

Beach Activities and Fees

CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE MANAGES A TOTAL OF SIX OCEAN BEACHES IN THE FOLLOWING TOWNS: Eastham (Coast Guard and Nauset Light beaches), Wellfleet (Marconi Beach), Truro (Head of the Meadow Beach) and Provincetown (Race Point and Herring Cove beaches). All seashore beaches include the following facilities and services: showers, paved parking, rest rooms, changing rooms, drinking water, water quality testing, and lifeguards (late June through Labor Day). Two beaches, Coast Guard in Eastham and Herring Cove in Provincetown, are handicapped accessible and have wheelchairs capable of traveling over sand.



Entrance fees are charged:

Daily Vehicle	\$15.00
Daily Individual (bicycle, pedestrian)	\$ 3.00
Cape Cod National Seashore Season Pass	\$45.00
National Parks Pass (accepted at any National Park area)	\$50.00
Golden Age Pass (allows entry for those age 62 or older)	\$10.00
Golden Access Pass (allows entry for those legally blind or permanently disabled)	FREE

Fees are collected daily from late June through Labor Day at all six seashore beaches and on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day to late June and after Labor Day through Columbus Day at Herring Cove, Race Point, Nauset Light and Coast Guard beaches.

BEACH PARKING LOT CAPACITIES AND TRENDS:

Coast Guard Beach/Little Creek Shuttle, Eastham: 418 spaces. Parking area fills between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. daily with moderate turnover. Beach access via Little Creek Shuttle and parking area, a half mile away. *Drop off and pick up of passengers and belongings at the beach is PROHIBITED.* Limited handicapped parking (state issued plate or placard required) at the Coast Guard Station parking area.

Nauset Light Beach, Eastham: 176 spaces. Parking area fills by 10 A.M. daily during the summer with minimal turnover. *Drop off and pick up of passengers and belongings along Cable Road and Ocean View Drive is PROHIBITED.*

Marconi Beach, Wellfleet: 530 spaces. Parking area rarely fills during late June and July. Parking area will fill occasionally in August with moderate turnover.

Head of the Meadow, Truro: 365 spaces. Parking area rarely fills.

Race Point, Provincetown: 355 spaces. Parking area rarely fills during June and July. When the parking area does fill, it is usually one to two hours after Herring Cove fills.

Herring Cove, Provincetown: 557 spaces. Parking area fills between 10 A.M. and noon most days throughout the summer. Moderate turnover after 1 P.M. Access to Herring Cove Beach is also available on the Provincetown-Truro shuttle. Seasonal snack bar.

OVERSAND PERMITS

PERMITS FOR DRIVING ON SEASHORE OVERSAND ROUTES ARE REQUIRED AND AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE at Race Point in Provincetown. Bird nesting activity may force some route closures during the spring and summer. Call 508 487- 2100 for general information. Call 508 487- 3698 for route closure information.

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GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- Do not disturb natural or cultural features; all are protected by federal law.
- Glass containers, flotation devices (rafts, rubber- tubes), snorkels, and masks are prohibited on any life-guard- protected beach.
- Pets must be leashed and under control at all times. Leashes may not exceed six feet. Pets are not permitted in public buildings, picnic areas, on protected beaches, or on self- guiding trails.
- Public nudity is prohibited.
- No license is required for saltwater fishing, but a state license is required for freshwater fishing.
- Town licenses for shellfishing are required. Regulations and fees vary by town.
- Surfing and windsurfing are permitted in waters outside lifeguarded beaches.
- Permits are required for all beach fires. They may be obtained on a first come, first serve basis at Salt Pond and Province Lands Visitor Centers. Do not bury coals.
- Sand collapses easily. Climbing slopes or digging deep holes above knee level is hazardous and prohibited.

BE SAFE! OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

- ◆ Rip currents and undertow are common, dangerous conditions along ocean beaches. Stay safe by swimming in lifeguard- protected areas.
- ◆ Use sunscreen to avoid sunburn. Use a waterproof sunscreen if you intend to go swimming.
- ◆ Take precautions to avoid contact with insects. Deer ticks may carry lyme disease. Mosquitos may carry encephalitis or the West Nile virus. Stay on trails, out of tall grasses and inspect clothes and skin. Use repellent and wear proper clothing.
- ◆ Poison ivy is prolific in many locations. The rash it produces can cause severe discomfort. “Leaves of three, let it be.”
- ◆ In summer be alert for heavy traffic, bicycles, and pedestrians on narrow roads.
- ◆ EMERGENCIES: Contact a ranger, a lifeguard, or **CALL 911.**