove them.
- Starfish and other living creatures should not be taken as souvenirs.

Fire!

Fires on an island are devastating. Breezy conditions make us especially vulnerable.

- Fires are allowed by permit only.
- Contact the police for a permit.
- Never leave a fire before totally extinguished.

Dogs

Peaks Island is dog-friendly. Please be sure that your dog is island-friendly!

- Dogs must be kept leashed.
- Always clean up after your pet.
- Unattended dogs bark, disturbing everyone. Please quiet your dog.

*It is inhumane and unlawful to abandon animals on Peaks.*

Health-Care

Peaks Island receives health-care services from Maine Medical Partners Family Medicine.

- The Peaks Island Health Center at 87 Central Avenue offers Primary and Acute Care.
- We welcome residents and visitors.
- Please call 766.2929 or 874.2466 for more information/appointments.
Public Safety/Facilities
For your protection, police & volunteer firefighters are on duty 24 hours/day.
› In an emergency, Call 911.
› Public bathrooms are located in the Douglas E. MacVane Center at 129 Island Ave.
› A seasonal bathroom is located at the parking lot at Island and Welch Streets.

Trash & Recycling
Keep Peaks clean & green!
Trash in the ocean kills more than one million seabirds and 100,000 marine animal each year.”
› Containers are located throughout the island.
› Household trash must be placed in special City of Portland blue trash bags, available at local stores. Place all recyclables in blue bins. Curb side pickup occurs on Mondays.
› Seagulls, crows, cats, and dogs are very good at tearing trash bags. Please place bags inside a trash can.
› There is a $100 fine for not disposing of cigarette butts properly as trash.

Cars
We encourage walking and biking. Both keep our island clean & safe.
› The island speed limit is 20 mph.
› Maine law requires that you stop for pedestrians at crosswalks.
› Island roads are narrow and rural, and are all two-way; please stay to the right.
› Use the Island Taxi – (207) 518-0000. It alleviates congestion and supports a vital service for older islanders who depend on it in winter months.

Parking
Parking is limited. Please leave spaces open for resident commuters.
› Down front parking is limited to 72 hours. Violators will be ticketed.
› Don’t obstruct traffic – park off the road, but only where you won’t damage vegetation. Roadside vegetation prevents erosion.
› Avoid the ferry area during peak times.

Pedestrians
Cars, bikes, golf carts, and people must share the roads. Be considerate.
› On our narrow roads, pedestrians should be prepared to step aside to allow vehicles to pass. On Peaks pedestrians keep to the left.
› Walk on sidewalks whenever possible.

Enjoy your visit. Keep in mind that while you’re vacationing, islanders must go about their daily business. Many rise early & must get on and off the ferry on time.

For information about events scheduled by island organizations, visit www.peaksisland.info

By observing a few simple courtesies, visitors can help keep our island clean, safe, and friendly for everyone.