

Special Dog Regulations

The following rules shall be in effect on Duxbury Beach property:

1. Any dog on beach property must be leashed at all times and under immediate and effective control of its handler.
NOTE: "Immediate and effective control" is determined by Duxbury Beach Operations Division personnel.
2. Any person wishing to take a dog onto beach property shall register with the Town of Duxbury and obtain a Duxbury Walking Permit. Registration and permits will be available at the Duxbury Town Hall Monday through Thursday 8:00am-3:45pm and Friday 8:00am-12:15pm. Any dog on beach property must wear a current Duxbury Walking Permit Dog Tag issued by the Duxbury Town Clerk.
3. If in accordance with all rules and regulations, dogs are allowed on beach property between the hours of 8:00am and Sunset, unless these hours are amended by the Duxbury Beach Operations Division. Dogs are prohibited between the hours of Sunset and 8:00am.
4. Unless specifically amended within these rules or by action of the Duxbury Beach Operations Division, all other Duxbury, state, and Federal dog control regulations shall continue to apply. These include regulations under these "Special Dog Regulations" and contained within the "General Beach Regulations" section and the "Motor Vehicle Beach Regulations" sections of this Guide & Rules pamphlet, and Section 7.1 of the General By-Laws of the Town of Duxbury.
5. Dogs and their handlers are prohibited from all dunes, vegetation, marsh grass, bird or wildlife areas, and all Restricted Areas.
6. Dog handlers are required to remove droppings of their dogs from the Powder Point Bridge, beach parking lots, and all beach property areas and dispose of droppings in provided trash receptacles or otherwise remove them from beach property.
7. All dogs are prohibited from the front beach, known as the Resident Beach, to the poles delineating the start of the ORV portion from April 1 to September 15.
8. All dogs are prohibited from the bayside beach north of the Powder Point Bridge adjacent to the Resident Parking Lot from April 1 to September 15.
9. Dogs and their handlers are prohibited from disturbing any protected species or wildlife on beach property. Dogs are not permitted to pass through Restricted Areas on the oceanside or bayside beach or dunes.
10. Any violation of these Guide & Rules, Duxbury General By-Laws, or Federal or state law may result in non-criminal or criminal process, as well as penalties and provisions found in the Duxbury General By-Laws, and may involve the revocation of the dog permit for the remainder of the year. If a dog permit is revoked, such revocation shall be recorded at the Duxbury Town Hall, and the dog's owner and immediate family will not be eligible to re-apply for another permit until the following year.

Duxbury Beach is owned by Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., a Massachusetts non-profit corporation. The Reservation works to preserve the beach as a barrier beach for the protection of Duxbury, as an environmental asset and, consistent with its primary ecological objectives, to operate the beach for recreation by the public. On an annual basis, the Town of Duxbury has leased a portion of the beach from the Reservation. Consistent with the lease, the Town provides management of the leased portion for the benefit and enjoyment of the public, and provides enforcement of the beach rules and regulations contained in this document, which are agreed to by the Reservation and the Duxbury Board of Selectmen.

All visitors are subject to the current beach rules and regulations, as amended or added to from time to time, and to all applicable laws. Non-compliance with any current beach rule, regulation or applicable law may result in the loss of a beach vehicle permit and of beach privileges, in addition to other appropriate penalties.

Limitation of Liability

1. The Town of Duxbury and Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. accept no responsibility or liability for any personal injury or property damage sustained on beach property.
2. Entry upon or use of beach property by any person, including by foot, bicycle, motor vehicle, boat, or horseback, shall be at their own risk and such entry or use shall constitute a release by such person of the Town of Duxbury and of Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. from any and all claims for personal injury or property damage sustained on beach property and such release shall be binding upon such person, their personal representatives, and all persons claiming through or under them.
3. All beach property users or visitors must comply with current beach rules and regulations and the request or instructions of the patrolling Duxbury Beach Operations Division personnel and /or Police Officers and/or Duxbury Beach Reservation Coastal Ecology personnel.

To report an emergency, dial 9-1-1
For non-emergencies, dial (781) 934-5656

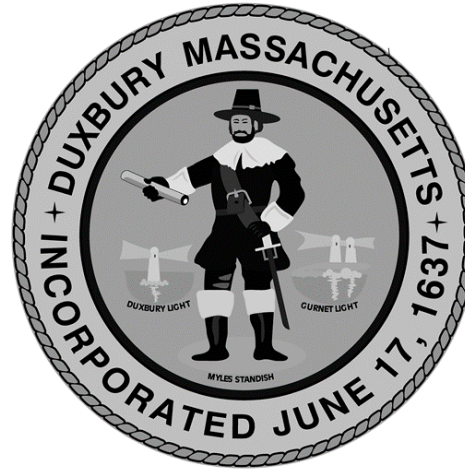
The most up-to-date information pertaining to beach conditions including restrictions and access limitations may be found on the internet at www.town.duxbury.ma.us/

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Powder Point Bridge Length: 0.4 miles

Distances from the East End of the Powder Point Bridge:

1st Crossover: 0.3 miles
2nd Crossover: 1.5 miles
3rd Crossover: 2.4 miles
Plum Hills: 3.2 miles
Gurnet Gate: 3.5 miles



Duxbury Beach Guide & Rules

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**Duxbury Beach Operations Division oversees
daily recreational operations**

Management of Duxbury Beach

Duxbury Beach is a unique and ever-changing natural resource for the entire South Shore of Massachusetts. This barrier beach serves as natural protection for the towns of Duxbury, Kingston, and Plymouth, and as a conservation, scenic, and recreational area. Due to its constant use and vulnerability to the natural forces on the Eastern Atlantic Coast, the beach and its protection is constantly managed by its owner, the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., in association with the Duxbury Beach Operations Division, which directly oversees the daily recreational operations and the Duxbury Beach Committee, a town advisory group.

The beach grass on Duxbury Beach plays a vital role in holding the sand during wind and storm events. Beach grass is brittle and easily broken if stepped on. Just walking between the clumps of grass causes sand grains to break the fragile root hairs. Once broken, the plant immediately dies. It is essential to establish and enforce natural dune areas and keep them free of human impact. You will see that this management technique allows Duxbury Beach to recover naturally from high impact environmental forces such as storms. All beach erosion control devices such as fencing, grass and shrub planting areas, and cabling are here for the purpose of preserving the beach as a natural protective barrier and for your present and future enjoyment.

Recreational Beach/Regulations

1. **Walking** is encouraged on Duxbury Beach. However, all persons, their animals, and vehicles must stay out of all dunes, vegetation, marsh grass, bird or other wildlife areas, and Restricted Areas. Restricted Areas mean areas that are marked by fences, posts, signs, cones, or instructions or directions of authorized personnel. Please use designated crossovers and pathways only.
2. **Biking** is allowed on Duxbury Beach and its roadways. However, all bikers must stay out of all dunes, vegetation, marsh grass, bird or other wildlife areas, and Restricted Areas. All bikers must abide by posted speed limits at all times. Bikers must walk their bike through Restricted Areas, but only as permitted or directed by authorized personnel.
3. **Swimming** - All persons swimming or bathing at Duxbury Beach do so at their own risk (see "Limitation of Liability"). Lifeguards are on duty only in the designated lifeguard / bathing area. The designated lifeguard / bathing area is defined as the ocean side of the beach directly east of the Powder Point Bridge, 100 yards either side of the stationary lifeguard stand. Rafts, tubes, floatation equipment, swimming face masks, and snorkeling and diving equipment are prohibited in the designated lifeguard / bathing area. Swimming in any other area of the beach is without lifeguard supervision and is at the swimmer's own risk. Swimming, diving, and jumping from the Powder Point Bridge is strictly prohibited. No swimming is permitted in the boat channel adjacent to the bayside beach.
4. **Boating** - Except for authorized emergency vessels, no vessels of any kind (boats, sailboats, sailboards, jet skis, etc.) are permitted within 150 feet of the water's edge of the oceanside beach except in designated vessel access areas, or within 150 feet of the water's edge of the bayside beach, 150 feet north and south of the Powder Point Bridge. In designated vessel access areas (a) all water skiing, swimming, and floatation devices are prohibited, (b) vessel anchoring is permitted, and (c) vessels may proceed at steerage speed only.
5. **Horseback riding** requires a special permit that must be purchased from the Treasurer's office at Town Hall. Riding is permitted on the leased portion of the beach daily, from sunrise to sunset, October through April. Riding is permitted on the leased portion of the beach, from sunrise to 9:00am and 6:00pm to sunset, May through September, weekdays only. All motor vehicle and parking regulations apply. Riders are responsible for removing all horse droppings from parking areas.
6. **Shellfishing** requires a special permit that must be purchased from the Municipal Services Department at Town Hall. Motor vehicle access for this purpose must comply with all beach motor vehicle regulations.
7. **Fishing** from the Powder Point Bridge is permitted on the side-walk side only, as long as it does not interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic. No fishing is allowed within the marked channel area. Fishing on the beach must be respectful of swimmers, and poles on the beach must be kept at the water's edge at all times while in the act of fishing. Bait and carcasses must be removed.
8. **Hunting** is prohibited on beach property at all times. Discharge of firearms is prohibited on beach property.
9. **Facilities** - Portable restrooms are available throughout the beach property. Snacks are available seasonally at the Duxbury Beach Park Bathhouse.
10. **Drones** - The use of drones / unmanned aerial vehicles launched, operated, flown over, or retrieved on beach property is not permitted with the exception of flights specifically approved by Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., Duxbury Beach Operations Division personnel, and the Marshfield Airport.
11. **Kites** - The use of kites is prohibited on beach property closer than 200 meters (219 yards) around or above territorial or nesting adult and unfledged juvenile Piping Plovers or Least Terns from April 1 through September 15.
12. **Kiteboarding** is permitted off of Duxbury Beach on the bayside, but only outside of Restricted Areas and no closer than 200 meters (219 yards) around nesting Piping Plover adults or unfledged chicks. Kiteboarders must use established vehicle pull-offs to park and access the water and must have an ORV driving permit. The primary access point is at High Pines. Pull-offs within Restricted Areas established due to protected species locations are closed to all vehicles, including kiteboarders. Landing kiteboards is not permitted within Restricted Areas or closer than 200 meters (219 yards) of any nesting activity.

General Beach Regulations

1. All beach users must comply with all federal, state, and local laws, as well as with rules, regulations, and directions, requests, and instructions from the Duxbury Beach Operations Division personnel, Police Officers, Duxbury Beach Reservation Coastal Ecology personnel, and other authorized agency or department personnel.
2. No person, their animal or vehicle shall disturb or attempt to disturb protected species or other wildlife on beach property in any way and/or fail to adhere to the direction and instruction of the Duxbury Beach Operations Division personnel, Police Officers, and Duxbury Beach Reservation Coastal Ecology personnel, or other authorized agency or department personnel.
3. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on beach property.
4. Dogs must be leashed *and* under the immediate and effective control of their handler at all times. All dogs on beach property must be covered by a current Town of Duxbury Walking Permit issued by the Duxbury Town Clerk (see "Special Dog Regulations").
5. No sand, stone, vegetation, salt marsh hay, seaweed or other material may be removed from beach property. Erosion control fencing, access fencing and cabling or signs shall not be disturbed, damaged or removed.
6. Store and discard trash, especially food scraps, properly. Littering and dumping of household trash is prohibited. Glass containers are not allowed on beach property. Trash receptacles for incidental beach trash are available seasonally at the resident parking lot. Otherwise, beach policy is "carry-in, carry-out" at all times.
7. Bonfires and campfires are prohibited. Small cooking fires in a metal container are permitted but only on the ORV portion of the beach. No materials may be added to a fire within one hour of beach closing. All fires must be extinguished with water within a half hour of beach closing, and all fire remnants must be removed from beach property by the beach user.
8. Overnight camping on beach property is prohibited. Unauthorized vehicles access to beach property is prohibited.
9. Fireworks are illegal and are prohibited on beach property.

10. Loitering on beach property (including in the beach parking lots) is prohibited after beach closing.
11. Beach functions or group gatherings of 20 or more persons, or any other special event or research on beach property, requires a special permit from the Duxbury Beach Operations Division. Applications for permits must be received at least one week prior to the proposed function. Public demonstrations on beach property are prohibited.

Motor Vehicle Beach Regulations

1. All vehicles on beach property must carry a current copy of the Duxbury Beach Guide & Rules pamphlet.
2. All vehicles parked on beach property must visibly display a current Duxbury Beach permit sticker. Vehicles parked in any parking area at the east end of the Powder Point Bridge must visibly display a resident or rental resident beach lot sticker from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
3. All vehicles driving in or parked in ORV areas or parked in roadside parking areas south of the Powder Point Bridge must visibly display a current resident or nonresident ORV sticker appropriate for year round or off-season use (as applicable).
4. Permit stickers must be affixed under the "rearview" mirror to the vehicle windshield, never in tint. If not affixed in the correct position, the RFID system may not detect the sticker and a violation may occur. Unauthorized parking in all roadways, fire lanes, or vehicle crossovers is prohibited at all times. There are five types of Duxbury Beach permits:
Resident Beach Lot: for use of paved parking lots (valid April - March)
Resident Oversand: for (4WD) vehicles in paved parking lots, ORV areas, and roadside parking areas (valid April - March)
Resident Off-Season Oversand: for (4WD) vehicles in ORV areas and roadside parking areas (valid October - March)
Non-Resident Oversand: for (4WD) vehicles in ORV areas, and roadside parking areas (valid April - March)
Non-Resident Off-Season Oversand: for (4WD) vehicles in ORV areas and roadside parking areas (valid October - March)
5. Permits are valid only for the vehicle for which they were purchased. The permit registration number must match the vehicle registration. Permits are nontransferable. Original permit sticker must be returned in order to receive a replacement due to sale of vehicle, windshield replacement, etc.
6. All other vehicles are prohibited, including minibikes, dirt bikes, electric and electric-assisted bikes, minicars, snowmobiles, paragliders, ATVs and ATCs (except when necessary for official use). No airplanes or helicopters are permitted to land on Duxbury Beach property except in an emergency.
7. All parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. When parking capacities are reached, vehicle access restrictions will be imposed.
8. Further restrictions may be imposed on the number of vehicles permitted on beach property for public safety, access management, and/or protected species management.
9. All off-road vehicles must have 4WD and the proper tire pressure for beach conditions (15PSI), as this pressure will lessen damage to beach roads and crossovers and promote a safe and comfortable ride. All off-road vehicles must be properly equipped before they are permitted on the beach, and vehicles may be inspected for the following equipment at any time: shovel; tow rope, tow strap, or chain; spare tire, jack, and 18" square plywood support pad; and tires that are properly pressurized for beach conditions. Vehicles lacking this equipment or tire pressure may be cited and/or refused entry for any missing items.
10. Parking Lot Hours: Hours are subject to change.
East End - North Resident Lot: May-Aug: 8am - Sunset. Sept-Apr: 9am - Sunset
East End - South Resident Lot: May-Aug: 6am - 11pm. Sept-Apr: 6am - Sunset
11. Off Road Vehicle Hours - Hours are subject to change based on, but not limited to, weather, protected species and other wildlife management issues, tidal conditions and other factors. The Off Road Vehicle Hours will be posted via social media and at the East End of the Powder Point Bridge on a daily basis.
12. Off Road driving must be confined to designated routes and never in the water, on or over dunes, vegetation, marsh grass, intertidal areas, or Restricted Areas. Vehicles must travel in established tracks. Vehicles must park perpendicular to water's edge in an organized fashion and in a manner that will not interfere with the established track or traffic flow. Vehicles driving off the beach shall have the right of way. Vehicles are not allowed in pedestrian, mud-flat/shellfish, Restricted Areas, or protected species or wildlife areas. No vehicle shall travel or park within 10 feet of a sand fence, or symbolic string or post fence on the oceanside of the beach.
13. All vehicles on beach property must be operated for the safety and regard of the operator, vehicle occupants, pedestrians, protected species and other wildlife, and beach resources. Maximum speed on the Powder Point Bridge, vehicle turnaround, paved parking areas, vehicle crossovers, and in designated ORV areas is 10 mph, conditions permitting. On the improved beach roadway the maximum speed is 15 mph, conditions permitting. In any protected species area, the maximum speed shall be reduced to 5 mph, and traffic may be further restricted or stopped by authorized agency or department personnel for protected species and other wildlife management. Operating vehicles on beach property by dune hopping, doing "zigzags", "donuts", "cutting tracks", or in any other reckless or unacceptable fashion is strictly prohibited.
14. All persons must ride within the confines of any motor vehicle and must be seated. Riding on fenders, tailgate, or roof, or standing in the vehicle, is prohibited.

The improved beach roadway over the leased portion of the beach to Gurnet Gate is for use by off-road vehicles only. All Gurnet-Saquish traffic must use this roadway.

Be advised that the ORV portion of Duxbury Beach, at times, may not be accessible during high tides. The ORV portion or sections of the ORV portion may be closed for many other reasons, including protected species or other wildlife activity, rip currents, and/or shark sightings. The hours of availability of the ORV portion or sections of the ORV portion on any day may be shortened, and/or the ORV portion or sections of the ORV portion may be closed at sunset for many reasons.

ORV Driving Tips

If stuck, do not spin the tires. Let air out of your tires and try again. If your car frame is touching the sand, stop everything and follow this procedure: 1. Jack up each wheel and fill in the holes under each tire; 2. Drop the tire pressure further and attempt to back up the car about 15 feet; 3. Fill in all holes; 4. Proceed forward.