



**The Trustees**  
of Reservations

*Conserving the  
Massachusetts Landscape  
Since 1891*

preserves, for public use and enjoyment, landscapes of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts and works to protect special places across the state.



**COSKATA-COATUE  
WILDLIFE REFUGE  
AND THE HAULOVER**  
NANTUCKET CONSERVATION  
FOUNDATION

The Nantucket Conservation Foundation was organized in 1963 and is a nonprofit, membership-supported organization established to protect Nantucket's significant natural and historic sites. More than 185 properties (8,398 acres) on Nantucket Island are owned and managed by the Foundation.



**NANTUCKET NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE**  
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is an agency of the Department of the Interior that manages a system of national refuges for the protection of migratory birds and endangered species.

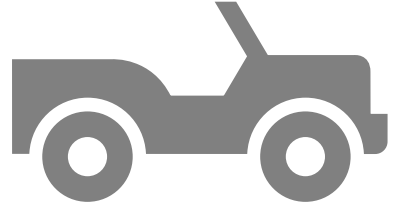
**THE REFUGES ARE CLOSED  
BETWEEN 10 PM AND 5 AM,  
EXCEPT FOR FISHING.**

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

**FOR THE PROTECTION AND ENJOYMENT OF THE REFUGES, ALL VISITORS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. Disturbing birds or other wildlife is prohibited. The refuges provide important nesting and resting habitat for many sea, shore, and upland birds. Entering areas where nesting birds or chicks are present or disturbing resting seals is prohibited.
2. Cutting or removing plants is prohibited. Plant material—whether living or dead—helps to stabilize shorelines, dunes, tidal flats, and bluffs.
3. Entering fenced or posted areas intended to protect nesting birds or fragile coastal plants is prohibited.
4. Overnight camping is prohibited.
5. Cooking fires are allowed, but only on open beaches. Fires are strictly limited to gas stoves or self-contained charcoal grills. Please be thoughtful and careful when disposing of charcoal. All other fires are prohibited.
6. Littering is prohibited. Please take your trash with you when you leave the refuges.
7. Hunting is prohibited on the Nantucket National Wildlife Refuge. For the safety of visitors, gun testing and target shooting are prohibited. All other hunting will follow regulations and be by permission of the Refuge Manager.
8. Dogs are allowed but must be leashed between April 1 and September 15. Owners will clean up after their dog and dogs must be under their owners' control at all times. Dogs are prohibited from all posted shorebird habitat.
9. Commercial activities—providing any service, product, or activity for which a fee is charged—are prohibited.
10. Removing, altering, defacing, or otherwise causing damage to any natural or historic feature, sign, fence, post, building, or other property on the refuges is prohibited.
11. Conduct that disturbs the tranquility of the refuges or their enjoyment by others is prohibited. The Foundation and The Trustees reserve the right to prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages on their properties.
12. Kite flying is prohibited within 200 yards of active or nesting shorebirds.
13. Parties of greater than 20 people must obtain a permit from the Refuge Manager.
14. Visitors enter the refuges at their own risk. The Trustees cannot assume responsibility for injuries or for the loss or theft of personal property.

# OVER-SAND VEHICLE DRIVING GUIDE TO THE REFUGES



**Coskata-Coatue  
Wildlife Refuge**

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

**Coatue Wildlife Refuge  
and the Haulover**

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Wildlife Refuge**

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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge Manager **508/228-5646**  
Islands Regional Office **508/693-7662**  
Statewide Headquarters **978/921-1944**

NANTUCKET CONSERVATION FOUNDATION **508/228-2884**

U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE **508/443-4661**

OTHER

Tour Information **508/228-6799**  
Wauwinet Gatehouse **508/228-0006**  
Shorebird Information **508/228-0006**  
Towing Service **508/228-3390**  
Emergencies **911**



## OVER-SAND VEHICLE (OSV) PERMITS

### ELIGIBILITY

Over-sand vehicle (OSV) access to the refuges is restricted to registered permit holders. Only four-wheel-drive vehicles are eligible for an over-sand vehicle (OSV)

permit. In order to protect the fragile barrier beach environment, vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 6,000 pounds are not eligible for a permit nor are dune buggies, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, trailers, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and cycles, jet skis, or the like.

### ACQUIRING A PERMIT

OSV permits are issued annually by The Trustees of Reservations, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from the Wauwinet Gatehouse only. Permits are not transferable and remain the property of the Refuges. Permit stickers must be mounted on the driver's side front and rear bumpers. Permits are effective on June 15 and expire on June 14 of the following year. Daily passes are issued to rental vehicles that have a special rental OSV permit.

### FEES

Permit fees are subject to change; current members of The Trustees of Reservations qualify for a discount. Fees collected are used exclusively for the protection and restoration of the natural environment and to help meet annual management expenses.

### RESTRICTIONS

Vehicles that use the refuges are prohibited from towing water-skiers, dune skiers, hang gliders, para gliders, or the like. Riding on a fender, tailgate, roof, or other position outside the vehicle is prohibited. Stickers may be revoked for any cause by any ranger and fees paid for the permit will not be refunded. Serious violations are also subject to court citation. **Violating or disregarding the rules and regulations can result in expulsion from the premises, and/or fine and imprisonment, as provided by law.** We reserve the right to impose limitations upon the number of vehicles permitted at the Refuges.

## OVER-SAND DRIVING TIPS

1. Tires must be deflated to 12 psi before entry to the beach. This pressure will lessen damage to beach roads and promote a safe and comfortable ride. An air station for re-inflation is located 150 feet beyond the Wauwinet Gatehouse.
2. Vehicles must be placed in 4-wheel-drive high gear and should have the following safety equipment in the vehicle: shovel, jack, towrope or tow strap, full-sized spare tire, jack support board, and air gauge. Vehicles lacking this equipment may be refused entry to the refuges.
3. Vehicles must use existing roadways to prevent damage to the dunes and vegetation. Wet intertidal sand and dry soft sand can be especially dangerous and must be approached with great care.
4. Vehicle speed shall not exceed 15 MPH and shall be reasonable and prudent for given conditions. Speeds near posted shorebird nesting habitats shall not exceed 5 MPH.
5. If you are stuck, do not spin tires. Let more air out of your tires and try again. If your car frame is touching the sand, stop

everything! Follow this procedure: **(a)** Jack up each wheel and fill in holes under each tire; **(b)** Drop tire pressure further and attempt to back up car about fifteen feet; **(c)** Fill in all holes; **(d)** Proceed forwards.

**6.** While driving on the refuges, take notice of the marked turnouts. If you see a car coming towards you on the trail, please use the nearest turnout to pull over and let the other car pass. This action will prevent you or the other car from getting stuck, while also protecting the fragile vegetation.

**7.** In case of problems please use the emergency contact numbers listed on the front of this brochure. **Towing services are not provided by The Trustees of Reservations, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**

### DRIVING CORRIDORS - SEE DIAGRAM BELOW

All over-sand vehicles must stay within the defined corridors. Portions of these trails may be closed for protection of wildlife or for public safety. **Driving in or parking on vegetation, sand dunes, or in bird nesting areas is prohibited.**

