

# 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 any beaches. The term beaches shall include sand, dune, water and parking lots.
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 frisbee playing 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 use of drones is prohibited on Town of Harwich beaches.

**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 is in effect.**

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

All animal owners are responsible for removing wastes produced by their animals on all public property within the Town of Harwich.

**Per order of the Town of Harwich Board of Selectmen.  
Adopted annually at a public meeting by Board of Selectman.**