



Powder Point Bridge Length: 0.4 miles

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| Distances from the East End of the Powder Point Bridge: | |
| 1st Crossover: 0.3 miles | Plum Hills: 3.2 miles |
| 2nd Crossover: 1.5 miles | Gurnet Gate at Plymouth Town Line: 3.5 miles |
| 3rd Crossover: 2.4 miles | |

Be advised that the ORV portion of Duxbury Beach, at times, may not be accessible during high tides. The ORV Portion can be closed for many other reasons, including protected species activity, rip currents and/or shark sightings.

ORV Driving Tips

If stuck, do not spin tires. Let more 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 car about 15 feet. 3. Fill in all holes. 4. Proceed forward.

Special Dog Regulations

The following rules shall be in effect on Duxbury Beach property from April 1st to September 15th.

1. Any dog on Duxbury Beach property shall be leashed at all times and under immediate and effective control of its handler. NOTE: "Immediate and effective control" is determined by Duxbury Police Department Beach Operations Division personnel.
2. Any person wishing to take a dog onto Duxbury Beach shall register with the Town of Duxbury and obtain a permit. Registration and permits will be available at the Duxbury Town Hall between the hours of 8:00am and 3:45pm, Monday through Friday. The permit must be carried by the handler of that dog at all times while the dog is on Duxbury Beach property.
3. If in accordance with all rules and regulations, dogs are allowed on the Duxbury Beach property between the hours of 8:00am and Sunset, unless these hours are amended by the Duxbury Police Department Beach Operations Division. Dogs are prohibited on Duxbury Beach property between the hours of Sunset and 8:00 am.
4. Unless specifically amended within these rules or by action of the Duxbury Police Department Beach Operations Division, all other Duxbury, state, or federal dog control regulations shall continue to apply. These include regulations under these "Special Dog Regulations" contained within the General Beach and Motor Vehicle Regulations pamphlet, Section 7.1 of the General by-laws of the Town of Duxbury, and Article 37 of the 2002 Duxbury Annual Town Meeting.
5. Dogs and their handlers are prohibited from all dune, vegetation, marsh grass, posted bird or wildlife areas, and all fenced areas.
6. Dog handlers are required at all times of the year to remove droppings from the Powder Point Bridge, beach parking lots, and all beach areas and dispose of droppings in provided trash receptacles or removed from the beach.
7. All dogs are prohibited from the front beach, known as the Resident Beach, to the poles delineating the start of the 4x4 beach 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 endangered species or wildlife on Duxbury Beach. Dogs are not permitted to pass through Restricted Areas on the oceanside or bayside beach or dunes.
10. Any violation of these Rules & Regulations, Duxbury General By-Law, or other federal or state law may result in non-criminal, criminal process, or provisions found in the Duxbury General By-Laws involving the revocation of the dog permit for the remainder of the season. 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.

Welcome to



Duxbury, Massachusetts

Duxbury Beach is owned by the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation. The Reservation works to preserve the beach as a barrier beach for protection of Duxbury, as an environmental asset and, consistent with its primary ecological objective, operates the beach for recreation by the public. On an annual basis, the Town of Duxbury leases 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 regulations contained in this pamphlet, which are agreed to by the Reservation and the Board of Selectmen.

All visitors are subject to the current beach regulations, and to all other applicable laws.

Non-compliance with any beach rules and regulations or laws 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 the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. accept no responsibility or liability for any personal injury or property damage sustained on Duxbury Beach.
2. Entry upon or use of Duxbury Beach by any person by foot, bicycle, motor vehicle, boat, or horseback shall be at his/her own risk and such entry or use shall constitute a release by such person of the Town of Duxbury and the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc. from any and all claims for personal injury or property damage sustained on Duxbury Beach, and such release shall be binding upon such person, his/her personal representative, and all persons claiming through or under him/her.
3. All beach users must comply with the beach rules and regulations and the request or instructions of the patrolling Duxbury Police Beach Operations Division personnel and /or police officers.

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/

Beach conditions and information updates can be found by following the Duxbury Police Beach Ops Twitter feed at [www.twitter.com/DPD_Beach_Ops](https://twitter.com/DPD_Beach_Ops)

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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 use of the beach and its protection is constantly managed by its owner, the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., in connection with the Duxbury Beach Committee, a town advisory group; and the Duxbury Police Beach Operations Division, which directly oversees the daily recreational operations.

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. Since the primary destroyers of beach grass are people along with their children, pets, and vehicles, it is essential to establish and enforce natural dune areas and keep them free of human impact. Although not having access to these restricted areas may seem to limit your enjoyment of the total beach, 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, posted bird or wildlife areas, and fenced areas. Please use designated crossovers and pathways only.
2. **Biking** is allowed on Duxbury Beach and its roadways. However, all bikers shall stay out of all dunes, vegetation, marsh grass, posted bird or wildlife areas, and fenced off areas. All bikers shall abide by posted speed limits at all times. Bikers shall walk their bike through restricted area fencing.
3. **Swimming** - All persons swimming or bathing at Duxbury Beach do so at their own risk (see "Limitation of Liability" above). Lifeguards are on duty only in the designated life-guard / 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, 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. Swimming, diving, and jumping from the Powder Point Bridge is strictly prohibited. No swimming is permitted in the boat channel adjacent to the bay side beach.
4. **Boating** - No vessels of any kind (boats, sailboats, sailboards, jet skis, etc.) are permitted within 150 feet of the oceanside beach except in designated vessel access areas, or within 150 feet of the bay side 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) 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 daily, from sunrise to sunset, October through April. Riding is permitted sunrise to 9:00am and 6:00pm to sunset, May through

September, week-days 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 receptionist at Town Hall. Motor vehicle access for this purpose must comply with all beach motor vehicle regulations.
7. **Fishing** from the 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 poles on the beach must be kept at the water's edge at all times, year-round, while in the act of fishing. Bait and carcasses must be removed.
8. **Hunting** is prohibited on the beach due to dune restrictions. Discharge of firearms is prohibited within 150 feet of roadways or 500 feet of a dwelling.
9. **Facilities** - Public restrooms, changing facilities, and 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 Duxbury Beach is not permitted with the exception of flights specifically approved by the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., Duxbury Police Beach Operations Division personnel, and the Marshfield Airport.
11. **Kites** - The use of kites is prohibited on the beach within 200 meters of territorial or nesting adult and unfledged juvenile Piping Plovers and 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 not within 200 meters (219 yards) of nesting Piping Plover adults or unfledged chicks. Kiteboarders must use vehicle pull-offs to park and access the water, and must have an off-road driving permit. The primary access point is at High Pines. Pull-offs within Restricted Areas established due to chick locations are closed to all vehicles, including kiteboarders. Landing kiteboards is not permitted within Restricted Areas or within 200 meters of any nesting activity.

General Beach Regulations

1. All beach users must comply with all federal, state, and local laws along with terms and conditions, including policies, requests or instructions from the Duxbury Police Department Beach Operations Division personnel, Endangered Species personnel, Police Officers, or other authorized agency or department personnel.
2. When endangered species are present on Duxbury Beach, no person, their animal or vehicle shall disturb or attempt to disturb the endangered species in any way and/or fail to adhere to the direction and instruction of the Duxbury Police Department Beach Operations Division personnel or Endangered Species personnel, Police Officers, or other authorized agency or department personnel.
3. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the beach property.
4. Dogs must be leashed and under the immediate and effective control of their handler at all times (See Special Dog Regulations).
5. No sand, stone, vegetation, salt marsh hay, seaweed or other material may be removed from the beach property. Erosion control fencing, access fencing and cabling or signs shall not be damaged or removed.

6. Store and discard trash properly, especially food scraps. Littering and dumping of household trash is prohibited. Glass containers are not allowed on the beach property. Trash receptacles are available seasonally at the resident parking lot. Beach policy is "carry-in, carry-out" at all other times.
7. Bonfires and campfires are prohibited. Only small cooking fires in a metal container are permitted on the ORV portion of the beach. No materials may be added to a fire within one hour of closing. All fires must be extinguished with water within a half hour of closing, and all fire remnants must be removed from the beach area by the beach user.
8. Overnight camping on the beach property is prohibited. Unauthorized vehicles access is prohibited.
9. Fireworks are prohibited (they are illegal and cause dune fires).
10. Loitering in the beach parking lots is prohibited after closing.
11. Beach functions of 20 or more persons, or any other special event or research, requires a special permit from the Duxbury Police Department Beach Operations Division. Applications for permits shall be received at least one week prior to the proposed function.

Motor Vehicle Beach Regulations

1. All vehicles must carry a copy of the Duxbury Beach Rules and Regulations pamphlet.
2. All vehicles parked on the beach property must purchase and visibly display a current Duxbury Beach permit. 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 permit from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
3. All vehicles driving or parked in ORV areas or parked in roadside parking areas south of the Powder Point Bridge must visibly display a resident or nonresident oversand permit on a year round basis.
4. Permit Location: Shall be affixed under the "rearview" mirror to the windshield, never in tint. If not affixed in the correct position then RFID system may not detect sticker. 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 Permit** for use of paved parking lots (valid April- March)
 - **Resident Oversand Permit** for (4WD) vehicles in paved parking lots, ORV areas, and roadside parking areas, (valid April - March)
 - **Resident Off-Season Oversand Permit** for (4WD) vehicles in ORV areas and roadside parking areas, (valid October - April)
 - **Non-Resident Oversand Permit** for (4WD) vehicles in ORV areas and roadside parking areas, (valid April - March)
 - **Non-Resident Off-Season Oversand Permit** for (4WD) vehicles in ORV areas and roadside parking areas, (valid October - April)
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 must be returned in order to receive a replacement due to sale of vehicle, windshield replacement, etc.)
6. All other vehicles are prohibited, including motorcycles, minibikes, minicars, snowmobiles, paragliders, ATV's and ATC's (except when necessary for official use). No airplanes or helicopters are permitted to land on Duxbury Beach except in an emergency.
7. All parking is on a first-come, first-serve 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 the beach property at one time for public safety, access management, and endangered species management.
9. All off-road vehicles must have 4WD and the proper tire pressure for beach conditions (15PSI) and must be properly equipped before they are permitted on the beach. This pressure will lessen damage to beach roads and promote a safe and comfortable ride. 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 may be cited and/or refused entry for any missing items.
10. Parking Lot Hours

- East End Parking Lot, North Resident Lot: May-Aug: 8am - Sunset. Sept-Apr: 9am - Sunset

- East End Parking Lot, Resident South Lot: May-Aug: 6am - 11pm. Sept-Apr: 6am - Sunset

11. Off Road Vehicle Hours

- Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day Weekend: Crossover 1&2 open (bird dependent) Sun-Thurs 8am-10pm, Fri-Sat 8am-11pm (holiday Sundays/holidays)

- Tuesday after Labor Day-Sept 30: Crossover 1&2 open (bird dependent) 8:30am - 9pm

- Oct 1-Oct 31: Crossover 1 open, Sun - Thurs 8:30am-3:30pm, Fri - Sat 8:30am-7:30pm

- Nov 1-Mar 31: Crossover 1 open, 8:30am-3:30pm

- Apr 1 - Apr 30: Crossover 1 open, Sun - Thurs 8:30am-3:30pm, Fri - Sat 8:30am-7:30pm

- May 1 - Thursday before Memorial Day Weekend: Crossover 1&2 open (bird dependent) 8:30am - 9pm

12. Driving must be confined to designated routes and never in the water, on or over dunes, vegetation, marsh grass, intertidal areas or posted/fenced areas. Vehicles shall travel in established tracks. Vehicles shall 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, or wildlife areas. No vehicle shall travel or park within 10 feet of a sand fence, or symbolic string fence on the ocean side of the beach.
13. All vehicles must be operated for the safety and regard of the operator, vehicle occupants, pedestrians, and beach resources. Maximum speed on the Powder Point Bridge, vehicle turn around, 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 endangered species area, the maximum speed shall be reduced to 5 mph and traffic may be further restricted or stopped by department personnel for endangered species protection & management.
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 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 the roadway.