

New Bedford public beach parking passes available Monday, April 30

Seasonal parking passes for the City of New Bedford's public beaches will become available on Monday, April 30, 2018. The beach parking program covers East Beach, West Beach and Fort Taber Park, and requires residents and non-residents to acquire a seasonal parking pass or pay a daily rate for parking. This summer's beach season is June 23, 2018, through September 3, 2018.

Seasonal parking passes are available beginning April 3 at the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches office at 181 Hillman Street, Building 3; at the City Clerk's office, Room 118 in City Hall at 133 William Street; and at the Traffic Commission at the Elm Street Garage at 51 Elm Street.

Seasonal parking passes are \$10 for New Bedford residents, and \$5 for New Bedford residents ages 65 years and older. Greater New Bedford residents in contiguous communities (Freetown, Acushnet, Fairhaven, and Dartmouth) can purchase a seasonal pass for \$20. The cost for other non-residents is \$50. Vehicle registration must be presented in order to obtain a resident seasonal parking pass.

Day passes can be obtained beginning June 23, 2018, at Fort Taber or East Beach for \$10. East Beach and Fort Taber have automated parking kiosks, streamlining the process in purchasing an hourly or daily parking pass. The kiosks are located in the central parking lot at East Beach and on the west side of the Fort Taber parking lot. Kiosks accept credit or debit cards only. Hourly parking is \$2/hour. West Beach offers parking for seasonal passes only. Parking hours for all three venues are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily

About New Bedford's public beaches

New Bedford is blessed with clean, safe, and family-friendly beaches. East Beach has a new automated parking kiosk, streamlining the process to purchase a daily pass. West Beach is a swimmer's paradise, with a fully accessible pavilion providing shade, cool breezes, beautiful sunsets and a fully accessible bathhouse. Fort Taber boasts sweeping views of New Bedford Harbor and Buzzards Bay in historic, Fort Taber Park. City beaches are guarded by a professional waterfront team from June 23, 2018, through September 3, 2018.