



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
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Sandy Neck Beach Management Policies

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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 Regulations and Sandy Neck Policies.

Section 2: No Refund Policy

It is the Sandy Neck Beach 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 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 and the ORV beach during these dates, as long as they remain on a leash.

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.

Section 4: Proof of Residency

Sandy Neck provides discounted Off Road Vehicle Stickers to residents and/or property taxpayers of Sandwich and Barnstable. Proof of residency is defined in the regulations as:

Proof of residency is required in order to obtain a Barnstable or Sandwich ORV sticker.

Residency can be proven by:

- 1. Tax bill,*
- 2. Minimum one year property lease,*
- 3. Vehicle registration with a street address (PO Box is not sufficient),*
- 4. Other legal documents such as a deed or will (this does not include utility bills, excise tax bills, etc.).*
- 5. College students may provide a tuition bill with a Barnstable or Sandwich address.*

Barnstable and Sandwich residents wishing to obtain an ORV sticker must have their vehicle registered in their name (or the name of a person residing at the same address) unless:

- 1. They have written permission to use a company vehicle.*
- 2. Proof of ownership of the company on the vehicle registration.*
- 3. A minimum one year vehicle lease agreement.*

To clarify, the resident/taxpayer must be the applicant. The vehicle must be (1) in the resident/taxpayer's name (2) in the name of a person at the same address or (3) in the name of the company that the resident/taxpayer owns or works for (with written proof).

Section 5: Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Permits

Barnstable General Ordinances Chapter 3, Article 26, Section 02 requires that all over sand vehicles on Sandy Neck must have a current ORV permit. Only official vehicles (as determined by the Park Manager) are exempt from this requirement.

Section 6: Property Owner Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Permits

6:1 Eligibility

Property Owner ORV permits will be issued to Sandy Neck property owners, Sandy Neck property lessees (minimum one year lease) and immediate members of their family. Immediate family members include father, mother, sister, brother, husband, wife, son and daughter.

6:2 Proof of Eligibility

It is the responsibility of the applicant to prove ownership or lessee status. Immediate family relationships can be proven by a legal document such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate or notarized letter.

6:3 Property Owner ORV permit privileges

The Property Owner ORV permit affords access (via open Sandy Neck trails) to the applicable cottage only. It also allows vehicle use of the front beach (open sections only) for recreational purposes and use of the air compressor. In addition, the cottage owner may use the Sandy Neck dumpster to discard ORV and household trash. Dumping of construction debris, hazardous waste, discarded equipment, or any other items that are not ORV or household trash is strictly forbidden and will result in fines.

6:4 Guests of Property Owners

Property owner guests are always welcome to park at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse during visits. If the guest intends on driving to a cottage, he/she must purchase the appropriate Sandy Neck Non-resident, Barnstable or Sandwich ORV permit. Sandy Neck staff will issue a trail pass only after the Cottage Owner has alerted the Gatehouse that a particular individual can access their cottage.