

Members of Aspen Cove,

On 1 Feb 2024, a few of the board members had the opportunity to meet with the regional representatives of the Utah Department of Natural Resources (State Park). This included the area manager and the team that covers the south end of the state.

We discussed two issues:

- First issue drive-through, going from point A (Park Rangers Guard Station) to point B (Aspen Cove Property).
- Second issue parking at the boat dock during the winter time.

The park rangers feel many people know all they have to do is say “I’m with Aspen Cove” and can go into the park for free. They feel like people are taking advantage of that and using the facilities without paying the day use fee or having a park pass. We are working on methods to help the Ranger and gate attendants identify Aspen Cove property owners and their invited guests.

I am pleased to say at this time they will allow property owners or their guests to drive-through without having to purchase a day pass. We will provide the Scofield State Park ranger with a map of Aspen Cove and a member list with lot numbers. From now on, when you, your guests, or family come to the pay booth, either display your park pass or say the name associated with the cabin and the lot number. Example: Smith Cabin lot number 200.

Some cabins are owned by multiple owners. If that is the case, please reach out to the board through board@aspencovehoa.org. We will tell you the primary name that we have for your property. That way you can use the primary name with the ranger or booth attendant.

The local ranger and area manager both feel like people are taking advantage of the pass-through agreement. We are trying to come up with solutions so they know who really is supposed to have the pass-through privilege. Unfortunately, there will still be hiccups, but Scofield State Park has committed to work with Aspen Cove and to be good neighbors.

The big issue is, if we use any of the park services, including the boat ramp, even if we don’t leave our trucks there, we need to pay a day use fee or display our pass. If we have family members with three boats and they’re storing the trucks and trailers at the cabin, we should either have three passes or pay a day use fee per each boat launched. We don’t want the park services to feel like they’re being taken advantage of. Please help us in making sure your visitors are paying to use the park services. But just driving through should no longer be a problem.

The second issue is the parking lot. This is the first year the ranger has plowed the parking lot and Aspen Cove has not paid for this service. They are committed to making Scofield Reservoir a popular destination. They want to bring back ice fishing tournaments and make the campgrounds profitable. At this time, they are firm with their decision on the parking lot being for park day use only. We asked about buying a camping permit and leaving our vehicles

overnight and they said the parking lot is not for overnight use – days only. The issues they're having with the parking lot is Aspen Cove property owners and guests want to use it on the weekends for our family when they come to visit. The weekends are also the most popular time for the fisherman.

The other issue with the parking lot is that the ranger will see it full and only three people paid. Although this is likely not Aspen Cove residence, it reinforces the idea that pass-through privilege is being abused.

We talked to the park officials about other areas to park during the winter time for those that have 2wd vehicles and trailers. The rangers did give us some options and the board is also working on some other options. The problem is, some of the areas the ranger suggested for parking are currently covered in hard packed snow. They said we could park out by the dumpsters. The park service does not own that property. It's owned by UDOT. Be aware, if you park out there, there is a sign that says no overnight parking. Be careful where you park so the trash trucks can access the dumpsters and the US Postal Service can access the mailboxes.

We are still in communications with the park service about the parking situation. This is going to take some time to work through. At this time parking is at your risk until we can come up with a permanent solution.

The board wants to thank all the members who reached out and gave suggestions and offered their help. The board members who were in the meeting with the park rangers, felt like both sides were able to speak and were listened to. We feel like things will get worked out. We realize the park service is trying to make Scofield Park better. We understand they feel like they're being taken advantage of. They understand that Aspen Cove has been a partner to the park services and has made many positive contributions to the park.

Thank you,
Jared Edward
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