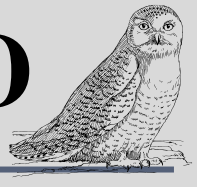


NOTES FROM THE FIELD

SANDY NECK NEWSLETTER



February 2025



Sandy Neck was lucky enough to be part of releasing two young Snowy Owls during the month of January.

You may find young, inexperienced owls on Cape during the winter months attempting to find terrain that closely resembles that of the arctic tundra. These places include salt marshes, large fields for agriculture and airports.

These locations can pose significant risk to the young owls as they evade vehicles and powerlines, the interruption of hunting or roosting habits and the introduction of rodenticides in their prey. These owls are captured and brought to areas like Sandy Neck where the human element is minimal, leaving around April to head home to their breeding grounds

Pictured to the left you'll find a male Snowy. The brown coloring on their feathers is an easy way to identify males and females. Males like this one will have less dark coloring than their female counterparts. Males are also smaller in stature compared to females.



Hunting Season on SNK

Folks visiting Sandy Neck may see some hunters in the area; especially on the marsh trail. We have an active hunting season for species such as the Cottontail Rabbit, Snowshoe Hare as well as Duck/waterfowl. We recommend having a piece of orange clothing for high visibility during this time.

No Hunting On Sundays

All 2024 ORV permits have expired

Please obtain a valid 2025 ORV permit before accessing the ORV beach.

Online application here



Important!

Pictured above is one of our freshly released owls getting her bearings in the new environment she'll call home for the next few months. When observing these animals it is recommended to give them as much space as possible, around 50 yards away is the minimum we ask.

NO campfires allowed until May 1st. ORV Beach hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm. The Gatehouse is open by appointment only. To make an appointment, please call (508)362-8300.