

If you're visiting East Beach in Charlestown this season, you'll notice the landscape around the sand trail looks different.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), with partners including Save The Bay, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, is restoring habitat at Ninigret Barrier Beach (East Beach).

While East Beach may look different now, non-native Japanese Black Pines were removed to improve coastal resilience, enhance wildlife habitat, and protect the shoreline. Initial restoration is nearly complete, with ongoing invasive plant treatments continuing through 2027.

PLEASE STAY WITHIN DESIGNATED AREAS WHEN USING THE SAND TRAIL

We appreciate your patience and support as we work to preserve East Beach's unique coastal habitat for both wildlife and future visitors.

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