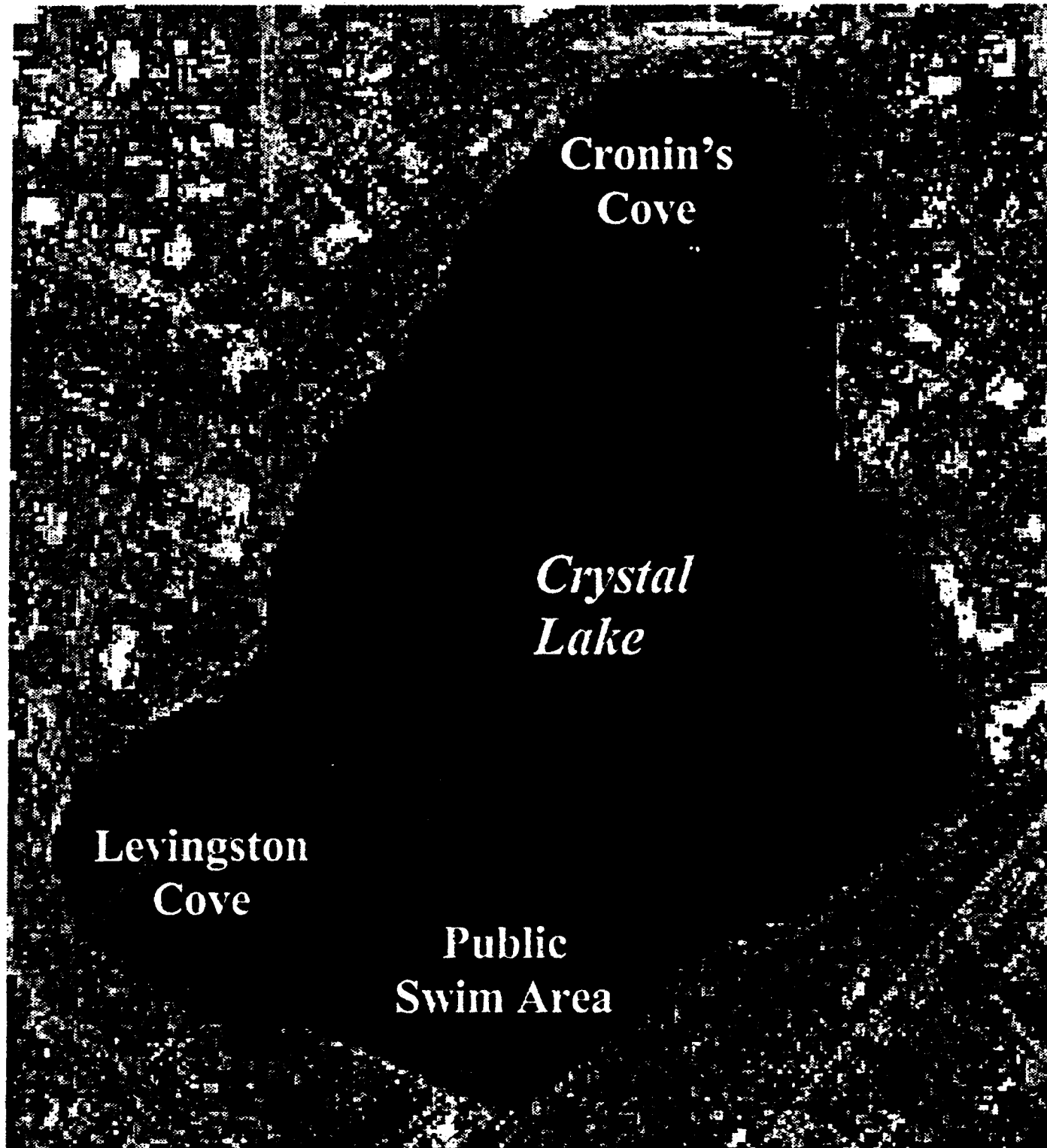




SPECIAL MANIFOLD

CRYSTAL LAKE RULES & REGULATIONS

Chapter 243 of the Acts of 1924 authorizes the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission (formerly the Playground Commission) to make rules and regulations governing the use of Crystal Lake. Section 3 of the Act further provides that "Any [Newton] police officer may patrol any part of [Crystal Lake] and shall have authority to arrest any person violating any law of the commonwealth in, on or adjacent to the waters of said lake or violating any rule or regulation established under this act.



As authorized in the Acts of 1924, the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission (not to be confused with the Newton Parks and Recreation Department) has established rules and regulations pertaining to swimming, fishing and boating on Crystal Lake. These rules and regulations were approved by officials in state government and may be enforced by any local, state or environmental police officer and by any official of the Parks and Recreation Department. A brief synopsis of these rules and regulations¹ are as follows:

SWIMMING:

- No person shall enter or leave Crystal Lake except at beaches where the City owns the land. The only exception is made for abutters, their guests and servants on their own property.
- All swimming is limited to "ticket holders" who must use the bathing facilities provided by the City of Newton on Rogers Street.
- Persons shall only swim in designated areas and shall be attired with proper swimwear.

BOATING:

- All boats must be hand-carried, launched and landed at Cronin's Cove with the exception of boats belonging to abutters who may launch and land from their own property.
- Canoes, kayaks, rowboats, wind surfers and inflatable boats that have sides and a rated carrying capacity of at least 300 pounds are permitted. Jet skis, crew sculls and water skiing is not permitted.
- Boating inside buoyed areas designated for swimming or boating within 150 feet of the bathing beach is not permitted.
- Electric motors not exceeding 3 horsepower or 30 pounds of thrust are permitted. Internal combustion engines are not permitted.
- Swimming from boats (jumping in and out of the water) is not permitted.
- No person under age 12 shall operate a boat on the lake unless accompanied by another person in the same boat who is at least 12 years of age.
- All boats must be equipped with one Coast Guard approved flotation device for each person on board.

FISHING:

- All persons who fish from boats at Crystal Lake must have a valid fishing license. This license is issued by the State of Massachusetts and may be obtained from the Clerk's Office at Newton City Hall. Scuba fishing and spear fishing is not permitted.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Massachusetts's general laws and parking restrictions posted in neighborhoods surrounding Crystal Lake shall be strictly enforced. In addition, Newton Police officers shall continue to monitor and enforce the rules and regulations established by the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission. This enforcement action will require periodically checking that signs prohibiting swimming, launching boats, trespassing, etc. are still in place and have not been stolen, altered or defaced. Any signage discrepancy shall be reported to the Parks and Recreation Department by calling 617-796-1500.

Enforcement steps for violations of the rules or regulations for Crystal Lake shall include:

1. Verbal warning;
2. Written warning;
3. Written fine; and/or
4. Arrest (Criminal Trespassing, Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly, Indecent Exposure, Alcohol Violations, Malicious Mischief on Sunday, Willful Violation of City Ordinance, Littering and Refusing to Give Name to Officer, Possess & Exploding Fireworks, etc.).