

BEACH DRIVING RULES

Rules apply when driving on our beaches. As a beach access permit holder you must comply with these regulations at all times.

Four wheel driving can be a great way to enjoy our beaches but users need to be mindful and considerate of everyone and everything in this environment.

- A valid beach access permit must be displayed
- Access is prohibited outside of the areas displayed in this brochure
- Beach access is subject to change (refer to signage erected at access points and our website for updated information)
- Entry/exit via designated, signposted access points only
- Maximum speed limit 40km/h, or 15km/h when within 100m of other vehicles or people
- Pedestrians have right of way
- Remain 15m from pedestrians at all times
- Vehicles must remain within the high and low tide marks (where the sand is firmer) except when entering/leaving the beach
- Driving/parking on dunes and vegetation is prohibited
- Signposted nesting shorebird sites are strictly prohibited areas – no people, 4WDs or pets
- Vehicle paraflaying and activities involving towing of people are prohibited
- NSW road rules apply; vehicles must be registered, drivers licensed and seatbelts must be secured
- Glass is prohibited at all times; all litter must be removed

Council Rangers and NSW Police are authorised to enforce these rules. Failure to comply will result in eviction from the beach and cancellation of your beach access permit. You may also be fined.

Along with respect for others, these rules ensure safe beaches for all users, and help protect our natural environment. Do the right thing.

BEACH ACCESS PERMITS

Visit our website or call 1800 802 692 for purchase locations. Options include:

- Annual: valid 1 July – 30 June
- 30 Day: valid for 30 days from date of purchase

Your vehicle registration must be clearly written in the space provided on your permit. Display the permit on the bottom edge of the passenger side windscreen of your vehicle.

(Professional and Restricted annual permits are also available with specific conditions. Visit our website for details.)



NESTING SHOREBIRDS

Some of our 4WD accessible beaches are home to different species of endangered shorebirds. At nesting time (generally from September to March), their eggs and chicks are difficult to see and vulnerable to vehicles and animals. Help us protect our local wildlife by always acting responsibly, being alert to nesting sites and signage, staying away from dunes and controlling your pets.

ENJOY OUR BEACHES, RESPONSIBLY

Access to MidCoast beaches is at your own risk but there are some common-sense things you can do to make the most of your time:

- Your dog is welcome on or off a leash on some of our beaches across the MidCoast region but rules do apply. Head to our website midcoast.nsw.gov.au/dogs
- Make sure you read and understand the rules for driving on beaches
- Check weather conditions and tidal information before heading out
- Drive on existing tracks, within the intertidal zone, which show the safest and easiest route and give pedestrians an idea of vehicle passageways
- Observe signage – beaches are sensitive and dynamic, and beach access points or areas on our beaches may be closed at times

I understand my responsibilities as a beach access permit holder

MY PERMIT NUMBER:

30 Day Permit

Start date:

Expiry date:



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||||| HIGH TIDE

ALWAYS DRIVE BETWEEN THE TIDE MARKS BUT NEVER ON THE DUNES

LOW TIDE |||||

DRIVING ON OUR BEACHES

Your responsibilities for sharing the shore

MIDCOAST BEACH ACCESS

Beaches are changing environments

Access may be restricted at times due to safety, conservation, severe weather or environmental changes. Check our website for the latest information.

