



Frequently Asked Questions 9/2/22

The Duxbury Beach Reservation has provided the following Q and A. The Reservation welcomes questions and encourages folks to reach out directly to the Reservation via [duxburybeachreservation.org](mailto:info@duxburybeachreservation.org), info@duxburybeachreservation.org, or on our Facebook page @DuxburyBeachReservation.

Crossovers

Q: Is the Reservation planning on closing driving on Duxbury Beach?

A: The rumor that Duxbury Beach Reservation is planning on closing the drive-on portion of the beach in the future is 100% false. The Reservation has expert staff that has gone to great lengths to provide, to the extent possible, driving and parking on the beach. The Reservation recognizes the importance of families enjoying all aspects of Duxbury Beach.

Q: Why are crossover closures longer than ever?

A: The crossover closures this year were longer than in previous seasons due to the following: at the beginning of the season the Town closed a crossover which allowed birds to nest without the usual vehicle disturbance that deters birds from nesting in areas, the Piping Plover population increased from 32 pairs in 2021 to 40 pairs in 2022 and lastly the Town made crossover closures based on Town personnel and budget constraints.

Q: What is anticipated next year regarding closures?

A: The Duxbury Beach Reservation will be meeting with the Town to discuss beach operation management approaches that will reduce crossover closures in future seasons while adhering to federal and state regulations.

Q: Who determines when crossovers are closed and opened?

A: The Town is the ultimate decision maker in crossover access while keeping within federal and state regulations. The Town, in most instances, consults with DBR, regarding crossover access during listed species periods.

Q: What would happen if the crossovers were opened while a listed species was in the crossover restricted area?

A: The Federal and State regulators have the authority to revoke the Duxbury Beach Reservation's permit to allow recreational vehicles on Duxbury Beach. If the regulations are not followed, the permit would be revoked and roads and parking lots would be closed (with the exception of Gurnet/Saquish residents), Blakeman's would shut down and no traffic would be allowed over the Powder Point Bridge as the vehicle would be on Reservation property once it crossed the bridge.



Beach Management

Q: Who determines how long the beach is opened for during the day?

A: The Town invites folks to recreate on the beach and sets all opening and closing times on the beach.

Q: Why can't the crossovers be opened when listed species are in the area?

A: When listed species are in restricted areas, we have no jurisdiction over access – it's controlled by the state and federal regulators.

DBR Management

Q: What is the relationship between DBR and Mass Audubon?

A: Up until four years ago, Duxbury Beach Reservation hired Mass Audubon to manage the listed species program. Once professional management began at DBR, Mass Audubon was released from this service. DBR retains Mass Audubon to provide free public educational classes 3x/week in July and August.

Q: Are there any directors on the board with Mass Audubon ties?

A: No Reservation board directors have ever worked for or served in any board or trustee capacity for Mass Audubon or the Audubon Society.