



## Leland Beach Pilot for greater OSV Access and Non-listed species Alternative Protection

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1. **This pilot program applies ONLY to Leland Beach**, which is owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It was developed in partnership with the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. The Trustees will continue to protect non-listed species on the properties we own in accordance with the long-standing policy included [here](#).
2. **The Trustees will protect non-listed species nests within a 10- to 20-foot radius around the nest using symbolic fencing and signs.** This allows OSVs and pedestrians to pass while preventing damage or disturbance to nests.
3. **Speed limits in chick areas are reduced to 5 MPH within 100 yds on both sides of the chicks**, creating a 200-yard buffer around the birds. The Trustees will alert visitors with signage and enact strong enforcement of speed limits violations.
4. **First time speeding violators will have a strike recorded against their permit with a second violation resulting in their permit being revoked for the season. The Trustees Rangers and/or volunteers will actively patrol or be stationed in 5 mph areas** and document speeding violations.
5. **The Trustees will train rangers and volunteers on determining OSV speed** and will use markers installed on the beach to assist staff with assessing speed.
6. **If chicks are run over, then the pilot program will be suspended** and default back to the Trustees internal Non-listed Species Policy (see below) **Areas with chicks will be closed to OSVs during the following hours: 5pm-9am.** The Trustees will place barriers to clearly communicate these areas are closed to OSV travel.
7. **These rules will be communicated to the public** through the following measures: social media, emails to our partners/stakeholders, and on Our OSV updates webpage.
8. **OSV access is a privilege and if 10 violations are recorded within a week, the pilot program will be suspended.** This program's success is dependent upon visitor compliance with 5 MPH speed limits.
9. During the initial 2 weeks of implementation, The Trustees will station at least one ranger at the 5mph area during the hours that OSV trails are open to educate visitors on the new program. After two-weeks, rangers may patrol more widely along the beach but will still patrol areas with chicks.