

The Public Beaches on Cape Cod

Ocean Beaches

All of the ocean beaches, from Orleans to Provincetown, are part of the National Seashore. Some of the public beaches are managed by the National Seashore, some by the towns where they are located.

National Seashore-managed beaches: The National Seashore manages five public beaches: Coast Guard Beach and Nauset Light Beach (both in Eastham), Marconi Beach (in Welfleet), Race Point Beach and Herring Cove (in Provincetown.)

There is a small entrance fee for pedestrians or bicycle riders. There is a \$15 fee (per car) for parking (no per person fee.). You can purchase a \$45 parking pass (\$10 for Seniors) which is good for a full year and give you access to all five of the National Park Beaches.

Town-managed beaches: Orleans, Welfleet and Truro all have town managed ocean beaches. Entrance is usually free for walkers and bicycle riders. Parking fees at these beaches vary (\$10-\$15) and some are open only to cars that have a "town sticker." However, even the sticker-only beaches (such as the beautiful Long Nook beach in Truro) are open to all after a certain hour (usually 4:00)

Bay Beaches

All of the public bay beaches are managed by the towns where they are located. Entrance is free to walkers and bicycle riders. The information below applies to Eastham; others towns have a similar system.

Parking at Eastham Bay Beaches:

1. Day-pass parking: Three bay beaches (First Encounter, Campground, and Cooks Brook) allow parking if you have a **day pass** (\$15, sold at all of these beaches) The pass can be used (for that day) at any of these bay beaches and also at Wiley Park Beach on Great Pond.

2. Sticker parking: The rest of the town-managed bay beaches are **sticker-only** (You can get a \$55 one-week visitor sticker at 555 Old Orchard Road; phone 508-240-5976)

As with the Ocean Beaches, parking is allowed at the town-managed bay beaches after 4:00 (or so --check the signs.)

Eastham Pond Beaches

As with the bay beaches, use is free to walkers and bike-riders. Otherwise, you'll need a sticker to park, except for Wiley Park on Great Pond, where you can use a day pass. Wiley Park has restrooms, lifeguard, and a playground.



For more information:

On your way into town, stop by the **Eastham Information Booth** (on your right, about a mile or so past the Rotary) to pick up a map of Eastham and other useful information.

Also, be sure to visit the National Seashore's **Salt Pond Visitors Center** (This will be on your right; at the 2nd traffic light in Eastham.) There you can get a map of the seashore, purchase a parking pass, and get lots of information about the many educational and recreational programs that they offer.)