



Frequently Asked Questions 2025-2026

What is new this year with admissions?

- Walkers and bikers FREE at all beaches!
- FREE parking day pass for Long Point Wildlife Refuge and Wasque at Edgartown, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Chilmark, and Oak Bluffs Library. Just request a pass with your library card.
- Cape Poge & Wasque OSV permit now includes FREE Parking at Wasque
- Contributing Membership provides FREE parking at Long Point and Wasque

How long are the permits good for?

The Trustees OSV permits are valid through May 1, 2026.

Why is there an increase in price for the OSV permits this year?

- The last time we raised OSV permit prices was eight years ago and inflation has risen rapidly since that time.
- Though we are doing a modest increase in parking and OSV permit prices, we are expanding free access options with our library program and with walking and biking to beaches. Our intent is to encourage more local islanders and diverse communities to our beaches.
- We are rewarding walkers and bikers with FREE access to the beaches. Supports our decarbonization goals.
- Every dollar from OSV permit sales directly supports beach operations, conservation efforts, stewardship, and access maintenance. The Trustees are dedicated to preserving historical beach access and appreciate the community's continued support in keeping this tradition alive.
- We have continued Increasing costs of operations including staff salaries, vehicles, stewardship and maintenance, and ecological protection.
- We are increasing the accessibility of our beaches, which requires capital improvements for better access with individuals with disabilities and mobility challenges.

Can I bring my dog to the beach?



All dogs must be leashed at all times, even in the water. This is to protect wildlife and the delicate beach ecosystem.

Where are the trash cans?

All trash is carry out. Thank you for keeping the beaches clean from debris!

What does the Cape Poge & Wasque provide?

- OSV access on open trails at Cape Poge and Leland Beaches on open OSV trails (currently only to the Jetties on Cape Poge)
- Free parking at Wasque.
- Family level Trustees Membership

What does the All Over OSV permit provide?

- OSV access on open trails at Cape Poge and Leland Beaches on open OSV trails (currently only to the Jetties on Cape Poge)
- Free parking at Wasque.
- Free parking at Long Point Wildlife Refuge (by reservation only)
- Contributing level Trustees Membership

Can I take my OSV on Wasque?

Wasque is currently inaccessible for OSVs due to extreme erosion from the south end of Leland onto Wasque. OSV access at Wasque is dependent upon environmental conditions due to the erosion, nesting shorebirds, and an agreement between Dukes County, the owner of Norton Point Beach and The Trustees for OSV travel between Norton Point and Wasque.

What membership is included with my permit?

- The \$250 Cape Poge & Wasque OSV permit includes a Family level membership.
- The \$380 All Over OSV permit category includes a Contributing level membership and parking at no additional cost at Long Point. Reservations are required at Long Point Wildlife Refuge.

What are the daily rates for parking at Wasque?



If you want to park at Wasque to fish, swim or shellfish from Memorial Day to mid-October, you will need to pay:

- \$25/day to park if you do not have a Trustees membership
- \$15/day if you have a **Family** level membership
- \$0/day if you have a **Contributing** level membership or an All Over Permit
- Walkers and bikers are free for all.

There is no admission charged at Wasque before or after normal business hours of 9 AM to 5 PM from Memorial Day to mid-October.

Is there a fee differential for Island residents?

If year-round island residents want an OSV permit and the cost is prohibitive, have them reach out to the Islands Director, Darci Schofield at dschofield@thetrustees.org. All Wampanoag receive free OSV permits. Pick up your free permit at the Mytoi Gatehouse.