

# Brenton Point

STATE PARK • NEWPORT, R.I.



- PARKING
- SHOW KITES
- KITE STORE
- MAIN STAGE/FIELD
- INFO TENT & VENDORS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- RESTROOMS
- SKYDOG BAND

## Reading the Day

We don't run on a clock. We run on the wind. Live music from Skydog plays the middle field all afternoon, both days. Listen to the MCs and they'll point you to what's launching next. Look for the seven Sky Passport stations among the vendor booths.

## The Wind's Longer Memory

The wind at Brenton Point has always had a job to do.

In the late 1890s, U.S. Weather Bureau scientists discovered what every kite flier here already knows: the wind at the southernmost tip of Aquidneck Island is clean, steady, and reliable in a way most coastal sites simply aren't.

They launched kite trains – multiple box kites strung on a single line – carrying instruments more than ten thousand feet into the atmosphere. For a brief and remarkable period, this was one of the most scientifically observed patches of sky in America.

During World War II, more than 300,000 sailors trained their eyes on kites climbing over the Atlantic at facilities along Ocean Drive – working-class boys from Providence and Pawtucket and everywhere else, learning to read the air against an open sky.

In 1986, the American Kitefliers Association chose this same wind for its national championships. That same year, the Newport Kite Festival found its home here.

The wind, as always, was ready.

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Forty Years of Flight  
1986 - 2026  
July 11 & 12, 2026  
Brenton Point  
12-4 PM



# Newport Kite Festival

 Free & Open to the Public

[NEWPORTKITEFESTIVAL.COM](http://NEWPORTKITEFESTIVAL.COM)

## 40 Years at Brenton Point

What began in 1986 as an international cultural exchange between American and Japanese kite makers has returned to this field every summer since – through wind, rain, and the years it ran on faith alone. Forty free summers have followed. The field was already public land by then: acquired under Governor John Chafee's Green Acres Program in 1969, and opened as Brenton Point State Park in 1976. Kite fliers found it almost as soon as it opened. We are grateful for this land, and for all who have called it home before us.

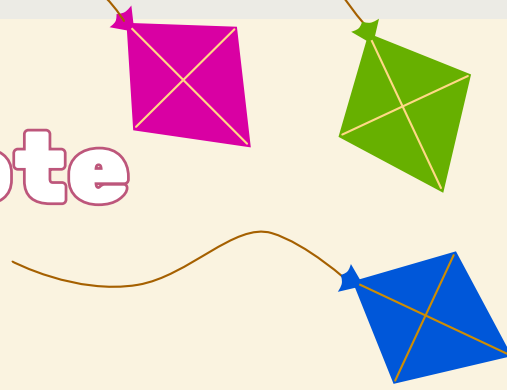
First Aid & Lost & Found at the Info Tent. Accessible restrooms on site. Terrain and parking are natural and uneven.

ACTIVITY

# Sky Passport

WELCOME

## A Note



EAT - SHOP

## Vendors

### Food Trucks

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| BEN & JERRY'S NEWPORT     | SAT & SUN |
| BLOUNT CLAM SHACK         | SAT       |
| DEL'S LEMONADE OF NEWPORT | SAT & SUN |
| DR. DOUGHBOYS             | SAT & SUN |
| HOMETOWN POKÉ             | SAT & SUN |
| MIA CANE                  | SAT & SUN |
| THE BURRITO BOWL          | SAT & SUN |
| WIENER WAGON              | SAT & SUN |
| WHAT'S UP CUPCAKE         | SUN       |

### Services & Activities

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|--|-----------|
| BLENHEIM-NEWPORT                         | SAT & SUN |
| FLATBED FICTION                          | SAT & SUN |
| HENNA BY HEATHER                         | SAT & SUN |
| HONEY BADGER BOX                         | SAT & SUN |
| KATHI'S CREATIVE FACES                   | SAT & SUN |
| LA POTTERIE D'EMILIE                     | SAT & SUN |
| MIK'S MEGA BUBBLES                       | SAT & SUN |
| OFFICE OF RHODE ISLAND GENERAL TREASURER | SAT & SUN |
| RENEWAL BY ANDERSEN                      | SAT & SUN |
| RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH        | SAT       |
| TIMBER & FLOW                            | SAT & SUN |
| UNITED WAY RI                            | SAT & SUN |
| WEST PLACE ANIMAL SANCTUARY              | SAT & SUN |

### Festival Perks

**Beau Tyler & the Sly Dog Co.** (beaut Tyler.com) – 10% off in store when you say Kite Festival and online thru 7/31

**Newport Helicopter Tours** (newportheicoptertours.com) – 10% off with code KITE

GRATITUDE

# Festival Partners

For four decades, the Newport Kite Festival has been kept in flight by neighbors, makers, and small businesses who believe a public park is for everyone.

## Anchor Partner

**Honey Badger Box**



Subscription & Education

## Sustaining Partners

Blackstone Video Group, Del's Lemonade of Newport, Dr. Angelique Ford, Gary & Maggie Engvall, Khemura Wellness, Kites Over New England, Kitt Kites, Kurtis Jones of Wind Wolves, Pauly Berard, R1 Indoor Karting, Skye Parker Company, Sandra L. Peters, CRPC, Tom Casselman, Wendy Imondi & Pixie

## Community Partners

Adventure Kiteboarding School, BankNewport, Blenheim-Newport, City of Newport Mayor Charles Holder, Cumulus Media, Get There By Bike, Girls On The Run RI, Macaroni Kid, Newport Daily News, Newport Embroidery, Newport Helicopter Tours, Newport Historical Society, Newport Police Department, Newport Public Library, Office of Rhode Island General Treasurer, Rhode Island Department of Health, Rhode Island Monthly, Save The Bay, Skydog All-Star Band, St. Michael's Country Day School, United Way RI, West Place Animal Sanctuary, What's Up Newport

I've been asked why I keep doing this.

A lot of businesses take from a community and never give back. This festival is our way - myself and the handful of invested business owners and community members - of giving back. It always has been. We keep it free because it should be free. In a world where free events are disappearing fast, that matters.

It's also for families because families deserve a place to make memories together, year after year, generation after generation until the grandchildren are bringing their own kids. It's for the kid flying his first kite, a carefully chosen butterfly kite, and the look on his face that tells you it's Christmas morning in July. It's for a man in his sixties, alone with an expensive kite and a perfect wind, content in a way that has nothing to do with anyone watching.

That's what I hope the next forty years look like too. Same field. Same wind. All of us, still showing up.

- Ron Kitt, Festival Director

#newportkitefestival

**What:** Collect seven stamps. Enter to win.  
**How:** Visit vendor booths, get your passport stamped, and drop it at the Info Tent before 4pm. Listen for your raffle number to be called by the MC. Daily winners take home a helicopter ride over Brenton Point, private tour of West Place Animal Sanctuary, 3-hour private kiteboarding lesson, professional kites, and more!

Show Completed Passport at Info Tent to Enter Raffle