



Town Of Sandwich

Coastal Access Application

Beach Wedding

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. Effective January, 2006, **no wedding permits** will be issued Memorial Day through Labor Day due to the high volume of visitors and school field trips.
2. **Boardwalk Area a Maximum of fifty (50) wedding guests are allowed.** Guests must gather in sand area on the beach seaward of the deck, not on the dunes. Only the wedding party and person(s) officiating ceremony will be allowed on the boardwalk deck due to loading capacity.
3. **Town Neck / Horizons- Drunken Seal Beach Area Maximum of one hundred and fifty (150) wedding guests allowed.** Guests must gather on the beach, not on the dunes.

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 Wedding Permit:

_____ Groups of more than five (5) persons who plan to use any town beach or parking lot for any function or group activity shall complete and submit application and fee as per the Town of Sandwich Coastal Area Use Regulations, adopted by the Board of Selectmen (04/2000; Rev. 03/2002) A **twenty five (25) dollar** non-refundable permit fee shall accompany each application. Please allow **thirty (30) days** for application processing.

_____ A written permit is required for all wedding ceremonies (including date, time and place of ceremony) Permit should be present and accessible the day of the event.

_____ 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.** Parking fees will be paid if gate personnel are present.

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 |

_____ Vehicle parking is allowed in designated areas only. Hazardous vehicle operation is prohibited; all vehicles must not exceed a 15 MPH speed limit in any beach parking lot or access road. All-terrain vehicles (ATV) and cycles (ATC), snowmobiles, hovercraft, beach buggies, off road vehicles are prohibited from operating on any town beach, coastal dune, bank or parking lot at any time. Any vehicle operating on a town beach(s) are subject to an additional \$ **200.00** fine as per the Town of Sandwich Bylaws, Chapter 3, Section 3.75, Part 1. All state motor vehicle laws are applicable in beach parking lots.

_____ No structures of any kind permitted (ex Alters, arbors ,tents, chairs, tables) Unless specifically mentioned in the permit application notes, approved by the Town of Sandwich Recreation Department and stated clearly on the approved permit.

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- _____ The releasing of balloons, birds, butterflies or the throwing of rice, birdseed, confetti and or flower petals is strictly prohibited.
- _____ The possession or discharges of fireworks are not allowed at any time unless the Sandwich Fire Department and Board of Selectmen authorize a public display.
- _____ No littering is allowed and all refuse shall be placed in trash containers provided. No household refuse shall be disposed of in town containers. No glass containers will be allowed on beaches or in parking lots at any time. This includes bottles, drinking glasses, jugs etc.
- _____ All persons utilizing the area shall comply with the directives of any Police Officers, Natural Resources Officers, Recreation Director, town lifeguards, property manager or agents of the town at all times.
- _____ No person or persons shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or any illegal substances on any public beach or beach parking area at any time. Disorderly or unlawful conduct will not be permitted at any time.
- _____ 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 and 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)
- _____ **Open Fires**, often referred to as cook fires, shall be prohibited on all town beaches or parking lots at all times. Cooking shall only be conducted on gas or charcoal grills. Charcoal shall be properly disposed of, not dumped on the ground or buried anywhere on any beach, dune bank or in any area around the parking lots. Cook Fire Permit **MUST** be obtained through the Sandwich Fire Department. **NO fires**, (including gas or charcoal grills) shall be allowed east of the boardwalk, at any time.
- _____ 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.
- _____ Sanitary facilities will **ONLY** be available during the regular beach season (end of June to Labor Day) during normal beach hours. Otherwise, groups shall provide for their own facilities.
- _____ 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.
- _____ 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. 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
- _____ 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.
- _____ Permit holders will be responsible to inform group of beach rules and regulations.

Note: *In the case of Town Beach, the beach from the westerly boundary of "Horizon's/ Drunken Seal Beach "to the Old Harbor Inlet, (also labeled as "Tidal Pool Area") including the entire barrier beach (along Cape Cod Bay and along Mill Creek), is subject to these regulations.*

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.

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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: