

Cranberry Isles NEH Parking lot open as of today, June 3, 2025

Cranberry Isles Residents with 2025 NEH permits can begin moving their cars to the Cranberry Isles NEH parking lot starting today (June 3, 2025). Our designated area is where we have always been parking, however, the parking spaces are no longer numbered. Our area is the 2 double rows of parking in the center and the row along the walkway (south-facing border of the parking lot), ending where the wooden stairs begin, 123 parking spaces in all (a map is attached). The only area that has changed for us is the row to the right as you drive into the parking lot is now designated paid kiosk parking for the Town of Mount Desert. The other paid kiosk parking is located at the top of the parking lot below the cliff, as well as another row inside the Mount Desert Town Office area. Paid kiosk areas will be signed as such. Cranberry Isles Permit holders can overflow to the paid kiosk parking spots whenever our parking area is full; you don't have to pay for it, your NEH Permit will still be valid for those spots, however, only do this if there is no parking available in our designated parking area. Special Circumstance parking spots for Cranberry Isles permit holders will be designated with signage and located at the lower portion of our parking area. Please call the Cranberry Isles Town Office with questions (207) 244-4475.

Other Important Information about permits and parking

Manset Permit holders should have already moved to Manset, or, if your vehicle has a Joy Lot permit it should already be parked at the Joy Rd Lot. Also, and this important, any vehicle using the Cranberry Isles NEH lot or the Joy Road lot should be registered in the online IPS system. Cranberry Isles has already issued you a permit approval that you received in the mail, but you will still need to complete the online portion, same as you have done for the past 2 years. The Town of Mount Desert Parking Enforcement will start monitoring both lots starting Monday, June 9th and start issuing parking tickets for vehicles that have not completed/applied in that online IPS Portal. Here is the website link: thepermitportal.com/IPS. That link is also on the Cranberry Isles website under Public Services/Transportation and Parking, and click on: [IPS Parking Portal: Northeast Harbor & Joy Lot Permit Holders](#). It is important that you complete this step so that you do not get parking tickets.

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