

The Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation hopes that you and your pet have an enjoyable visit to our beautiful parks!

To ensure that your pet continues to be welcome, you must be a responsible owner and comply with all park regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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## DELAWARE STATE PARKS

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# PETS

## in Delaware State Parks



Delaware State Parks is pleased to welcome you and your pet to enjoy the great outdoors together. While in the park, a dog or cat poses a real danger to wildlife and may disturb other visitors. In order to help keep our parks open to pets, responsible pet ownership is the key.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

• While in the park, your pet must be leashed (not to exceed 6 feet) and under your control except while:

- In designated off-leash areas
- Actively training for hunting in designated dog-training areas
- Hunting with the appropriate permit

- Honor all park signs that prohibit the entry of pets into specific areas
- Guide dogs are permitted in all public areas
- Never leave pets unattended, even in your vehicle or camper



## THESE AREAS ARE CLOSED TO PETS YEAR ROUND:

- Picnic areas
- Bird nesting areas
- Park buildings
- Cabins/Cottages\*
- Yurts
- Brandywine Zoo

\*Three dog-friendly rental units are available, one at Killens Pond State Park and two at the Cottages at Indian River Marina.

## CAMPING WITH YOUR PET

Excessive barking is prohibited in the campground, especially during “quiet time” (10 p.m. to 7 a.m.).

## AT THE BEACH

Pets are allowed in our seashore parks, but Delaware state law prohibits them on all swimming and sunbathing beaches from May 1 to September 30. Park rules and regulations also restrict pets from areas such as surfboarding and sailboarding beaches and shorebird nesting areas.

Please refer to the maps on the other side of this page for specific information.



## BEACH ACCESS

The sandy dunes found along the coast are very fragile and are protected by law. To access beaches open to pets, use the pedestrian crossings located at designated parking areas. Pets are not permitted on bathroom boardwalks. At Gordons Pond and Fenwick Island, access is limited to the pedestrian dune crossing at the northern end of the parking lot.

Boundary markers for areas open or closed to pets will typically be designated by signs posted at the seaward toe of the dune. The signs will be located at the extreme boundaries of the closed areas, unless affected by adverse tidal conditions.











## BIRD NESTING AREAS

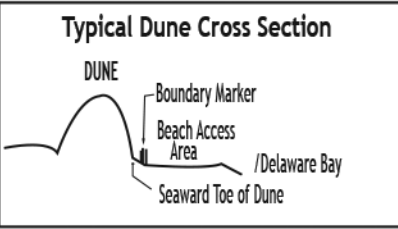
Each spring, seabirds and small wading birds arrive along Delaware's beaches to feed, breed and fledge their young. The loss of habitat has forced beach-nesters to concentrate their efforts to only a few sites each year. Because these areas are scarce and many of these birds are threatened or endangered, these sites are protected by law.



Please contact the park office or a park ranger if you have any questions regarding access to specific areas or refer to the maps in this brochure for specific information.

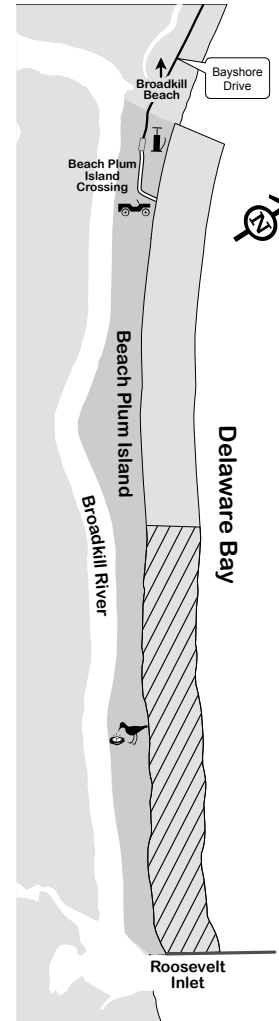
### BEACH ACCESS KEY (May 1 - September 30)

	Pets prohibited May 1 through September 30
	Closed March 1 - August 31
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	Pets prohibited year round
	Bird Nesting Area - When nesting is identified along beaches, areas may be closed to all traffic, including vehicles, pedestrians and pets.
	Air pump
	Crossing is open on a limited basis
	Crossing is open 24 hours a day



**Typical Dune Cross Section**

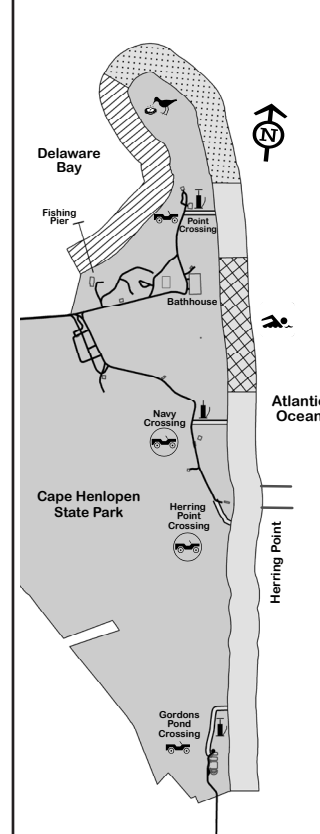
## BEACH PLUM ISLAND NATURE PRESERVE



THE BAYSIDE BEACH AT BEACH PLUM ISLAND IS VERY NARROW. HIGH TIDES TEND TO RISE TO THE TOE OF THE DUNE. BEACH PLUM ISLAND NATURE PRESERVE IS ONE OF THE LAST STRETCHES OF UNDEVELOPED BARRIER ISLAND IN DELAWARE. PUBLIC USE IS RESTRICTED TO DESIGNATED FISHING AREAS AND MARKED HIKING TRAILS. HUNTING AND DISTURBANCE OF WILDLIFE OR VEGETATION IS PROHIBITED.

Call for information  
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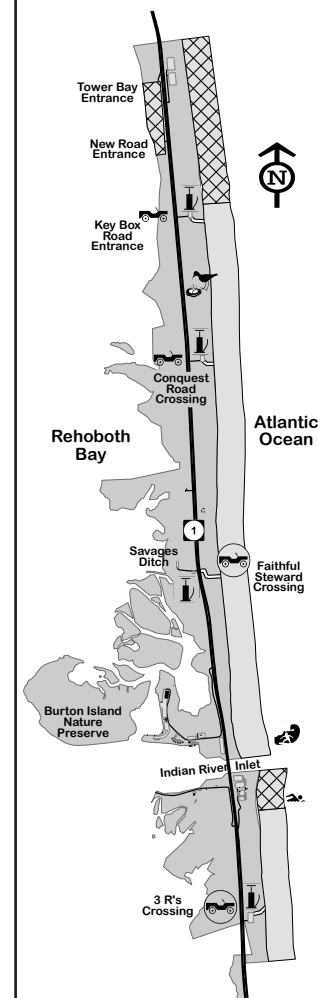
## CAPE HENLOPEN STATE PARK



THE POINT OF CAPE HENLOPEN IS A SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREA. IT IS CRITICAL HABITAT FOR A NUMBER OF BEACH NESTING SPECIES, INCLUDING THE FEDERALLY PROTECTED PIPING PLOVER.

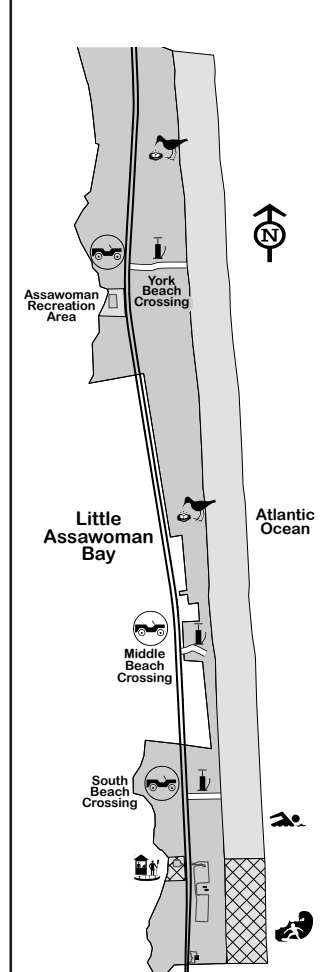
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## DELAWARE SEASHORE STATE PARK



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## FENWICK ISLAND STATE PARK



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