

WHY ARE BEACH VEHICLES REGULATED?



Protected Species

Species that fall under the Endangered Species Act and/or the Migratory Bird Treaty Act are federally protected by law. Piping Plovers inhabit and nest in sandy areas along coastal beaches in RI, and measures must be taken to ensure they are not disturbed.



Flooding and Coastal Storms

Barrier beaches act as a buffer against storms and coastal flooding. However, if the integrity of the beach is compromised due to human disturbance of dunes and vegetation, inland flooding and wave damage can increase.



Preserve Crucial Natural Resources

RI's coastal barriers, beaches, sand dunes, washover fans, wetlands, and salt ponds are limited and valuable natural resources in need of protection and careful management. Beach grass provides crucial habitat and is instrumental in anchoring sand and preventing the dunes from being destroyed by harsh winds.

For more information and/or to apply for a Beach Vehicle Permit, scan the QR Code:



For questions related to specific trails or beach areas, contact the individual municipality.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT BEACH VEHICLE PERMITS

