

Notes From the Field

Sandy Neck Newsletter

October 2026

From the Staff,

Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall

There is something special about fall at Sandy Neck. As summer slips quietly away, the beach settles into a slower rhythm. Crisp salt air drifts across the dunes, the marsh takes on warm shades of amber, and the soft autumn sun casts different light across the landscape. Migrating birds move along the coastline while waves continue their timeless journey onto the shore.

It is a season that invites us to slow down and notice the quieter side of Sandy Neck- to walk a little farther, breathe a little deeper, and appreciate the wild beauty that remains long after the summer has gone. So grab a warm layer, head towards the water, and enjoy one of the most peaceful times of year at Sandy Neck Beach Park.

Fall Reminders

As we transition into the new season, we would like to remind ORV Permit holders to air down their tires to a maximum of 18 PSI. In addition, the speed limit will remain 15 MPH.

For those planning on enjoying a campfire, you may now light it at sunset with curfew remaining at 10PM.

On November 1, we will transition to the off-season. This is when curfew changes from 10 PM to 4PM, and fires will no longer be permitted until May 1.

Dont forget to stop by the Sandy Neck Gatehouse and check out the Sandy Neck fall merch!



Emerging from the dunes this time of year are the Diamondback Terrapin hatchlings. Many of these small turtles will make their trek from the sandy dunes to the Great Marsh to spend their winter resting. Its a great time of year to see these hatchlings during a hike of the marsh!

Events

West Barnstable Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 24

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Hunting

Pheasant season historically begins the first Saturday after Columbus day, which will be October 17th. Pheasants will again be stocked at Sandy Neck Beach Park. Hunters must check in and check out at the Sandy Neck Gatehouse when hunting any species. Hikers are recommended to wear orange clothing during this time while hiking the trails

There will be a deer hunt at Sandy Neck this year. Archery will be from Nov. 23 to 28 and primitive firearms from Dec. 14 to 19

There will be a mandatory meeting for each.

Archery- Nov 18 @ 7 pm

Primitive- Dec 9 @ 7 pm

Check the Sandy Neck website for more information

No Hunting on Sundays



ORV Permit Application



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