

Frye Island Ferry

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Service Summary

Service area: Frye Island to Raymond
Type of service: Ferry

Ferry Service

The Town of Frye Island is a seasonal community located in Sebago Lake, about 25 miles west of Portland. The closest accessible point of land on the mainland is on the southerly end of Raymond Cape Road in the Town of Raymond. The Town of Frye Island operates two ferries that transport vehicles and passengers between the ferry terminal on the Raymond Cape Road and the ferry terminal located on the island. The ferries operate daily from the last Friday in April to the first Monday in November, weather permitting. Ferry service begins at 7:00 a.m. (earlier on some days) and runs every half hour until as late as midnight. In general, one ferry operates Mondays through Thursdays during May, June, September and October, two ferries operate Fridays and weekends during those months, and two ferries operate every day during July and August.

Summary of Service Changes

There have been no recent changes in service.

Summary of Accomplishments

In 2018, the Town upgraded its electronic ticketing system that was first implemented between 2008 and 2010. The upgraded system has the capability of accepting credit cards and it includes updated ticket scanners.

Future Priorities

Pending Projects

- 2019 Prep & paint hull and forward compartments – Ellie Corliss
- 2019 Prep and paint hull – Leisure Lady
- 2019 Replace deck planks – island ramp
- 2019 Rewire gantry power & lighting

- 2019 Ferryboat vehicle deck revisions
- 2019-2020 Construct new ferry terminal building
- 2019-2020 Re-pave ferry landing road
- 2019 Ramp hinge plates

Future projects 2019-2022

- Purchase additional ferryboat
- Revise vehicle parking and queueing

Ridership

The table below shows the number of one-way trips between Frye Island and the mainland for vehicles, passengers and pedestrians. The figure for passengers is an estimate of the number of passengers riding in vehicles; the figure for pedestrians is the exact number of walk-ons (people not riding in a vehicle).

Frye Island Ferry Ridership					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Vehicles	51,912	54,428	56,094	58,924	61,458
Passengers	77,868	81,642	84,141	88,386	92,187
Pedestrians	1,642	1,736	1,802	1,898	2,050
Total Passengers	79,510	83,378	85,943	90,284	94,237

Fares

Frye Island uses an electronic ticketing system. Island residents and other regular users are issued a bar-coded pass linked to an account which is debited each time the card is used. Accounts can be replenished automatically when a trigger balance is reached or manually, using a bank account or credit card. The fare class for the type of vehicle is entered by the attendant when the pass is scanned. Paper tickets can also be purchased from the office, or payment can be made by cash or credit card at the point of boarding.

<p>Key to Fares</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Street: All ferry tickets purchased on the mainland from the ferry mate 2. Office: All ferry tickets purchased in the office with a minimum of five tickets purchased at one time, and all ferry charges made to an EZ-Ride account where the account owner is not an owner of a lot on Frye Island 3. Resident: All ferry charges made to an EZ-Ride account where the account owner is an owner of a lot on Frye Island and the ferry use is for the owner and family & friends of the owner.

	1. Street	2. Office	3. Resident
Pedestrian, pedestrian with bicycle	\$15	\$8	\$5
Golf Cart, Motor Cycle	\$25	\$15	\$10
Mini-Van, Passenger Car, Passenger Van, Pick-Up Truck (4 wheels max), SUV	\$35	\$25	\$15
Other	*	*	*

*Additional fare amounts for dual rear wheels, dual rear axles, more than dual axles, trailers and tracked vehicles and other vehicles, according to Frye Island fare schedule

Ferries/Facilities

The two ferries are virtually identical. They have basic flat-bottom barge-type hulls and are powered by twin diesel engines. Each ferry is approximately 26 feet wide and 64 feet long and weighs approximately 75,000 pounds. Each ferry can typically transport up to nine passenger cars per trip.

Major Challenges

- Continuing efforts to ensure that Frye Island is served by a viable ferry service
- Purchasing a third ferry (a new ferry can cost \$1.5 to \$2 million; a breakdown of either ferry, both of which are over 50 years old, can cause a major disruption of service)
- Dealing with the increasing number of passengers and vehicles needing ferry service
- Queuing of vehicles on Raymond Cape Road (no shoulder; creates traffic hazard)
- Finding and retaining qualified staff (need about 12 captains and 12 mates)

Public Participation Summary

The Frye Island Ferry operates as an Enterprise Fund, with a portion of the ticket sales going into a capital reserve fund. Major capital expenditures require a vote of the town.