



# Welcome to Goose Rocks Beach for the 2020 Season

## New Rules:

Due to public health concerns relative to COVID-19, please be aware of the following rules:

- Please *maintain 6 ft of distance* between beachgoers, except for family groups, household members, caretakers, or couples.
- Parking is limited to control crowds. Please only park at the beach when visiting to allow others a chance to enjoy GRB.
- NO parking on private streets, fire lanes, or no parking areas.
- Fire permits are not allowed for the summer season to prevent gatherings that may spread the virus.
- Organized games, contact sports, or other group sports are discouraged.
- Day permits can be purchased at the GRB General Store or at a vending device at King's Highway/Broadway.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**PARKING** permitted in posted spaces on King's Highway, Dyke Road, & New Biddeford Rd.

**Parking PERMITS** are required from Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day between 8 AM and 6 PM.

**FEES** - Nonresident: \$25 daily, \$100 weekly, and \$200 seasonal.

**PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS** only at posted entrances.

**RESPECT 25 - FOOT RESERVED AREAS** - Some owners may ask you to sit or play beyond their 25-foot sand "Reserved Areas." Please cooperate.

Check [kennebunkportme.gov/goose-rocks-beach-advisory-committee](http://kennebunkportme.gov/goose-rocks-beach-advisory-committee) for rules of use and location.

**RESPECT DUNE GRASS**  
It protects homes, maintains beaches and enhances wildlife habitat.

**NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.  
VISITORS USE BEACH AT OWN  
RISK**

## BEACH RULES PROHIBIT

- ⊗ Alcohol consumption
- ⊗ Camping or sleeping overnight
- ⊗ Collecting live creatures
- ⊗ Climbing on seawalls
- ⊗ Fireworks
- ⊗ Glass containers
- ⊗ Launching motorized boats
- ⊗ Motorized vehicles
- ⊗ Open fires and fire pits
- ⊗ Smoking and vaping
- ⊗ Speeding watercraft near shoreline
- ⊗ Storage of boats or beach gear overnight
- ⊗ Storage of boats or beach gear on dune grass
- ⊗ Walking on dunes or dune grass
- ⊗ Leaving holes on beach



**DOGS** are welcome on Goose Rocks Beach with the following restrictions. Citations are warranted if dog owners do not comply.

JUN 15 – SEP 30	8:30 AM – 6:00 PM NO DOGS ON BEACH	6:00 AM – 7:30 AM Leashed or under voice/sight control	7:30 AM- 8:30 AM & after 6:00 PM LEASH REQUIRED
APR 1 - SEP 30	Must use LEASH in West End Plover Protection Area & within 200 feet of any marked nesting area.		
APR 1 – JUN 14	6:00 AM – 7:30 AM Leashed or under voice/sight control	After 7:30 AM LEASH REQUIRED	
OCT 1 – MAR 31	12:00 NOON- 2:00 PM LEASH REQUIRED	All other hours of day Leashed or under voice/sight control	

**PLEASE**

**Control dogs**

so everyone can enjoy their time at the beach.

**Pick up and remove pet waste**

promptly to promote public health.

**Quiet barking dogs**

so all can enjoy the tranquility of the beach.

*Thank you for your  
Cooperation!*



**The Plovers Are Nesting!**



Goose Rocks Beach is one of Maine’s essential habitats for endangered Plovers and Terns.

Generally, the birds nest at the west end from April through August. However, Plovers have been known to nest elsewhere on the beach.

- 🐦 The **Piping Plover** is an indicator species that allows scientists to get a glimpse of the condition of an ecosystem. The **Piping Plover** also controls the insect and small crustacean populations on beaches. The **major** economic benefits stem from this beach cleaning the **Piping Plover** provides.
- 🐦 Why is the **Piping Plover Endangered?** Habitat Loss or Degradation. Many of the coastal beaches traditionally used by **Piping Plovers** for nesting have been lost to commercial, residential, and recreational developments. **Piping Plovers** are very sensitive to the presence of humans.
- 🐦 Please be **alert to signs & wire cages** that mark nesting areas.
- 🐦 Dogs must be **leashed** and kept at least 200’ away from marked nesting areas.
- 🐦 There are **fines** for non-compliance of the Dog Leash Ordinance as well as serious federal fines possible under the Endangered Species Act.