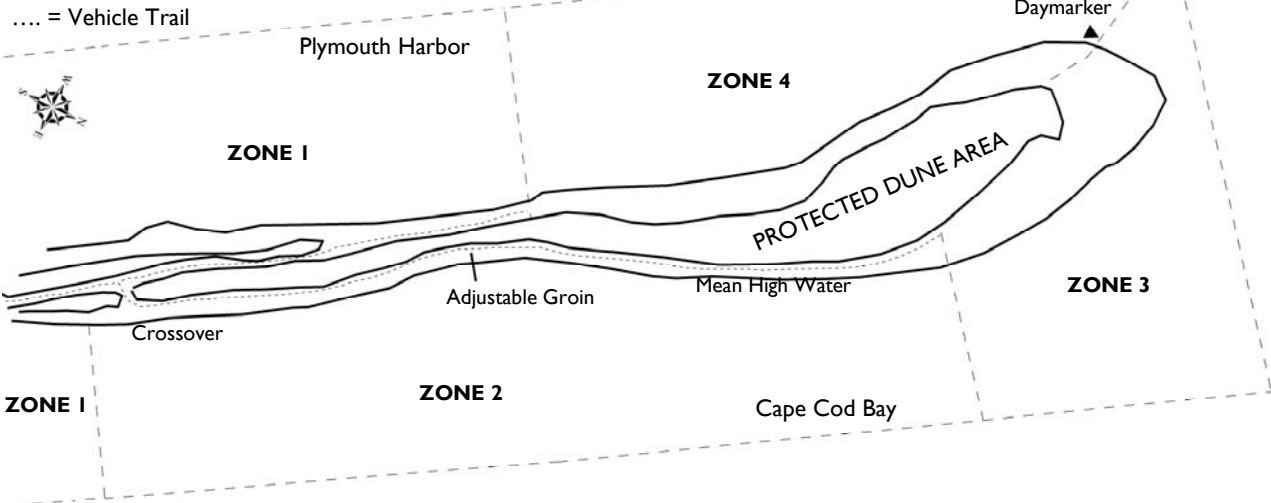


# Map of Plymouth Long Beach Zones



## Management Zones

Using state and federal wildlife regulations and guidelines for barrier beach management, the Plymouth Long Beach Management Plan was developed to balance recreational uses with wildlife habitat needs. Please refer to the map and written description of each zone for recreational activities allowed.

**ZONE 1**  
**Location:** Southern zone, includes Plymouth Long Beach parking lot, Manter's Point northerly to the 4-wheel drive outermost crossover access point (beachside) and from Eel River northerly to outermost edge of private land parcel. The harborside boundary shall be marked by a gate and signage.  
**Permitted Activities:** All activities allowed as stated under general rules and regulations, and Town By-laws. Some limited parking is available. No overnight camping.

**ZONE 2**  
**Location:** Northeastern zone, includes the 4-wheel drive outermost crossover access point (beachside) northerly to line approximately 790 feet south of and parallel to the existing stone jetty located on the north end of Long Beach. This boundary shall be indicated by a symbolic fence (stakes, twine, and flagging) along with signage.  
**Permitted Activities:** All activities allowed as stated under general rules and regulations, and Town Beach By-laws. A maximum limit of 225 vehicles may be allowed north of Manter's Point at any one-time period, when tidal conditions allow. No kite flying or overnight camping within 200 yards of any active

Piping Plover or Least Tern nest site. Dogs are to be leashed at all times. Vehicles must travel within the ORV corridor delineated by posts and signs. Travel over the intertidal flats is not permitted. Parking is permitted within designated areas. Keep the travel corridor open at all times for emergency access. Overnight camping allowed with permit (apply at Plymouth Town Hall, DPW).

**ZONE 3**  
**Location:** Northern zone, includes a line approximately 790 feet south of and parallel to the existing stone jetty located on the north end of Long Beach continuing northwest to the navigational day marker located on the tip of Beach Point. The area will be marked by symbolic fence and signage.  
**Permitted Activities:** All activities allowed as stated under general rules and regulations, and Town Beach By-laws. Closed seasonally (April 1 to Sept 15) to all vehicle traffic. No kite flying during this time period. Dogs are not permitted in this zone. Pedestrian foot and marine boat traffic are allowed into this vehicle-restricted area. No overnight camping allowed. Absolutely no activities are allowed within bird nesting sites.

**ZONE 4**  
**Location:** Northwestern zone includes the navigational day marker located on the tip of Beach Point south to the northernmost private property line. Indicated by post and cable fencing.  
**Permitted Activities:** All activities allowed as stated under general rules and regulations, and Town Beach By-laws. Closed to all vehicles year-round. Open to pedestrian foot and marine traffic. No kite flying during the period of April 1 to Sept 15. Dogs to be leashed at all times. No overnight camping allowed.



Town of Plymouth Department of Public Works

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# Plymouth Long Beach

## Rules & Regulations

Questions concerning Plymouth Long Beach may be referred to the above office or the offices listed below Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

Board of Selectmen	747-1620	x106
Recreation Division		x137
Conservation Commission		x139
Department of Public Works		x126
Parks Division	830-4162	x116

## Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency please contact on-site personnel (Plymouth Police, lifeguards, Natural Resources Officer and staff, parking attendants). If unavailable, contact the appropriate office below.

Police Department	911, Non-emergency	830-4220
Fire Department	911, Non-emergency	830-4213
Harbormaster	830-4182, Police Dept.,	and channel 16 VHF radio

Plymouth Long Beach is a barrier beach approximately three miles in length. It's a dynamic, ever-changing environment that offers storm damage protection to our harbor, important wildlife habitat, and a multitude of recreational opportunities.

The health and continued existence of the dune system depend on the ability of the beach to stabilize and rebuild dunes after natural erosion events. Beach grass and other dune plants have fibrous root systems that physically stabilize and help build dunes. These roots are easily damaged by foot and vehicle traffic. Please help protect the dunes by not walking or driving on or over the dunes or fragile vegetated areas.

Seasonally, Plymouth Long Beach is home to a wide variety of shorebirds and other wildlife. Local, state, and federal laws protect the wildlife, its natural habitat and wetland resource areas. All other areas are readily available to the public. However, in some areas, both wildlife and recreational use of Plymouth Long Beach must coexist.

To optimize the amount of recreational usage while still providing the requirements needed for wildlife and habitat protection, Plymouth Long Beach is divided into 4 management zones. Please refer to the map for the activities that are allowed in each zone. Areas that are protected for wildlife, its habitat or for protection of fragile areas are delineated by wire cable, symbolic fencing (indicated by string, stakes, and flagging), and/or signs, and are closed to all recreational activities.

In part, the success or failure of Plymouth Long Beach may in fact depend on our actions, so please respect and adopt the information contained within this booklet.

## General Information

The Crossover is open 9am to 7pm seasonally. Ryder Way closes to vehicles at 9pm, except authorized vehicles.

Lifeguards are not available beyond the Main Beach area.

There are no bathroom facilities on Plymouth Long Beach.

Vehicle access to Long Beach may be restricted during times of extreme high tides and shorebird closures or when vehicle limits have been reached as well as any unforeseen emergency. An average high tide is 9.5 feet. Tides 10.5 feet in height or more can be considered extreme. Please refer to the Plymouth Long Beach Tide Calendar to identify extreme high tides.

## Driving and Safety Tips

Check to make sure vehicle is in 4-wheel drive before entering soft sand. If you have trouble operating your 4x4 in the soft sand, try reducing tire air pressure, which can usually be lowered to 15-25 psi safely. This allows the tires to “float” on the sand as opposed to plowing through it. Remember that your ground clearance may be lower as a result of “airing down”. Fill tires to normal tire pressure shortly after leaving the beach.

Please drive as far to the right as possible in those areas where on-coming vehicles can pass beside you. In those areas where only one vehicle can pass, those vehicles leaving the beach have the right of way.

When driving on the beach north of the Crossover stay in the well-defined travel corridor at all times.

When driving in the soft sand, keep vehicle speed to 10 MPH or less and use a lower gear. Driving fast only increases chances of getting stuck or losing control of your vehicle. In soft sand it is better to keep your front tires as straight as possible to reduce the “plowing effect”.

Recommended equipment: a good jack, 18”x18”x3/4” piece of plywood (to be placed under jack), folding shovel, tow strap, and any other item that will assist in freeing a stuck vehicle.

## Management Plan Regulations

Violations of the Plymouth Beach Management Plan:

Fine Schedule:           First violation: warning  
                                  Second violation: \$50  
                                  Third violation: \$100

If a Sticker-holder violates the Beach Management Plan more than two times in a calendar year, the Environmental Manager, and/or his designee, shall revoke the sticker for the remainder of that calendar year.

The Environmental Manager, and/or his designee, may, in their

discretion, immediately suspend or revoke a Beach Sticker for violation(s) of the Beach Management Plan that threaten the health or safety of persons, property, or wildlife.

1. All vehicles using Plymouth Long Beach must display the proper sticker. No admittance to the beach areas will be allowed without it.
2. Many forms of plants and wildlife are found in the dunes where vegetation plays a vital role in stabilizing the sandy peaks from natural erosion. Therefore, all people, as well as their animals and vehicles, including bicycles, must stay out of every dune and fenced-off vegetated area.
3. Driving of all 4-wheel drive vehicles must be confined to the designated travel corridor. Driving is not permitted on dunes, fore dunes, intertidal areas or tidal flats per the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.
4. All vehicles must drive with respect for the safety of others. The 10-MPH speed limit is strictly enforced.
5. Respect for personal property is required on Plymouth Long Beach. Please do not park in front of cottages (both the beach and harbor sides). It is private property.
6. Please extend the right of way on the outer beach at all times. The vehicles leaving the beach have the right of way where 2-way traffic is impossible. Please stay in the travel corridor while allowing vehicles to pass.
7. Rubbish barrels are provided in the main parking area for the proper disposal of all litter. Burying of rubbish is prohibited.
8. Please keep noise from radios and amplifiers to a minimum.
9. The removal of sand, rocks, vegetation and fencing, as well as damage to any Long Beach property, is prohibited.
10. Vehicles may park only on Town property in designated areas.

## Plymouth Bylaws for Beaches

Chapter 30: Beaches & Parks:

1. Only taxpayers and residents of Plymouth and their guests with proper beach stickers shall be allowed with vehicles on Plymouth Beach north of Manter’s Point.
2. No motorcycles, minibikes, minicars, or all-terrain vehicles shall be allowed on any public beach. No horses shall be allowed on any public beach between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
3. All domestic animals on public beaches shall be under control at all times. Dogs are to be leashed and their waste removed in accordance with Ch. 23, Sect. 4 & 14.

4. Walking or driving is restricted to designated trails and roads only. No person shall walk, drive any vehicle or ride a horse on the sand dunes or grassy areas or over any other type of vegetation on all public beaches.
5. Dumping (the deposit or leaving of household or commercial trash) is prohibited. Littering (the leaving of all other trash except in designated Town receptacles) is also prohibited.
6. No vehicle shall be allowed to pass on the east side of Plymouth Beach south of the crossover between Memorial Day and Labor Day, except in the case of an emergency or the established rights of Plymouth fishermen.
7. No vehicles, other than those owned by the property owner, shall be parked on private property on any Plymouth Beach or parked without the written consent of that property owner.
8. No vehicle shall exceed a speed of 10 miles per hour while driving on any portion of any public beach.
9. All vehicles driven on Plymouth Beach north of Manter’s Point shall be four-wheel-drive vehicles.
10. Overnight camping on Plymouth Long Beach shall be restricted to Plymouth residents and Plymouth taxpayers and their guests, but only by a permit issued by the Parks Division based on policies approved by the Board of Selectmen.
11. Glass containers of any kind are prohibited from all public beaches and parks.
12. Cooking fires contained in grills, hibachis and similar devices are permitted, but only in designated park and beach areas, based on policies approved by the Board of Selectmen. All coals must be properly extinguished and may not be left on any public beach.
13. No open fires (fires not contained in grills, hibachis, or similar devices) will be allowed on any public beach without permits from both the Park Division and Plymouth Fire Department.
14. All persons using public beaches do so at their own risk.
15. The operator of a stuck vehicle is responsible for filling in ruts and holes caused by said vehicle and for removing all related debris from any beach.
16. Riding on fenders, tailgate, roof or any other unenclosed exterior portion of any vehicle is prohibited.
17. Limitations may be placed by the Director of Public Works, the Police Chief or the Environmental Technician and their designees on the number of vehicles allowed on any beach at any one time or on the location of allowed parking.

18. Parked vehicles shall keep the pedestrian and vehicular rights-of-way open at all times.
19. No hunting or firearms are allowed within any beach except for properly licensed hunters on Town beaches during the migratory waterfowl open hunting season.
20. Town beaches are open from dawn to dusk. Except for private property owners on Plymouth Beach, their guests, or fishermen who are residents or taxpayers of Plymouth or overnight campers with the required permit, Plymouth Beach and its parking lot shall be closed to all vehicles between the hours of 9:00pm and 4:00 am.
21. No person shall block any road or any pedestrian or vehicular trail by means of sporting equipment/games, four-wheel-drive vehicles, campers or other vehicles, or tents which would impede the normal flow of beach traffic.

## Other Pertinent Bylaws

- No dogs shall be permitted in any street or public place unless it is effectively restrained by a chain or leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length, twenty-four (24) hours per day. The fines for violation of this By-law are as follows: first offense - \$25.00, second offense - \$50.00, succeeding - \$75.00. (Chapter 23, Section 4A – Leash Required)
- It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any sidewalk, street, park or other public area. The fine for violation of this By-law is \$50.00. (Chapter 23, Section 14 – Canine Waste Removal)
- No person shall drink any alcoholic beverages while in or upon any public way or any way to which the public has a right of access. The fine for violation of this By-law is \$50.00. (Chapter 18, Section 1 – Alcoholic Beverages)
- Any person who causes unnecessary noise by singing, yelling, playing of musical instruments, playing of radios, etc. that is plainly audible at a distance of 150 feet is in violation of this By-law. The fine for violation of this By-law is \$50.00. (Chapter 120, Sections 1 & 2 – Anti-Noise By-law)
- There are established rights of fishermen that protect their gear from destruction, injury and theft, including gear washed up on any public or private beach or shore after a storm. Please respect fishermen’s rights by not removing any lobster pots, line or buoys from Plymouth Beach at any time. (Mass. General Law, c.130, sec. 31 and 32)