

**Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control**  
**Division of Parks and Recreation**  
**Beach Wheelchair Policy**  
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**Statement of Purpose:**

In order to make our beaches accessible to all visitors, Delaware State Parks offers beach wheelchairs which are available from 8:00 a.m. until sunset, all year. Wheelchairs are available at no charge, on a first-come, first-served basis; however, 24-hour notice will ensure that the chair is reserved for use.

**Guidelines:**

- One beach wheelchair is available at the locations listed below.
- Wheelchair use is limited to the beach area where the chair is picked up.
- Chairs are kept in a locked area. Visitors requesting to use the chair will receive a combination to open the lock.
- It is the visitor's responsibility to return the chair to the locked area after use and to secure it.
- A companion will be needed in order to push the chair through the sand, if staff are not available to assist.

**Wheelchairs are available at the following beach areas:**

- Cape Henlopen Main Beach  
Gordons Pond  
(call 302-645-8983)
  
- Towers Road Parking Lot  
South Inlet Day Area  
Fenwick Island Lot  
(call 302-227-2800)

**Additional Information:**

Park office hours

April 1 through October 31 – daily, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

November 1 through March 31 – Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lifeguards are available to assist at guarded beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day, Mobi-Mats are available at the Cape Henlopen Main Beach area. Mobi-Mats enable persons using a standard wheelchair to have access to the beach. During storm weather, extremely high tides may require that the mats be removed until the tides return to normal levels.

Persons requiring a beach wheelchair for more than one day may be interested in renting one from Grand Central Rental to ensure availability throughout the stay. Call (302) 227-7328 regarding rental prices and policies.