



SOUTH KINGSTOWN TOWN BEACH POLICY



It is the policy of the Town of South Kingstown to operate and maintain, as a municipal facility, the Town Beach at Matunuck for the 2020 summer season.

This policy has been modified to address COVID-19 restrictions and associated state & local mandates related to social distancing and maximum group sizes. As beach operations are assessed; and restrictions are lifted or re-imposed, this policy will be subject to change.

General Rules and Information

- The South Kingstown Town Beach is open to the public from May 23 through Labor Day, September 7, 2020
- **Maximum capacity of the town beach during mandated restrictions is 1,200.**
- The Parking lot opens daily at 8:00 a.m. Parking will be limited to adhere to a the designated beach capacity until restrictions are lifted.
- Gate Hours are 8am to 4pm weekdays; and 8am to 5pm on weekends and holidays.
- **During restricted capacity, all visitors will be counted. When capacity is reached, parking and walk-on access points will be closed. Patrons will be allowed access as others leave the beach.**
- Restrooms are normally open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **COVID-19 Preventive Protocols will be in place – this will limit the number of patrons in the restroom at one time.**
- All cars must be vacated from the parking area no later than 9:00 p.m. as the gate is closed and locked at that time.
- Alcohol consumption on the property is prohibited.
- Smoking on the property is prohibited.
- Dogs are prohibited from Opening Day through Labor Day – excluding service dogs as defined by ADA (see section V). Compliance with the Town’s leash law is required at all times during the off season when dogs are allowed on the beach.

Use of the municipal parking lot at the South Kingstown Town Beach shall be governed in accordance with the following regulations:

I. Beach Parking Stickers/Transferrable Passes

- A. A seasonal parking sticker, transferrable pass, or one-day parking pass will be required for access to the beach parking area.
- B. Season Passes will be available for purchase as follows:
 1. online at <https://parksandrec.southkingstownri.com>.
 2. via drop box at the Neighborhood Guild, 325 Columbia Street, Peace Dale.
 3. at the Town Beach entrance booth during beach operating hours

Pre-purchased season pass stickers (via online or Guild drop box) will be issued to customers upon first visit to the Town Beach during the 2020 season, starting May 23, 2020.

- C. The purchase of a seasonal parking sticker or transferrable pass does not guarantee parking.
- D. During the period of reduced beach capacity, the sale of season passes will be limited to the following quantities:

Type of Pass	Limit
Season Pass - Resident	850
Transferrable Pass - Resident	90

Note: If Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, additional passes will be made available for sale.

- E. The fees for seasonal and daily beach parking shall be as follows:

Seasonal

- 1. Resident \$50
- 2. Resident – Senior Citizen (65 or older) \$40
- 3. Elderly Abatement (must meet income eligibility) \$25
- 4. *Non-Resident \$100
- 5. Transferrable Pass (good for two vehicles) \$180
- 6. 100% Disabled Veteran/Ex-POW No fee

*Sale of non-resident season passes will resume when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted

Weekdays – Monday through Friday

- 7. Resident Daily parking fee \$10.00
- 8. Non-resident Daily parking fee \$20.00
- 9. Daily parking for busses and large recreational vehicles \$50.00

Weekends

- 10. Residents \$15
- 11. Non-residents \$25

- F. Resident beach parking passes shall only be issued to persons meeting one or more of the following qualifications:
 - 1. Property taxpayers found in the most current tax roll.
 - 2. Property taxpayers who can show a receipt for payment of the current year's taxes.
 - 3. A person who can provide the Town with a copy of a current valid 90-day or longer lease term in South Kingstown.

4. Any person who can show current rent receipts for a South Kingstown property for a period of not less than 90 days.
 5. Senior Citizens must show proof of residency and age to be 65 or older for the reduced rate.
 6. Non-resident who serves as caregiver/driver for resident who must provide proof of residency as noted in items 1 through 4.
- G.** Persons failing to meet the above-noted qualifications shall be eligible to purchase a non-resident day pass for the South Kingstown Town Beach at the established rates.
- H.** Resident parking passes will be issued only to vehicles registered to individuals meeting the criteria established in paragraph F above.
- I.** Parking stickers are not transferable. Each pass will be marked to indicate the registration number of the vehicle to which it was issued.
- J.** A valid vehicle registration must be presented for each vehicle for which a pass is issued.
- K.** Parking passes are only valid if affixed to the lower front windshield on the driver's side of the vehicle.
- L.** Transferrable passes (formerly known as Cottage Passes) are available to residents and non-residents as noted above in section C.5 and C.6 and in accordance with the following procedures:
1. For residents: two passes will be issued per the established fee. Non-residents: one pass will be issued for the established fee. The pass must be presented at the front gate at the time of entry to the beach and is good for one vehicle. The pass will remain with the front gate personnel and will be picked up when the user leaves the facility.
 2. Application and payment for transferrable passes will only be accepted by the Parks and Recreation Department at the Neighborhood Guild, 325 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, and RI. Applications will **not** be accepted at Town Hall or the Town Beach.

II. Parking Priorities

- A.** Personnel of the South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department, with the assistance and support of the South Kingstown Police Department will oversee the management and security of the beach parking areas.
- B.** Priority will be given to “stickered” or “transferrable pass” vehicles (those with season parking sticker or pass). If in the judgment of the beach supervisor, the parking lot may fill to capacity on a given day, the beach supervisor will limit parking to those vehicles with valid seasonal passes. However, parking will only be reserved for vehicles with beach passes until noon. If in the judgment of the beach supervisor, the parking lot will not fill, the beach supervisor may sell daily parking passes on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- C.** Motorcycles, mopeds and all other recreational vehicles are considered motor vehicles for purpose of admission.

- D. Bicycles are not considered vehicles and will be parked at the bike rack or at other designated areas.

III. Picnic Area

Picnic Tables and grills are available on a first come first serve basis. Grills are for charcoal use only, open flames are prohibited.

IV. Storage Unit Rental

A. Rental Procedure

1. Rental fee per unit is \$170 for the season (May 20–Sept. 2, 2020)
2. Rental applications will be accepted at the Neighborhood Guild from April 1st through May 15th. If greater than twelve applications are received, a lottery will be held at the Neighborhood Guild on May 18th 2020, at 10 a.m.
3. Only one application may be submitted per address.
4. Payment must be submitted to the South Kingstown Parks and Recreation Department, 325 Columbia Street, Peace Dale within four business days of the lottery drawing (by May 22nd, 2020)
5. Application and payment for beach storage units are only accepted at the Neighborhood Guild. Applications will **not** be accepted at the Town Beach.

B. Eligibility Requirements

1. Property taxpayers found in the most current tax roll.
2. Property taxpayers who can show a receipt for payment of the current year's taxes.
3. A person who can provide the Town with a copy of a current valid 90-day or longer lease term in South Kingstown.
4. Any person who can show current rent receipts for a South Kingstown property for a period of not less than 90 days.

C. Storage Unit Rules

1. The name on the application form is the person responsible for the rental unit.
2. Renter agrees to provide their own lock.
3. Renter has access to storage unit during regular operating hours of beach.
4. The unit must be cleaned and emptied by Labor Day. Items left in the unit after Labor Day become the property of the Town and will be disposed of.
5. The following items may not be stored in the rental unit
 - a. Alcohol
 - b. Firearms
 - c. Food (overnight)
 - d. Portable grills
6. Unit rental rights are not transferable.
7. Unit rental is not renewable for future seasons. A lottery will be conducted annually.

8. The Town of South Kingstown is not responsible for any damage to or loss of renter's property as a result of theft or vandalism.

V. Service Animals

Service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act:

Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Examples of such work or tasks include guiding people who are blind, alerting people who are deaf, pulling a wheelchair, alerting and protecting a person who is having a seizure, reminding a person with mental illness to take prescribed medications, calming a person with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during an anxiety attack, or performing other duties. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

Beach patrons accompanied by a dog may be asked what work or task has the dog been trained to perform.