

Notes From the Field

Sandy Neck Newsletter

November 2026

From the Staff, *Autumn at Sandy Neck*

As November settles over Sandy Neck Beach Park, the familiar landscapes of summer give way to a quieter, more reflective beauty. The once-bustling shorelines grow peaceful, the salt marshes take on the muted colors of late autumn, and the crisp coastal air reminds us that another season has come and gone. There is something truly special about Sandy Neck this time of year, when the sound of the crashing waves, rustling beach grass, and passing seabirds takes center stage.

November is a season of gratitude, and here at Sandy Neck, we have much to be thankful for. From the visitors who have made lasting memories along our shores, to the dedicated staff, volunteers, and community members who help preserve this remarkable place; each plays a part in making Sandy Neck so special. As Thanksgiving approaches, we invite you to embrace the peaceful beauty of the season that surrounds us. From all of us at Sandy Neck Beach Park, we wish you and your loved ones a warm and Happy Thanksgiving!

IMPORTANT OFF-SEASON ORV UPDATES

CURFEW: 4PM (previously 10PM)

ORV SPEED LIMIT: 15 MPH

NO BEACH FIRES UNTIL MAY 1

DISCOUNTED ORV PERMITS AVAILABLE

Gatehouse visits by appointment only: 508-362-8300

Our new Sandy Neck merchandise website will be launching on November 1! This will allow you to purchase merchandise online and pick it up in person at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse. You can visit the new site at <https://sandyneckmerchandise.square.site>



Cold Stunning Season for Sea Turtles

During this time of year as the water starts to get chilly, you may start to find sea turtles on the beach in a state called "cold stunning", which is a condition in which sea turtles become very weak and inactive from exposure to cold temperatures. When the ocean temperatures fall below 50F you may start seeing many different species of sea turtles such as Greens, Leatherbacks, Loggerheads and even Kemps Ridley's!

Pheasants

Pheasants will be stocked at Sandy Neck Beach Park until November 26, which is the final day of pheasant season.

Hunters must check in and check out at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse when hunting any species. Hikers are strongly encouraged to wear orange clothing during this time while hiking the trails

DEER HUNT INFORMATION

ARCHERY- NOV. 23-28

Mandatory meeting- Nov. 18 at 7 PM

PRIMITIVE FIREARMS- DEC. 14-19

Mandatory meeting: Dec. 9 at 7PM

Meeting Location

West Barnstable Community Center, 2377 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable, MA 02668

Check the Sandy Neck website for more information

No Hunting on Sundays



ORV Permit Application

📞 508-362-8300

🌐 <https://barnstable.gov/SandyNeckpark/>