

CPA Report to BOS

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Introduction

Wellfleet is a town of waters – ocean and bay, harbor and ponds. Access to these waters is an integral part of our life. Visitors and residents, fishermen and boaters all rely on this access.

This guide is a summary of citizen access to these waters that are available to all. There is a long history of initiative in Wellfleet to assure this access.

Some Town records of Town Landings and Ways-to-the-Water go back to the 18th century: the oldest reference is from 1756 to what is now Power's Landing. (A complete list is in Appendix B of the 1995 Harbor Management Plan, linked on the NRAB home page. This was the work of Durand Echeverria .. to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude.)

In this guide, the focus is on access through Town ways and landings. We are also fortunate that access is available through other organizations that are part of Wellfleet: Wellfleet Conservation Trust , Cape Cod National Seashore and MassAudubon at Wellfleet Bay. These are referred to throughout this brochure.

This guide is in five main sections:

Salt water beaches:

The large, well-appointed Town salt water beaches are:

- facing Cape Cod Bay - Duck Harbor & the Gut
- facing Wellfleet harbor - Power's Landing, Mayo Beach, the Marina, Indian Neck & Burton Baker
- facing the open Atlantic - Newcomb Hollow, Cahoon Hollow, White Crest, Maguires Landing at Lecount Hollow, Marconi Beach (a CCNS beach)

Ponds.

The large, well-appointed Town fresh water beaches are:

- Gull Pond, Long Pond and Great Pond

Ponds with fewer facilities and parking are:

- Higgins Pond & the Sluiceway, Duck Pond, Dyer Pond (CCNS) and Spectacle Ponds (CCNS).

. Smaller Beaches:

The Town of Wellfleet has many smaller public access points that lead to the bay and harbor. These are often difficult of summer access because of a lack of parking. Those who live within walking distance are the main users. Off season, they are well worth the effort to explore and enjoy.

Partners:

Three partner organizations – CCNS, WCT, MASS – offer collectively many possibilities to access salt and fresh water. These complement the Town locations which are the main focus of this guide. We offer only a brief introduction here with links to more information from the organizations themselves.

SALT WATER BEACHES

The salt beaches in Wellfleet are all well known, much used and an important part of Town life. They are located on the Atlantic Ocean, Wellfleet's harbor and Cape Cod Bay.

Wellfleet Ocean Beaches

The Town of Wellfleet is fortunate to have four Town ocean beaches, all part of the Atlantic Ocean coast which extends from Provincetown to Chatham on the Cape. All beaches feature towering dunes, golden sand and active surf. Parking lots and beach access to Wellfleet town ocean beaches are all high above the beaches and are reached by steep paths. (This will be difficult for some individuals with disabilities.)

Lifeguards are on duty 9 am to 5 pm at all oceans beaches: especially at high tides, the surf can be rough. There are toilet facilities at all ocean beaches.

Parking From late June through Labor day all Wellfleet ocean beaches require a town or visitor beach sticker for parking. White Crest and Cahoon Holllow also offer a \$20 daily entrance fee without a sticker. In the off season and after 5pm all beaches are free.

On sunny days in summer some lots can fill by midday so it's wise to get to the beach early.

The five beaches:

➤ **Maguires Landing at Lecount Hollow**

At the Atlantic end of Lecount Hollow Road. Used for ocean kayaks and surfing.

➤ **White Crest Beach**

Off Ocean View Drive. Known for its high surf.

➤ **Cahoon Hollow Beach**



One of the most popular Wellfleet beaches - the famous Wellfleet Beachcomber is here. Very limited town parking, tho' the beachcomber does have its own lot.. (There was a major erosion at Cahoon Hollow parking in 2017: plans for 2018 are uncertain.)

At the end of Cahoon Hollow Road or from Ocean View Drive

➤ **Newcomb Hollow Beach**

Northernmost of the Wellfleet ocean beaches, closest to Truro. The path to the beach is slightly more forgiving than the other Wellfleet beaches. Surf tends to be more gentle making it a popular family beach.

At the north end of Gross Hill Road.

➤ **Marconi Beach, Cape Cod National Seashore**

A large beach, it was named after the famous Italian wireless telegraphy inventor Guglielmo Marconi. The large parking lot may have spaces when the other beaches are full.

Right at traffic light in South Wellfleet on Marconi Beach Road to beach. Reminder: a National Seashore facility, so Wellfleet town beach stickers won't be accepted.

Wellfleet Harbor Beaches & Access

The waters off the beaches facing Wellfleet harbor are generally warmer and calmer than the ocean beaches. Therefore, there are no lifeguards. For small children or the less venturesome, they are a perfect choice. Kayaks can also be launched from both Powers landing and the east end of Mayo beach.

- **Powers Landing.** This is a popular small landing. There are also kayak racks, as this is an important launch point in the upper harbor.

Located off Chequessett Neck Road; Wellfleet Beach stickers required. Portable toilets in summer.

- **Mayo Beach.** This is a long beach, with many opportunities for families to spend a summer afternoon. There is a large parking lot, free of any charge. Across the street is the Town recreation center, with a playground, tennis courts and a ball field. Toilets are available there.

- **Indian Neck Beach.** Indian Neck is the second great family beach on the north harbor.

The beach is located off Nauset Drive, at the NW corner of Indian Neck. There is parking, a Wellfleet beach sticker being required in the summer. Portable toilets are available.

Recreational shellfishing is permitted, on a summer and winter schedule. Permits are required. Check with the Town shellfishing department for details.

- **Burton Baker Beach.** Burton Baker is really a southern extension of Indian Neck Beach, with a Wellfleet Conservation Trust parcel sandwiched between the two. Burton Baker offers the same waters and beach as Indian Neck.

Located off Nauset road with very limited roadside parking (Wellfleet sticker required.)

- **Town Marina.** Not a beach but a great walk around the marina pier, with views from Duck Creek in the north to Great Beach Hill in the south.
Located at the Marina Marina at the Commercial – Kendrick intersection. Large, sticker free parking. A major point for boating and also a kayak put-in. Flush toilets.
- **Chipman’s Cove.** An important recreational and commercial shellfishing area, from late October until the spring. Off Old Pier Road.

Cape Cod Bay

On the west side of Wellfleet, there is a broad, unbroken run of beach from the Truro line south to Jeremy Point. Most of these beaches are part of the National Seashore.

The waters are those of Cape Cod Bay.

Compared to the Atlantic on the back (east) side of town, Cape Cod Bay waters are warmer and with much less surf action. These are also perfect beaches for young children, for paddle-boarding, for long quiet walks.

The Town of Wellfleet owns two major public landings on the Bay.

- **Duck Harbor Beach.** The most popular of the bay beaches, Duck Harbor beach can be reached at the end of Griffin Island Road. The beach is 100 yards west of the parking across the dune. Toilets are available. Town, stickered (in the summer) parking. A fall kite surfing site.
Location: on Griffin Island, at the end of Griffin Island Road
- **The Gut.** “The Gut” is the local name for the harbor bay between Griffin and Great Islands on the west side of Wellfleet. The Town public landing is on the bay, about 200 yards south of Griffin Island.
Like Duck Harbor, this is a great family beach ... with a somewhat longer walk

Location: The best approach is to follow the inside arc of the Gut using the high tide sand path from the south edge of Griffin Island to the first dune crossing, where a path leads west to the landing on the bay. This path is tidal and will be wet at highest tides

Parking: there are three parking areas:

- Fishermans Landing. This is the parking on the left (south) off Chequessett Neck Road just past the dike. This is owned by the seashore but available to all. Note: at highest tides, most of the parking is flooded: beware!
- Great Island Parking. There is a large seashore parking on Great Island, following Chequessett Neck Road after the dike. A portable toilet is available.
- Limited parking is available at the end of Chequessett Neck Road. A Wellfleet beach parking sticker is needed in the summer.

Besides the beaches, the bay side of Wellfleet has many opportunities for walks and hikes. These walks are on Bound Brook Island, Griffin Island and Great Island south.

The Jeremy Point - Great Island walk leaves from the Griffin Island parking a total of four-miles down to Jeremy Point. This is a beautiful walk, with views of ocean and harbor. It can be strenuous to do the whole walk. In summer, carrying water is mandatory.

Boats can also be used to access the beaches at Jeremy Point and Billingsgate Island (which appears to the south at low tide, both popular summer destination. Boats may not land but can be moored just off the beach.

WELLFLEET BEACHES SUMMARY

Beach	Facing	Owner	Parking	Lifeguard	Toilet	Boat
McGuire's	Atlantic	Town	Yes - sticker	Yes	Flush	Surf
White Crest	Atlantic	Town	Yes - sticker	Yes	Flush	Kayak/canoe Surf
Cahoon	Atlantic	Town	Yes - sticker	Yes	Flush	No
Newcomb	Atlantic	Town	Yes - sticker	Yes	Flush	No
Marconi	Atlantic	Seashore	Yes – seashore	Yes	Flush	No
Duck Harbor	Cape Cod Bay	Town	Yes - sticker	No	Yes	Wind sail
The Gut	Cape Cod Bay	Town	See below	No	No	No
Powers Landing	Wellfleet Harbor	Town	Yes - sticker	No	Yes	Kayak/canoe
Mayo	Wellfleet Harbor	Town	Yes- free	No	Yes – across street	No
Indian Neck	Wellfleet Harbor	Town	Yes - sticker	No	Yes	No
Burton Baker	Wellfleet Harbor	Town	Limited - sticker	No	Yes	No

Notes: Lifeguards are 9am – 5 pm in summer season
Town stickers in season

: The Gut parking - Fisherman's Landing & Great Island – free

- End Chequesset Neck – Town Sticker

CPA - Great Ponds

The **Wellfleet kettle ponds** were formed more than 15,000 years ago, when blocks of glacier ice melted, leaving massive holes, called kettles, that later filled with fresh water. Their fragile eco-systems provide homes to wildlife and endangered species, located within the Cape Cod National Seashore Park. Kettle ponds have sandy bottoms and spring fed fresh water which take decades to replenish.

Some key points to consider when accessing these ponds:

- ***Kettle ponds need considerate care in order to stay pristine and be preserved for future generations.***
- ***Bathers should not use soap or shampoo. (Please minimize salt from local beaches or other foreign elements)***
- ***Use restrooms or toilets as provided.***
- ***Dogs are restricted from pond areas mid-May to mid-October.***

In Massachusetts, great ponds are those whose area is over 10 acres. Unlike the salt beaches – busy year round with waves, birds, fishermen and visitors – the great ponds are often places of tranquility and calm. This atmosphere is broken in the summer season, as the great ponds are popular for swimming and beach sitting.

Visitors at any season are asked to be respectful of these special places. The water in the ponds is much clearer than the salt waters and therefore more sensitive to any contamination. The Town of Wellfleet and the CCNS have shoreline erosion control projects at several of the ponds: please respect these.

The wildlife in and around the ponds are particularly sensitive to human contact.

There are four Town great ponds with landings; summer parking at each requires a Wellfleet beach sticker:

➤ **Gull Pond**

Gull is the largest and deepest of Wellfleet's ponds. Despite a limited beach space, it is often busy on a summer day – swimming and boating especially. The protected swimming area is limited in the morning due to lessons (contact the Town Recreation Department). There is a swimming float. Lifeguard in the summer.

Gull Pond landing can offer kayaks and canoes the start of a three pond excursion: Gull, Higgins, Williams. Kayak rack use is available through the beach office.

➤ **Long Pond**

Long Pond comes in two sections: the busy west at the beach, the quiet east. Often overcrowded in the summer.

Located off Long Pond Road. Note: parking is on the other side of the road from the beach be careful!

➤ **Great Pond**

Great Pond is not the largest great pond in Wellfleet, but, Great is a typical round kettle pond formed by the melt of glacial ice. Access is by steps (approximately 60 steps – not H/C friendly) leading down from the parking. Often not as crowded as the other great ponds in town.

Location off Cahoon Hollow Road.

➤ **Duck Pond**

Duck Pond has a secluded landing as there is little residential activity on the pond. From the parking area, there is a wooden walk (365 walking steps) to the landing with a slight slope. Typically not crowded, due in part to the very limited parking available.

Located at the end of Duck Pond Road, off Old County Road.

Ponds in Wellfleet with limited access include:

Higgins Pond

Higgins Pond can be reached at the Sluiceway landing between Gull and Higgins. It is often accessed by boat – kayak or canoe.

There is very limited (three places) parking at the intersection of School House Hill Road and Steele Road. No toilet facilities.

Dyer Pond

Dyer Pond is a medium size round pond with access by foot, walking in from Long Pond Road up Forrest Road (to right of the Long Pond public landing).

Location: Walk in from Forrest Road. No toilets.

Spectacle Pond

Spectacle Pond is a very small and shallow circular pond with limited access. There is no public landing, a very small beach, and parking for only a few cars. This pond is also managed by the national seashore.

Location: Access by Eldredge or Jesse's Way – both off Long Pond Road, roughly a mile of single lane dirt road – quite uneven in places. No toilets.

WELLFLEET PONDS SUMMARY

POND	Owned By	Parking	Fee	Toilets	Lifeguard	Kayak/Canoe
Gull	Town	Yes	Town sticker	Flush	Yes	Yes; Racks for rent
Great	Town	Yes	Town sticker	Yes	No	No
Long	Town	Yes	Town sticker	Yes	No	Limited
Duck	Town	Limited	Town sticker	Yes	No	No
Sluiceway	Town	Very Limited		No	No	Landing only
Dyer	Seashore	No		No	No	No
Spectacle	Seashore	Very Limited		No	No	No

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Smaller Beaches

Throughout Wellfleet, there are many smaller points of citizen access to the water. These often have limited access and parking. The summer use is therefore

mostly by local, neighborhood residents. In the off-season, when crowds have left, these are well worth exploring and appreciating.

We offer a brief guide to these, listed for convenience from north to south in Wellfleet:

(Map?)

Salt water access:

➤ **Bound Brook Island.** There is a small Town public access at the end of Bound Brook Island Road. For most of its length, this is a narrow, one-lane sand way, with few passing points. There is very limited parking at the end. The beach is about 200 yards from the end, over the dunes.

➤ **Fishermans Landing.** Fisherman's Landing is located on Griffin Island. It can be reached by a left turn off Chequesett Road is just west of the dike. (The drive is a bit jouncy but passable.) The landing provides an alternate starting point for walks to the Gut or to Great Island. It is also a useful kayak launch point. It is not a bathing beach.

There is limited parking ... but beware: the landing is tidal and can flood at high tide.

Fishermans Landing is owned by the CCNS but with rights of use granted to Wellfleet.

➤ **Hamblin Island and Uncle Tim's Bridge.** One of the great landscapes in Wellfleet is the sight of Uncle Tim's bridge, crossing Duck Creek. This is also part of a creekside walk out to a circuit of Hamblin Island.

The walk starts off Commercial Street, an easy reach from Town center. Parking is also available at a Town lot at the foot of Bank Street. In either case, it is necessary to walk along Commercial Street to Uncle Tims without a sidewalk, so care is needed.

- **Foot of Bank Street.** Hidden by busy summer parking is a view over Duck Creek. In earlier days, this part of the harbor was busy with commercial boating (at high tide). Today it is a spot for quiet contemplation.

- **Hiawatha Road.** The Hiawatha Road beach is located at the roads end, down a small flight of steps to Sewell's Gutter. It has many of the beach features as the much larger Town beaches to the north. However, there is no parking along Hiawatha Road, so this beach is mostly accessible only to local resident.

- **Fox Island Marsh.** Fox Island Marsh is a state owned salt marsh which includes a beach access to Blackfish Creek. The marsh is at the south end of King Phillip Road, a private road.

- **Paine Hollow Landing.** The landing is at the end of Paine Hollow Road. It is primarily used by small boaters as a put-in, with access to the Fox Island marshes and Blackfish Creek. Parking is, as so many of these sites, limited.

- **Pleasant Point Landing.** The landing is at the end of Pleasant Point Road. Access to the beach is down a set of stairs. To the east lies the Pleasant Point marsh. This marsh and the way to it along the bulkhead is Town owned. This makes for a great walk out to Blackfish Creek. Kayak and canoe put-ins are also possible here, if one is willing to scramble down the steps.

- **Mound Street Landing.** A small path - hard to find but worth it. Follow Pleasant Point Landing Road east up a grade and continue as it becomes a small sand road. The pathway is off to the right (look for the small sign). The path leads down to Pleasant Point marsh, so a loop back to Pleasant Point landing is possible. Parking is very limited: be respectful of neighborhood rights.

- **Sgt. Howard Memorial Landing**, on Wigwam Street. Sgt. Robert W. Howard was a Wellfleet native, MIA in Korea. The family has dedicated a memorial to him, now deeded to the Town. Past the memorial there is another small path down to Pleasant Point marsh. Parking is roadside on Wigwam Street.
- **Head of Drummer Cove**. Also on Wigwam Street, just past the Sgt. Howard Memorial is a small Town parcel overlooking the head of Drummer Cove. Across on the other side, on the main reach of the cove, is a loop path owned by the WCT.
- **Cannon Hill Beach**. This beach offers great views of the upper Blackfish Creek. It is located at the end of 1st Street off Cannon Hill Road. There is no parking at the beach, so it is best to park near Rt 6 and walk in.
- **Old Wharf Road landing**. There is a Town way to the water at the north end of Old Wharf Point. For the general public, it makes a great destination for a walk with a westward view out to Great Island.
- **Old Try Works Landing**. A public landing can be found at the south end of Old Wharf Point, down Bay View Avenue (a sand road). This landing is much used by small boats and shellfishermen. The water access leads to the mouth of Blackfish Creek. Parking is limited.
- **Lieutenant Island**. On the north side of Lt Island is the so-called “boathouse” landing, named for a small, private boathouse at the beach. The site can be reached by taking the causeway road to Heron Point Road, following it to the end along the edge of the salt marsh. There is limited parking, which is subject to flooding at high tides. Beach access is across private property with owners permission. In the summer, this beach has mostly island users. In the off season, it is a place for quiet contemplation or walks along the shore.
- **The West Side of the Harbor**. All along Indian Neck, Pleasant Point, Old Wharf and Lt Island there are views of land to the west.
 These lands are Jeremy Point and (at low tide) the island of Billingsgate.

Jeremy Point is part of the CCNS. It is accessible by foot from the Gut, a long walk down the beach or inland across Great Island. In the summer it is also a popular boating location, for swimming and picnics. Jeremy Point is a nesting and roosting location for birds, so expect some use restrictions.

Billingsgate Island – which is actually in Eastham – was the site of an old, colonial fishing village. It is now accessible by boat for beaching and bathing ... but only at low tide!

Fresh Water access:

And some smaller ponds:

- **Near Great Pond.** There are also several small satellite ponds in the vicinity of Great Pond – Turtle, Grass, Northeast, and Southeast: these are best accessed by foot for an exploration of hidden Wellfleet.
- **Squires Pond.** At the end of Squires Lane, a short stroll from Town center. Squires Pond is a small kettle pond. No parking. No swimming.
- **“Skating Pond”.** Off Paine Hollow Road. One car parking. No swimming. Used as a skating and pond hockey rink if the ice is thick enough.

Partners

Coastal and pond access in Wellfleet depends not only on the Town but also on the work and holdings of three partners:

➤ Cape Cod National Seashore (CCNS)

Most of the Wellfleet beach front on both ocean and bay (and, to a lesser extent, the harbor) are CCNS lands. Much of the great pond shoreline is also CCNS property, as is the beach access to Dyer and Spectacle Ponds.

For information and details of access and walks use the visitor center at Salt Pond in Eastham or the website: www.nps.gov/caco.

➤ Wellfleet Conservation Trust (WCT)

A private conservation organization, WCT protects 360 acres in Wellfleet. Most of these have water or water views. Three in particular open onto harbor water: Drummer Cove, Fox Island Marshes and the new acquisition at the head of Duck Creek.

List here!

For more information, including maps, see the web-site: www.WellfleetConservationTrust.org .

➤ Massachusetts Audubon Society (MAS)

The Wellfleet Bay Audubon sanctuary, in South Wellfleet, was opened in 1962. The sanctuary is in two parts, bordering to the north of Hatches Creek and on Lt. Island. The total area is 1100 acres.

A visitors center and the trail network are on the Hatches Creek parcel, off west Road. There is a fee. One of the trails is handicapped accessible.

The website is: www.MassAudubon.org .

Citizen rights of access and use must be balance with concern for the environment and private property. Some simple guidelines are:

- In Massachusetts, private owners own to the low tideline and or to the center of ponds. Be respectful of this along all beaches.
- Keep to well-marked paths, so as not to harm vegetation or other parts of the landscape.
- Carry out what you carry in.
- Dogs. Regulations on beaches in Wellfleet depend on the beach and season: see appendix for details. Basically, we ask that you be respectful of bathers, children, other users and shellfishermen off-shore. Picking up after your pet should always be the rule.

There is, unfortunately, a history of loss of rights, mostly due to development. Some of these losses are now irreversible, due to subsequent development or neglect. If you become aware of any interference with what you believe to be loss of rights, please contact the Town Administrator through the Town web-site at www.wellfleet-ma.gov .

CPA Other issues

Finally, we consider some detailed information for the following activities:

- Boating, including kayaks and canoes
- Shellfishing – with a license
- Disability access

➤ Boating

Many of the landings and ways-to-the-water in Wellfleet offer also boating possibilities.

For large boats, the access point is the marina, for launch and slip reservations. The Wellfleet Harbor Master has responsibility for all marina issues and uses. All moorings in Wellfleet Harbor are also the Harbormasters responsibility.

During the summer months, the Harbor Master office is open 7 days a week. For contact use:

Email: Michael.flanagan@wellfleet-ma.gov

Phone: 508-349-0320

Around the harbor and ponds, there are also many sites for smaller craft, such as kayaks and canoes. Some of these sites offer the possibility of storing kayaks and canoes on racks: contact the Beach Office (508-349-0320; john.ryerson@wellfleet-me.gov) for information.

A list of launch sites follows:

Harbor

- Fishermans Landing, just across the Chequessett Dike. Parking is limited and tidal
- Powers Landing, off Chequessett Neck Road, racks available
- Marina Pier, a free kayak/canoe launch site is just west of the L-shaped Pier
- Paine Hollow Landing, with limited parking
- Pleasant Point Landing, but down some steps
- Old Wharf Landing, with limited parking

Ponds

- Gull pond Landing, racks available
- Long Pond Landing, limited use

➤ **Fishing**

Fishing – for Striped Bass and Bluefish – takes place off mostly the Atlantic beaches. Harbor and Cape Cod Bay fishing is mostly by sport fishing boats. There is information about charters at the Marina.

There is limited ponds fishing, either by boat (no engines allowed) or from the Sluiceway.

➤ **Shellfishing**

Wellfleet is first famous for our shellfish, oysters and quahogs. Even for recreational shellfishermen, there are many seasonal sites of access around the harbor.

Information is available at the Shellfish Constables office – same building as the Beach Sticker office – or call 508-349-0325. There is also a very informative web-site via <wellfleet-ma.gov/shellfish department>.

The following is a list of commonly used shellfish access locations. This is for reference only and should be used only in consultation with more detailed information from the shellfish department.

SHELLFISHING ACCESS POINTS

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<u>Reference #</u>	<u>Access:</u>	<u>Use:</u>	<u>Commercial / Recreational / Landing</u>
1.	Old Pier Road	CR	
2.	Indian Neck Beach	CR	
3.	Omaha Road	CR	
4.	Burton Baker Beach	CRL	
5.	Paine Hollow	CRL	
6.	Pleasant Point	CRL	
7.	Isl. Boathouse	CR	
8.	Isl. Blackfish Creek	CR	
9.	Isl. Meadow Ave.	CR	
10.	Town Pier Marina	CRL	
11.	Mayo Beach	C	
12.	Powers Landing	CL	
13.	Dyke	C	
14.	Hiawatha	CR	
15.	Old Wharf Road	CRL	
16.	Lookout Road	CR	

Group 6

Shellfishermen, as wild pickers, have a variety of access points to the harbor. As fishermen, they also have the right to traverse beaches below high tide in order to reach shellfish beds. Landings for aquaculture or vehicular access are more limited. These are landings currently used by shellfishermen.

- Fisherman's Landing (#5). At the dike. Parking. Foot access only.
- Power's Landing. Parking. Vehicle access to grants.
- Mayo Beach, behind shellfish shack.
- Pine Point Way landing. This and the succeeding landing lead to Duck Creek.
- Pine Point Way.
- Taylor Road. To the Cove. Parking.
- Indian Neck. To the Cove. Parking
- Whitman. To grants along the breakwater. Parking & vehicle access.
- Omaha Beach. Parking & vehicle access to Field Point grants.
- Old Wharf Point, north. Parking along the road only.
- Old Wharf Point, south. Parking & vehicle access to grants.
- Lt Island at boathouse. Parking. Foot access only.
- Lt Island at south end of Meadow Ave. Parking. Foot access only.

➤ **American Disability Act**

There are four locations in Wellfleet that can be used for wheelchair access:

- The Town Marina pier. There is an excellent paved path that circles the Marina pier. At any season of the year, this offer great views of the inner harbor and a longer perspective all the way to Jeremy Point.
- Gull and Long Ponds. In the summer, there is a matted walkway that lead down to the shores of both ponds.
- Wellfleet Bay sanctuary of Mass Audubon. There is a fully ADA compliant path at the sanctuary; signpost along the way include braille characters.
- **Note: Where to obtain beach stickers:**

Many of the larger Wellfleet beaches require beach stickers for parking. These may be obtained at the Beach Office, 255 Commercial St., Wellfleet, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily starting mid - June.

Telephone: 508-349-9818

Conservation lands.

These are town owned parcels, fronting water, which are recommended for conservation use only.

- East end of Long Pond (map 16-649).
- Hatches Creek Landing (#41).
- Williams Pond Landing (#45)
- Lt Island, SW. Town parcels (40-170,171,182) fronting on the harbor

Under investigation:

- Cove View Road near map 28-25. Reported by Irene Paine as an old shellfish landing on Chipman's Cove. There may be a public or shellfishing easement. Under research.
- 19-101. Right of access to be activated.

Private Lands Accesses:

Private lands. These are landings, some much used by the public, which never-the-less cross private land. Their status must be carefully monitored. The consideration and rights of the private owners must be respected.

- Field Point (#25). This is adjacent to State property. The way (King Phillip) is privately owned. The extension of this is a long-standing publicly used pathway to the beach.
- Herring Pond Landing (#45A) – The current landing crosses private land and is so marked. State law requires a public landing on any great pond. CCNS uses a small landing on the east side of the pond for water quality testing: this is possible.

➤ **No action list:**

It is recommended that, for the reasons given, these properties no longer be actively managed.

- Along the Herring River (#2,6A,6B, at Rt 6) – These landings are poorly documented. It is better to agree a new set of Herring River landings as part of the restoration project, to be used eventually by shellfishermen and recreational kayakers/canoists.
- East Arm of Duck Creek (#20). Based on an 1858 map, it seems that landing #20 was near the current intersection of Commercial Street and Rt 6. The landing would have been lost when the new Rt 6 was constructed. The recent WCT purchase in this area provides an attractive replacement.
- Duck Creek landings: Red Loam (Loom?) (#15). This are old landings whose actual location is not clear. In 1995, NRAB located #15 on the south side of the old Custom House. It is practically adjacent to the landing at the foot of Bank Street.
- Eastern Street Landings (#32). Ownership unclear.
- Shell Street Landing (#33, #34). Access not clear; redundant to Mound Street Way.
- Cliff Avenue (#38) – this small property on Lt Island has reverted to private ownership as back taxes were paid.
- Numerous Town holdings near Wellfleet-by-the-sea at the back side dune; most of these have now eroded.

