**Town Beach Rules and Regulations**

***Definition:*** *Beach – includes beach, parking lot and abutting Town-owned sand dunes for both salt and fresh water Town-owned property*

**Section 1 EFFECTIVE DATES – MEMORIAL DAY THROUGH LABOR DAY (ANY YEAR)**

1. No alcoholic beverages will be possessed or consumed on any public beach, and no person shall be intoxicated, or commit any obscene or indecent act or use profane/obscene language.
2. No littering, all refuse must be placed in rubbish containers provided. No glass containers will be allowed on beaches. No household refuse allowed in rubbish containers.
3. No person shall damage, deface, or remove any building, structure or sign belonging to the Town of Harwich.
4. No selling, advertising, or giving away of goods and services will be permitted except by concessionaires under contract with the Town or by written permission from the Recreation and Youth Commission.
5. No fires are allowed except in designated areas with approval and paid permit issued by the Recreation and Youth Department.
6. **No animals or pets are permitted on the beaches.**
7. No tents, travel trailers, campers, or other units shall be used for habitation.
8. No person shall disturb the peace and tranquility of others.
9. Children (12) years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult or person responsible for his or her behavior within the beach area.
10. Ball playing, kite flying and playing frisbee are permitted at the discretion of the Lifeguards only.
11. Scuba diving, skin diving, and all other methods of underwater swimming are prohibited in designated swimming areas.
12. Sailboats, kayaks, windsurfers, surfboards etc. are prohibited, except for designated areas of Red River Beach and fresh water ponds.
13. Speed limits on all beach parking lots shall not be in excess of 10 miles per hour and motor vehicles will not be allowed to park or travel beyond designated parking areas.
14. No individual or group of individuals will be granted reserved parking places.
15. Inflatables and beach umbrellas are permitted at the discretion of the Lifeguards only.
16. Fishing is not permitted in designated swim areas when Lifeguards are on duty.
17. All beach parking lot areas are closed from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am; all beaches are closed from Midnight to 6:00 am.
18. ***Red River Beach Only* – Dog walking is allowed in the parking lot area only from Dawn - 9:00 am and from 4:30 pm - Dusk Memorial Weekend through Labor Day.**
19. No Motorboat of more than 10 horsepower or used for waterskiing may be launched or operated from the boat ramp at the east end of Long Pond (Wixon Memorial, off Cahoon Road).
20. The launching, operation, landing or retrieving of drones on Harwich public beaches is prohibited.

**VIOLATORS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO ARREST AND PUNISHMENT BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY ($50.00) DOLLARS LITTERING AND HOUSEHOLD TRASH**

**TWO HUNDRED ($200.00) DOLLARS**

**Section 2 EFFECTIVE DATES – The day after Labor Day through the day before Memorial Day (Any Year)**

**“SCOOPER LAW” M.G.L. Chapter 111 Section 31:**

All animal owners are responsible for removing wastes produced by their animals while on any beaches within the Town of Harwich. The term beaches shall include sand, dune, water and parking lot.

**VIOLATION OF THIS REGULATION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF FIFTY ($50.00) DOLLARS.**

**Per order of the Town of Harwich Board of Selectmen.**

**Adopted annually at a public meeting by Board of Selectman.**

Beach

Stickers 2023

**No Beach Stickers will be sold at Town Hall**

**Now through Labor Day** - Online Sales, Printable Mail-In Forms and additional information: [https://www.harwich-ma.gov (Treasurer/Collectors office)](https://www.harwich-ma.gov/treasurertown-collector/pages/online-sales-for-beach-stickers-transfer-station-access-treasure-chest)

* **VEHICLE REGISTRATION & PROOF OF**

**RESIDENCY REQUIRED**

* **no refunds**

Sold at the **Community Center**

100 Oak Street – 508-432-7638

June 12th thru July 23rd Only

9:00 AM to 3:45 PM Daily\*

\*Closed on June 19th & July 4th

Sold at the **Chamber of Commerce**

Additional Fee of $3.00 at this location

1 Schoolhouse Road, Harwich Port

(508) 432-1600

**June 12th thru Labor Day\***

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Saturdays

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Sundays

\*Closed on June 19th & July 4th



Surf Chairs for handicap beach access available at all guarded beaches

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| **Daily Pass\*** | **$20** | |
| **Resident-Taxpayer /per vehicle** | **$30** | |
| **Non-Resident Season** | **$150** | |
| **Non-Resident 1 Week** | **$65** | |
| **Non-Resident 2 Weeks** | **$125** | |
| **Duplicate Sticker** | **$5** | |
| \*Sold & Valid Only at: Red River Beach, Earle Rd Beach, Pleasant Rd Beach & Long Pond Beach | | |  | |

**Harwich**

**Beaches**

**See List and Map on Reverse**

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| **BEACH AMENITIES KEY** | | | |
| **B** | **Bike Rack** | **LG** | **Lifeguard** |
| **BR** | **Boat Ramp** | **MC** | **Mobile Concessions** |
| **BW** | **Beach Wheelchair** | **NMC** | **Non-Motorized Craft Launch** |
| **DS** | **Daily Sticker Sold** | **PHR** | **Portable Handicapped Restrooms** |
| **HP** | **Handicapped Parking** | **R** | **Restrooms, Handicap Accessible** |
| **HAR** | **Handicap Accessible Restroom** | **SL** | **Swimming Lessons** |

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| **B E A C H E S** | | | | | |
| **Map #** | **Beach** | **Parking Spaces** | **Map #** | **Beach** | **Parking Spaces** |
| **1** | **Seymour Pond, B, PR** | **3** | **12** | **Brooks Rd, HP** | **10** |
| **2** | **Long Pond, BR, BW, DS, HP, LG, MC, NMC, HAR, SL,** | **40** | **13** | **Wah-Wah-Taysee Road** | **0** |
| **3** | **Cahoon’s Rd, HP, LG, MC, NMC, PHR** | **30** | **14** | **Wyndemere Bluffs** | **0** |
| **4** | **Hinkley’s Pond** | **0** | **15** | **Zylpha Rd** | **0** |
| **5** | **Pleasant Bay** | **10** | **16** | **Atlantic Ave** | **6** |
| **6** | **Bucks Pond** | **2** | **17** | **Sea St** | **2** |
| **7** | **Sand Pond, HP, MC, NMC, R** | **80** | **18** | **Bank St, BW, B, HP, HAR, LG, MC** | **60** |
| **8** | **Belmont Rd** | **0** | **19** | **Merkel Beach, B** | **0** |
| **9** | **Pleasant Rd, BW, HP, LG, MC, HAR, DS** | **92** | **20** | **Neel Rd** | **0** |
| **10** | **Gray Neck Rd, HP** | **9** | **21** | **Red River, BW, B, DS, HP, HAR, LG, MC, NMC** | **198** |
| **11** | **Earle Road, BW, DS, HP, HAR, MC, LG** | **88** |  |  |  |
| \*\*\* **ALL Beaches Are Sticker Parking Only** \*\*\* | | | | | |

