

ADDITIONAL THINGS TO KNOW WHEN DRIVING ON THE BEACH

- **Air Down Ordinance** – No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle on the beach strand or foreshore with tires containing air pressure exceeding the following pounds per square inch (p.s.i.): (1) Twenty p.s.i. for motor vehicles with curb weight of less than 5,000 pounds; (2) Tire p.s.i. not greater than that required for safe travel for motor vehicles with curb weight greater than 5,000 pounds.
- **Air Down Location** – Motorists should pull over to air down tires at the Corolla Village Road public access facility, which is located on the east side of N.C. 12.
- **Air Up Location** – After leaving the beach, motorists may air up tires at Historic Corolla Park, which is located on the west side of N.C. 12. Enter at main park entrance and turn right into parking lot. Air stations are located at the end of the lot near the picnic pavilion.
- **Beach Driving Lane Shift to Dune Line** – From the Friday before Memorial Day to Labor Day, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., the beach traffic lane will shift from the foreshore to a lane adjacent to the dune line only in the area 1.5 miles north of the beach access ramp to Mile Post 17.
- **Do Not Block the Traffic Lane** – All vehicles shall be parked in the middle of the beach strand and not obstruct the traffic lane. Likewise, no beach chairs, coolers, fishing lines, or other items should be placed in a location that blocks the traffic lanes. Remove your personal items and property when you leave – Visitors should not leave any unattended property on the beach. Any property remaining on the beach between sunset and sunrise shall be considered litter and is subject to removal and disposal.
- **Fill Your Holes** – Excessive and unsafe digging or piling of sand on the beach is prohibited. Visitors must fill in any holes dug while playing on the beach to prevent safety hazards for those traveling on the beach.
- **Help Preserve the Dunes** – Remember that it is illegal to walk on or traverse the dunes outside of a defined dune walkover beach access point. Do not allow children or pets to play or dig on the dunes, and do not damage or remove any dune vegetation.
- **Do Not Litter** – Please remove all trash when you leave and help keep the Currituck Outer Banks beautiful for everyone.

For more information on beach driving:
www.visitcurrituck.com/visitor-info/beach-driving-tips/

CURRITUCK COUNTY 4X4 BEACH PARKING & DRIVING



www.parkingonthebeach.com
<http://co.currituck.nc.us/beach-parking>

BEACH PARKING PERMIT

Beachgoers who wish to park on Currituck County's four-wheel drive beach this summer will need a county-issued beach parking permit displayed on their motor vehicle. This new permit system was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in an effort to increase safety in the four-wheel drive area, where large numbers of people and vehicles mix on a daily basis during the summer tourist season.

The permit system will be effective from the Friday before Memorial Day until Labor Day. Key provisions in the policy include:

- All county residents and property owners may receive a free Seasonal permit for each vehicle they own by providing proof of ownership and current liability insurance. The permits will be issued specific to each vehicle.
- County residents who live full-time on the off road area north of the North Beach Access Ramp may obtain two additional Guest permits. These permits will not be specific to a motor vehicle and may be used by guests of the resident.
- Owners of a property located north of the North Beach Access Ramp that is in a rental program may receive two (2) additional Guest permits or visitor passes to be used by renters staying at the property.
- All others must pay a fee for a beach parking permit. These permits will be available for purchase from the Tourism Department on a temporary or seasonal basis. Fees will be \$50 for a 10-day parking pass (valid for 10 consecutive days) and \$150 for a Seasonal pass.

Types of Parking Permits

- Seasonal – This permit is assigned to a specific vehicle and is good for the entire vacation season. Seasonal permits are free to county residents and property owners. Others may purchase a Seasonal permit for \$150.
- 10-Day – This permit is available for purchase (\$50) by individuals who want to park on the four-wheel drive beach but are not Currituck County residents or property owners and are not renting a home on the off-road area. This would apply to day-visitors or those staying anywhere other than the 4-wheel drive beach.

Full-time residents in the 4-wheel drive area are also allowed to receive two (2) Guest permits. These permits are valid through the entire season and are not assigned to a specific vehicle. Guest passes are also available for purchase by Currituck County residents and property owners at the seasonal rate.

Properties on the off-road beach with homes in a vacation rental program may receive two (2) permits for use by rental guests. The county will provide these permits to the property management companies at the beginning of the season.

Likewise, individual property owners who rent their homes may also receive permits for their renters. Contact the Corolla Visitor Center at 252-453-9612 for information on how to obtain rental guest permits.

The new permit system will not apply to:

- county vehicles
- emergency vehicles
- any government agency conducting beach restoration
- scientific research
- animal protection
- commercial fishermen
- outdoor tour operators when actively engaging in a tour or hunters who are using state or federal land located within the Currituck Outer Banks.

Currituck County Beach Parking Application

The county is now accepting completed Beach Parking Permit Applications by mail or in-person.

Mail or in-person: On the Mainland

Currituck Outer Banks Welcome Center
106 Caratoke Highway
Moyock, North Carolina 27958

In Corolla

Corolla Visitor's Center
500 Hunt Club Drive
Corolla, North Carolina 27927

Fax:
252-435-2996 or 252-453-9653

Email: BeachPermits@CurrituckCountyNC.gov

Online: Not available at this time.

For more information on the 4x4 beach parking permits:

BeachPermits@CurrituckCountyNC.gov
or call 252-435-2947 or 252-453-9612