



For More Beach
Information

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RESIDENT AND VISITOR

GUIDE TO

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND
BEACH PARKS**



Hilton Head Island's official beach season is April 1st through September 30th of each year.

PUBLIC BEACH ACCESSES

The entire beach is public, from the ocean to the high water mark. Access to the beach, however, is often private. The Town of Hilton Head Island provides beach access at the following locations: **Alder Lane Beach Access**, off South Forest Beach Drive; **Burkes Beach Access**, at the end of Burkes Beach Road; **Chaplin Community Park**, off Castnet Drive; **Coligny Beach Park**, off Coligny Circle; **Fish Haul Creek Park** at the end of Beach City Rd, **Driessen Beach Park**, at the end of Bradley Beach Road; **Folly Field Beach Park**, off Folly Field Road; **Islanders Beach Park** off Folly Field Road and **Mitchelville Beach Park** off Mitchelville Road.

PARKING FEES

Parking is free at Chaplin Community Park and Coligny Beach Park with access to the Atlantic Ocean. Parking is also free at Fish Haul Creek Park and Mitchelville Beach Park providing access to Port Royal Sound.

Parking costs a QUARTER for each fifteen minutes at Alder Lane, Burkes Beach and Folly Field Beach Park. Parking at Driessen Beach Park costs a QUARTER for each thirty minutes. Each of these parks provides access to the Atlantic Ocean.

All parking at Islanders Beach Park is reserved for annual beach passes only. Additionally there is reserved parking available for beach pass holders at Driessen Beach Park between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Handicap parking is available free of charge at all beach parks. Restrooms, changing areas, and sand

showers are available at the beach parks.

DESIGNATED SWIMMING AREAS

Official swimming areas have been designated for the Alder, Coligny, Driessen, Folly Field, and Islanders beaches. The boundaries of these areas will be clearly marked on the beach and in the water.

During the beach season lifeguards are stationed in each of the designated swimming areas and other heavily populated beach areas for assistance and beach information. Please ask a lifeguard before entering the water if the yellow caution flag is flying.

BEACH PROHIBITIONS

The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office patrols the beaches and enforces all beach regulations. Violators of beach regulations are subject to fines up to \$500 plus court costs per each offense.

The following are PROHIBITED on all beaches:

- Alcoholic liquor, beer, wine
- Glass (bottles, containers, etc.)
- Littering
- Indecent exposure (nudity)
- Disorderly conduct
- Disturbing the peace
- Unauthorized vehicles
- Fires and Fireworks
- Shark Fishing
- Removal, harming, or harassment of any live beach fauna (sea turtles, sand dollars, conchs, starfish, etc.)
- Removal, alteration, or damage to dunes, sea oats, or other dune flora
- Operation, launching, or landing of unauthorized motorized watercraft
- Unauthorized commercial activity
- Sleeping on the beach between midnight and 6 a.m.

Unauthorized wearing of lifeguard emblems, insignias, etc.

Solicitation or distribution of handouts
Kites not under manual control
Stunt kites 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. April 1 through September 30
Sand-sailing

For the added protection of sunbathers and swimmers, the following activities are prohibited in Designated Swimming Areas between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. April 1 through September 30:

- Fishing or surfcasting
- Surfboards, boogie boards, etc.
- Frisbees or other team sports involving a ball
- Games with metal components

ANIMALS:

Are not permitted -

Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day

Must be on a leash -

Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
April 1 through Thursday before Memorial Day
Between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Tuesday after Labor Day through September 30

Must be on leash or under positive voice control at all other times.

Persons in control of animals on the beach are required to remove and properly dispose of the animal's excrement.

**PLEASE TAKE CARE OF OUR BEACHES
PLACE LITTER IN THE TRASH**