

**TOWN OF WELLFLEET  
BEACH RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Amended 12/18/00, 2/24/03, 1/27/04, 5/11/04, 6/13/06, 6/26/07, 3/24/09, 1/26/10, 2/22/11, 8/14/12, 2/26/13, 4/22/14

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wellfleet, MA. has adopted the following rules and regulations pertaining to the use of all Town-Owned landing places and beaches within the Town of Wellfleet pursuant to the provisions of MA General Laws, Chapter 88, Section 19, Chapter 21, subsection (1) and Chapter 90B, Section 15(b) and any amendments thereof.

The following beaches and landings are herein referred to as “All Town landing places and beaches”:

<b>Duck Harbor</b>	<b>Gull Pond</b>
<b>Powers Landing</b>	<b>Long Pond</b>
<b>Indian Neck Beach</b>	<b>Great Pond</b>
<b>Burton Baker Beach</b>	<b>Duck Pond</b>
<b>Maguire Landing at LeCount Hollow</b>	<b>Mayo Beach – permit not required</b>
<b>White Crest Beach</b>	<b>Marina – permit not required</b>
<b>Cahoon Hollow Beach</b>	
<b>Newcomb Hollow</b>	
<b>Terminus of Chequessett Neck Road – (the gut)</b>	

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- The term “**summer season**” herein shall mean the third Saturday in June through Labor Day between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. (amended 2/27/07).
  - **Beach** – the zone above the water line at a shore of a body of water, marked by an accumulation of sand, stone or gravel that has been deposited by the tide or waves. (amended 3/24/09).
  - **Freshwater Beach** – the zone above the water line at a shore of a body of water, marked by an accumulation of sand, stone or gravel. (amended 3/24/09)
1. (a) Any motor vehicle parked at a T-own Landing place or beach or on Nauset Road in the marked area during the summer season must clearly display a valid parking permit.  
(b) The permit must be attached to the upper part of the exterior of the rearmost side window on the driver’s side of the vehicle.  
(c) Any motor vehicle without a rear side window shall clearly display its permit on the upper portion of the driver’s side window.  
(d) Parking without a valid permit may be authorized only by the Board of Selectmen. (amended 2/24/03, 1/27/04, 11/20/09).
  2. All Town landing places and beaches shall be closed to parking between the hours of midnight and one half hour before sunrise each day from June 1 to October 1 except to those persons actively engaged in fishing.
  3. No trailers or overnight campers are allowed to park in beach areas or Town parking areas between midnight and one half hour before sunrise each day from June 1 to October 1 except to those persons actively engaged in fishing.
  4. Fishing or surf casting is prohibited within 500 feet of all Town landing areas during the summer season. (amended 1/27/04).
  5. Water skiing is prohibited within 500 feet of all Town landing places and beaches.
  6. Personal watercraft are prohibited in any Town-owned parking lots or on any Town-owned beaches. Use of personal watercraft is prohibited within 500 feet of all Town-owned beaches.
  7. Surfing is not allowed during the summer season on the guarded portion of the beaches at Newcomb Hollow, Cahoon Hollow or Maguire Landing at LeCount Hollow when the lifeguards are on duty. Surfing is allowed during the summer season on the guarded portion of the beach at White Crest. (amended 3/24/06).
  8. Hang gliders and para-gliders are prohibited at any Town beach or landing, adjacent dunes and parking lots from April 15<sup>th</sup> through October 1. (amended 6/26/07).
  9. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all Town property. (General Bylaws, Article VII, Section 19)
  10. Beach fires are permitted during the summer season only after obtaining a beach fire permit from the Town of Wellfleet Beach Sticker Office. Off season, beach fire information is available on the Town of Wellfleet website at [www.wellfleetma.org](http://www.wellfleetma.org).

11. No domesticated animals are allowed to be left in any parked vehicles in any beach parking lot or in any beach area or on Nauset Road during the summer season.

12. The owner or person in charge of any domesticated animal that defecates on any Town of Wellfleet owned property shall promptly remove the fecal matter and dispose of it in a place where it will not cause pollution either directly or indirectly of any pond, wetland, groundwater or coastal water.

**13. Salt Water Beaches and Landings:**

- All domesticated animals must be leashed at all times on Town Beaches and landings between May 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Domesticated animals are not allowed on the lifeguarded portions of Newcomb Hollow, Cahoon Hollow, White Crest and Maguire Landing at Lecount Hollow between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm during the summer season except to walk from the parking lot to a point beyond the end of the guarded beach.
- Domesticated animals are never allowed on the following salt water beaches and landings: Burton Baker, Indian Neck, Nauset Road, Mayo Beach and Powers Landing.

**14. Freshwater Ponds:**

- Domesticated animals are not allowed in the following freshwater ponds or on the beaches of these ponds: Gull Pond, Long Pond, Great Pond, Duck Pond, Higgins Pond, the Sluiceway, Spectacle Pond or Dyer Pond from May 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. (amended 3/24/09).

15. Domesticated animals shall be kept away from bathers at all Town landings and beaches at all times.

16. Garbage, litter and recycling of all kinds must be deposited in the specified containers or carried from the area with you.

17. The use of soap, shampoo, detergents or cleaning substances is prohibited in all fresh water ponds.

18. All persons using Town beaches at any time shall be properly attired.

19. No rafts or other flotation devices may be used at any ocean beach without the permission of the lifeguard (s) on duty during the summer season. (amended 1/27/04),

20. Climbing on all dunes and coastal banks is prohibited except along designated routes to the beach.

21. An application for Permit to Use Town Property must be obtained from the Wellfleet Board of Selectmen to use a Town beach or landing for the purposes of giving lessons of any kind, conducting canoe and kayak tours or holding events. Liability insurance naming the Town of Wellfleet as an additional insured in the amount of \$1,000,000 is required. A fee may be required by the Board of Selectmen. All surfing lessons and surfing competitions shall be limited to White Crest Beach and adjacent parking lots. (amended 6/13/06, 3/24/09)

**22. Enforcement Penalties:**

**A. Criminal Complaint**

Whoever violates any of the above rules and regulations shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty (\$50) for each offense. If the payment for such a fine is not received by the Town within three weeks from the date of the violation, the violator shall lose the right to obtain or use a Wellfleet Beach Parking Permit. A violation of each specific rule or regulation shall be deemed a separate offense and each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense, subject to the penalties stated herein. (amended 3/24/09).

**B. Non-Criminal Disposition**

As an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings pursuant to subsection A above, the enforcing agent may dispose of a violation of these rules and regulations pursuant to the following procedures. Whoever violated any provisions of these rules and regulations may, in the discretion of officers of the Wellfleet Police Department, Beach Administrator, Beach Guard Captain, Head Lifeguard, Harbormaster, Assistant Harbormaster, Health and Conservation Agent, Assistant Health and Conservation Agent, Shellfish Constable, Deputy Shellfish Constables, Animal Control Officer or member of the Board of Selectmen be penalized by a non-criminal complaint pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 40, Section 21D. Whoever violates any rule or regulation as stated above shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty (\$50) for each separate offense. Any violation relating to Rule #10 above shall be fifty dollars for the first offense and one hundred dollars for the second offense. Any violations relating to Rule #12 above shall be one hundred dollars (\$100). If the payment for such a fine is not received by the Town within three weeks from the date of the violation, the violator shall lose the right to obtain or use a Wellfleet Beach Fire Permit or a Wellfleet Beach Parking Permit. A violation of each specific rule or regulation shall be deemed a separate offense, and each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense, subject to the penalties stated herein. (amended 3/24/09, 1/26/10, 8/14/12).