



NOTES FROM THE FIELD

SANDY NECK NEWSLETTER



From the Staff,

June 2025

June has arrived! June 20th will officially mark the beginning of summer. With summer comes an undying sense of adventure and a burning curiosity. During this time at Sandy Neck you'll see the Great Marsh gain a beautiful green vibrancy that stretches for miles. *Hudsonia tomentosa*, otherwise known as woolly beach heather, will bloom as blankets of yellow flowers casting a daytime glow across the vast landscape.

Diamondback Terrapins can be seen making their journey into the expansive network of dunes to lay their eggs before returning to the marsh to rest. Piping Plovers can be observed incubating their eggs along with their Least Tern neighbors. You'll also see whales return to Cape Cod Bay which can be seen offshore. Other wildlife such as Coyote, Fisher, Mink, Otter, and countless different species of birds can be seen while exploring. We recommend taking a scenic hike on the Sandy Neck property to enjoy all it has to offer. We also recommend taking a look at some of the public events we'll be having this month as they will provide you the opportunity to explore the property along with experts in the field and learn more about what makes Sandy Neck Beach Park a great summer destination.

"Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink the wild air." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ORV speed limit: 5MPH

ORV Curfew: 10 PM

Campfire Start Time: 7PM

Expect limited access to ORV due to nesting shorebirds

ORV Permit Application Here



Important!



Upcoming Events

-Sandy Neck Terrapin Hike
June 12 @ 10AM-NOON

-In Search of Diamondback Terrapins
June 17 @ 10AM-NOON

-Sandy Neck Plover Walk
June 18 @ 10AM-NOON

ORV Beach hours are 8:00am to 10:00pm. The Gatehouse is currently open from 8:00am - 9:00pm. If you have any questions and concerns, please call (508)362-8300.