



Town Of Sandwich

Beach Access Application: Beach Group Permit RULES & REGULATIONS

In order to complete your Beach Permit Application you must read, acknowledge and agree to each of the Rules & Regulations listed below. Initial each item and sign at the bottom to acknowledge and submit with your permit application and fees. THIS IS REQUIRED FOR ALL BEACH ACCESS PERMITS.

Online Permit Submissions: DOWNLOAD A COPY of this form to your computer, complete, save and UPLOAD with your Online Permit Application.

General Guidelines

1. No more than one (1) group will be permitted each day to a specific area.
2. All buses and vans shall park in the Town Beach parking lot as directed. **No bus or van parking will be permitted at the end of Boardwalk Road.** No drop-off as an emergency vehicle must be on site while children are present. Parking fees will be paid if gate personnel are present or payment arrangement made ahead of time..
3. **ALL youth groups must comply with the Massachusetts General Law called "Christian's Law", at this time of year.** Groups will be required to show documentation of compliance.

Rules & Regulations

By initialing the below, I certify that I have read, understood and will agree to comply with the beach access rules and regulations of the Town of Sandwich Coastal Access Permit:

_____ Groups of more than five (5) persons, including guides/interpretive staff shall submit a permit application, copies of state collection permits, a narrative detailing all proposed activities and schedule (itinerary) to the Recreation Department for approval. A **twenty five (25) dollar** non-refundable permit fee shall accompany each application. The fee may be waived for Sandwich Schools, Town Departments and Sandwich based non-profit organizations. (Non-profit documentation must be submitted annually). Please allow **thirty (30) days** for application processing.

_____ A written permit is required for all groups. Permit shall be present and accessible the day of the event.

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Daily Parking Fees:

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| i. Cars | \$20.00 |
| ii. Vehicles w/under 15 passengers | \$30.00 |
| iii. Vehicles w/over 16 passengers | \$50.00 |

_____ All refuse and debris must be kept in suitable containers provided by the permittee at ALL times. The permittee is responsible for the removal of all rubbish and debris to an appropriate off-site facility for proper disposal.

_____ Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all town lands including the Old Harbor area to include, all of Town Beach (adjacent to Drunken Seal), and the entire dune and beach area within Town Beach (Bay side & Mill Creek side). **Open Fires, often referred to as cook fires, shall be prohibited in the above named areas.** Cooking shall only be conducted on gas or charcoal grills. The permittee shall be responsible for the proper disposal of charcoal ash (Do not bury ashes on beaches or in dunes areas). **NO fires**, (including gas or charcoal grills) shall be

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allowed east of the boardwalk, at any time.

_____ Sanitary facilities will be available during the regular beach season, (late June – Labor Day) during normal beach hours. Otherwise, groups shall provide for their own facilities.

_____ No living or non-living materials shall be removed from any beach and or conservation area and all adjacent coastal areas without receiving prior written approval from the Natural Resources Dept, and in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 130 and any pertinent regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.

_____ From April 1 to September 15, pets (e.g., dogs, horses) are prohibited on any salt water public beach including dunes and beach parking areas. From May 15 to September 15, pets (e.g., dogs, horses) are prohibited on all other public beaches including beach parking areas. From September 16 to March 30, pets are permitted on salt water beaches and September 16 to May 14 on other public beaches. Owners are responsible for keeping their dogs under close control and picking up their pet's waste and disposing of it properly. From April 1 to September 15, no person or their pets shall enter areas marked for the purpose of protecting critical habitat for state and federally-listed shore birds.

_____ Any violation of these regulations, permit conditions, local bylaw, state or federal law may result in the issuance of a citation, cancellation of the function or other punitive action as deemed appropriate. All permittees shall comply with the request and/or directions of the Sandwich Natural Resources Director or Officer, his assistants, a designated Sandwich Police Officer or other State or Federal Officer.

_____ All persons utilizing the area shall comply with the directives of any Police Officers, Natural Resources Officers, Recreation Staff, town lifeguards, property manager or agents of the town at all times.

_____ The Town of Sandwich assumes no liability for injury, death or loss of personal property. Children under the age of 12 may not attend any beach or adjacent facility unless accompanied by an adult. Any minor child on a beach of the Town is the responsibility of the minor child's parents and or guardian or other person/persons who may be in charge of minor children ad in the case of group events (e.g. field trips) or any other group functions.

_____ All town beaches shall be closed from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM each day. (Town of Sandwich Bylaw Chapter 3 section 3.20)

_____ No person shall cut, break, remove, deface, defile or ill use any structures, fence, sign, poster gate, barrier or any natural feature or have in possession of any thereof. Growing trees, bushes, plants or flowers shall not be defaced, defiled, or cut. No trails may be marked or cut, or dams or other structures, such as lean-tos, bridges, towers, docks, piers or handrails may be constructed. No postings or signs are to be attached to any tree or structures. No person shall bait or feed wildlife on the property at any time.

_____ No Person or vehicle of any kind will be permitted on coastal dunes except in designated cross over areas. Please assist with beach conservation efforts and keep everyone including children off the dunes.(Town of Sandwich Bylaw Chapter 3 section 3.90)

_____ All persons are prohibited from walking upon or entering onto any area that may interfere with or harass resident or migratory endangered species or species of special concerns as designated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Agents of the Town typically delineate these areas. Please follow their directions. Persons shall avoid all activities that irreparably alter and/or damage any salt marsh, dune, beach or any tidal area. **Please note:** Violations hereof shall be punishable by a fine of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense, and \$100.00 for the third and subsequent offenses of any of these regulations, as specified by the Town of Sandwich Bylaws or subject to criminal prosecution. Littering, discarding, dumping or placing of rubbish or other foreign materials on any portion of any town beach may result in criminal prosecution under M.G.L. Chapter 270 S 16. Fines up to \$5,000.00 or loss of driver's license for up to one year may be incurred.

_____ Activities will be limited to areas outlined on the map attached to the approved permit.

_____ Swimming is allowed in designated areas only.

_____ Umbrellas and tents must not obstruct Lifeguard's view/ path of or to the water and must be fastened and weighted properly in the sand.

_____ Flotation devices are allowed in on-shore breeze only or at the discretion of beach staff and/or lifeguards.

_____ The Town of Sandwich Lifeguards are only on duty at POND FRONT BEACHES (Peter's Pond Beach, Snake Pond Beach and Ryder's Conservation-) Early July through Labor Day 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM. –NOTE: TIMES and AVAILABILITY may vary due to staffing and weather.

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_____ All children will be closely supervised by an adult while at the beach site. Due to **Massachusetts General State Law (C.111, s 127A1/2) - Christian's Law**. **NOTE: the following requirements must be met before water/ swim access would be granted for all municipal, recreational programs, licensed camps, day cares, and church groups.**

- An American Red Cross certified Waterfront Lifeguard must accompany a group of 8 or more children under twelve years of ages, or non-independents over the age of twelve. Group must provide own rescue tube.
- Copies of Waterfront Lifeguard certification must accompany application for a permit before the application will be considered.
- Ratio in the water will be one adult for every 5 children. Adult must be in the water with group. The same ratio is required for non-independent people over the age of twelve.
- The user group request form must be accompanied by the following documents:
 - The name of the Water Safety Instructor & copy of their certification of the individual who will be swim testing each child before arrival.
 - List of all participants and the ability of each swimmer as reported by the WSI. In addition: the group must provide red bracelets for all no-swimmers and green for all swimmers.
 - If a child/ or children within the group is a NON-SWIMMER, the group must provide a Coast Guard Approved Life Jacket and/or have a sign waiver by a parent acknowledging the child has been deemed a NON-SWIMMER and both the parent and responsible party accept liability and responsibility for the child swimming without such. Permit holder is responsible to make sure all PFD's are properly fitted the entire time at any of the Sandwich waterfronts.

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_____ Permit holders will be responsible to inform group of beach rules and regulations.

I agree I have read and initialed the attached list of requirements, I have acknowledged the Town of Sandwich Beach Rules & Regulations and I fully understand my responsibilities and will provide the required documentation with this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Online form submission, TYPING YOUR FULL NAME represents your electronic signature agreeing to the above terms.

A copy of the approved permit will be issued to the permit holder once it has been awarded and endorsed. Please call the Sandwich Recreation Department with any questions or concerns regarding the permit process.

Please do not write below this line- for office use only by the Sandwich Recreation Department.

Date received: _____

Payment received: _____
Cash Check Credit Card

Approved by: _____
Recreation Department

Date _____ **Approved Denied**

Approved by: _____
Natural Resources Department

Date _____

Permit Issued date: _____

Permit number: _____

Additional Notes:

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