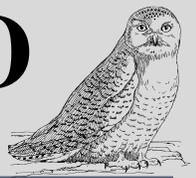


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SANDY NECK NEWSLETTER

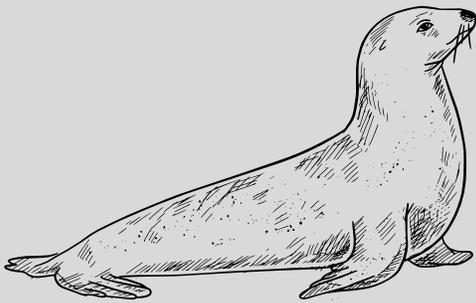


February 2026

We hope everyone had a great January and a promising start to the year. We would like to remind everyone that the resiliency project for Sandy Neck is still underway and considerable progress has been made towards our goal. This will still limit access for people wishing to visit the beach, in addition to weather restrictions. We will however, have access to the ORV on Saturdays and Sundays, so long as weather permits.

Call before you visit to ensure there will be access.

To check the ORV status, check our website or call us at 508-362-8300.



Pictured above is a grey seal pup which hauled itself onto Sandy Neck Beach. During this time of year, it is common to find seal pups hauled onshore to rest and relax. Around this particular pup's neck was a large amount of fishing line and aquaculture gear. The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) arrived and gave the pup medical treatment before it was released. If you ever stumble upon a seal resting on the beach, don't panic as it's very common during this time of year. If you think you have an animal in distress on Sandy Neck, call the gatehouse at 508-362-8300. Remember, please stay a minimum 150 feet away from any resting seals!

All 2025 ORV Permits Expired Jan. 15th

Please obtain a valid 2026 ORV permit before accessing the ORV beach.

Online application
here



Hunting Season on SNK

Due to the ongoing resiliency project there is currently very limited parking for hunters on the property. We recommend hunters to explore other parts of Barnstable for hunting opportunities during the times we cannot accommodate.

No Hunting On Sundays

Important!

No campfires allowed until May 1st. ORV Beach closed on weekdays due to construction, will reopen for the weekends. The Gatehouse is also closed due to construction. Any question, please call (508)362-8300.