

Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control

Division of Parks & Recreation



Beach Wheelchair Policy

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.

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 promptly return the chair to the locked area once the patron requiring the chair is situated on the beach, or back in their vehicle, so it is available for the next patron.
- 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

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

Additional Information

Park office hours are:

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 storms, 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 their stay. Call (302)227-7328 regarding rental prices and policies.

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