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Sandy Neck Beach Park Management Policies

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Complaints concerning policies, regulations, and/or Sandy Neck staff conduct should be addressed to the Park Manager or Senior Natural Resource Officer.

Section 1: Sandy Neck Fees

Sandy Neck user fees are at set rates depending on residency status. Residency must be proven per the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations and Sandy Neck Beach Park Policies.

Section 2: No Refund Policy

It is the Sandy Neck Beach Park Policy that no refunds will be granted. Included, but not limited, in this policy are personal emergencies, foul weather, evacuations, limitations on access, beach conditions, insects (greenhead flies, etc.) and water temperature.

The No Refund Policy pertains to any and all patrons that make use of any Sandy Neck Beach Park or Gatehouse facilities. All public beach users, Off Road Vehicle (ORV) day trippers, sticker purchasers, overnight camping and chase vehicles are subject to this policy and must comply accordingly.

Section 3: Parking Lot Policies

3:1 Dogs

Dogs are prohibited from all Barnstable public beaches (Town of Barnstable General Ordinances §403-8) from May 15 to September 15. Dogs are not allowed past the Gatehouse between May 15 and September 15 unless they are contained within a permitted vehicle that is traveling to the Off Road Vehicle beach.

Dogs are allowed on Sandy Neck hiking trails during these dates, as long as they remain on a leash or under direct voice control of the owner or keeper as stated in the Sandy Neck Beach Park Regulations. An owner or keeper who does not have voice control over their unleashed dog is subject to fines/and or removal from the park. The decision as to whether or not an owner or keeper has voice control over their unleashed dog will be determined at the discretion of the Park Manager and Natural Resource Officers, and made in the interest of public safety and preserving the integrity of Sandy Neck as a natural resource.

All dogs on the ORV corridor must be leashed unless in the Cape Cod Bay.

3:2 Drive-Thru(s) and Drop Offs

Parking lot business hours are from 8AM-3:30PM Memorial Day through Labor Day (exception: from Memorial Day to approximately the third weekend in June, parking lot business hours are only on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays).

All vehicles traveling to the public beach during business hours must have a Sandwich or Barnstable Beach Parking Sticker or a valid Barnstable Public Beach Day, Weekly or Landlord Pass.

Vehicles without one of the above attributes are not permitted to travel to the parking lot. This includes any dropping off of vehicle occupants or participation in any activity that does not involve parking.

3:3 Full Parking Lot

Per requirements of the Sandy Neck Board, only five vehicles are permitted to wait in line once the parking lot is full. This is mandatory procedure because of the need to keep the road clear for off-road and cottage owner vehicle access and to allow emergency personnel to get to the beach unimpeded.

The lot will re-open once five spaces become available and the five vehicles in line can fill the vacant spaces. The next five vehicles that arrive at the Gatehouse are then eligible to wait in line.

The Gate Attendant Supervisor or the Park Manager, for safety purposes, may deem that it is necessary for the parking lot to remain closed.

When the parking lot is full, no vehicles are permitted to travel to the parking lot for dropping off occupants, even if the vehicle has a Sandwich or Barnstable Beach Parking Sticker or a valid Barnstable Public Beach Day or Weekly Pass.