

Welcome:

Thank you for your interest in Sandy Neck Beach. This 1,500 acre park is owned and managed by the Town of Barnstable. We now have four primitive camping sites available for your use. Detailed information is available at the Gatehouse located at 495 Sandy Neck Road, West Barnstable, Massachusetts
Phone: (508) 362-8300.

Driving Directions:

From the Sagamore Bridge, proceed toward Hyannis on Route 6 to exit 5. Take a left onto Route 149 and follow it to the junction of 6A. Take a left onto 6A for X miles until you come to Sandy Neck Road. Take a right onto Sandy Neck Road and stay straight until you reach the Gatehouse.

To Reach the Camp Sites:

You must hike 3.3 miles to the camp sites with your tenting equipment! Sandy Neck provides primitive camping. This means that you must pack in your equipment and supplies and you must pack out all your garbage. We do not allow vehicle access, even if you have a Sandy Neck ORV sticker.

Authorized sites only:

Camping out of the designated tenting areas is prohibited (violations will result in a \$100 fine and the immediate removal from the premises).

Vehicle Parking:

Overnight parking is permitted in the public lot. However, if your vehicle is in a parking space during paying business hours, you will be responsible for the daily fee.

Drinking Water and Facilities:

Sandy Neck provides 5 gallons of water to each site per night. There is a portable toilet available for use within the camping area.

Fires:

Open fires are NOT allowed within the camping area (violations will result in a \$100 fine and the immediate removal from the premises). Only contained portable stoves with a cover, using man-made fuel and charcoal grills, are allowed within the camping area. We do allow open fires on the front beach. Sandy Neck will deliver fire wood to the front beach for a fee. **Collection of native vegetation for firewood is prohibited (violations will result in a \$100 fine and the immediate removal from the premises).**

Pets:

Due to the sensitivity of the beach and marshlands, pets are not permitted within the designated camping area.

Alcohol:

Sandy Neck regulations prohibit alcoholic beverages within the park (violations will result in a fine and the immediate removal from the premises).

Shellfishing:

Shellfishing is permitted in a number of locations at certain times of the year. Licenses are required. Closure information and licenses can be acquired from the Department of Natural Resources located at 1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville, MA 02632
Phone: (508) 790-6272.

Ticks/ Poison Ivy:

Ticks, including tiny deer ticks, are common on the island so check yourself carefully. Poison Ivy is also widespread. Be able to identify and avoid it.

Plants:

Sandy Neck is comprised of dunes, swales (isolated freshwater wetlands), maritime forests, and salt marshes. The Gatehouse can provide you with literature on this unique area.

Endangered Birds and Other Wildlife:

At times, the Piping Plover (a federally threatened species) and other rare species nest on the beaches of

the island. It is important that they are not approached or disturbed. In addition, Sandy Neck is home to many species of animals including coyote, deer, fox, and diamondback terrapins. **Feeding, harassing, or disturbing wildlife is prohibited (violations will result in a \$100 fine and the immediate removal from the premises).**

Hiking & Private Property:

There are many privately owned cottages located throughout Sandy Neck. Many of them, including the lighthouse, are on privately owned property. Please be considerate of these residents and consult your map for the property boundaries. **Hike on designated trails only and remain off of all dunes.**

Obtaining a Permit:

You must have a permit to camp on Sandy Neck. Permits are first come first serve and can be obtained at the Gatehouse.

Hours: Memorial Day – Labor Day: 8am - 9pm
Labor Day – Mid October: 9am - 4pm

Fees are as follows:

\$20 a night per site.

Sites are limited to five individuals with a maximum of two tents. Maximum stay is two consecutive nights.

Emergencies:

Camp at your own risk! During the summer months, Natural Resource Officers will patrol the camping area, but are not constantly present. It is highly recommended that you carry a cell phone when camping.