

Long Island State Parks

# **4 WHEEL DRIVE BEACH ACCESS SURFING AND WINDSURFING GUIDE**



*\*For the most update to information on access to Gilgo State Park,  
please contact the Robert Moses Park Office, 631-669-0449.*



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## VALID 4 WHEEL DRIVE BEACH ACCESS LOCATIONS FOR SURFING AND WINDSURFING:

This permit allows 4-wheel drive vehicles access to designated beach areas at Gilgo, Hither Hills, Montauk Point, Napeague, and Robert Moses for the **purpose of daylight (sunrise to sunset) surfing and windsurfing only.**

**Valid year round access at: GILGO, HITHER HILLS, NAPEAGUE and ROBERT MOSES (DEMOCRAT POINT- weather/conditions permitting- Beginning the Saturday before Memorial Day until Labor Day, vehicles may enter before 7 AM and after 5 PM ONLY)**

**Valid from January 1 to March 31 at: MONTAUK POINT**

**Valid from September 15 to December 31: ROBERT MOSES, FIELDS #3 AND #4—access to parking lots only**

# Long Island State Park Beach Driving Permit Conditions

9 N.Y.C.R.R. 372.1 - 372.6;415.4

*In addition to the conditions that appear on your permit,  
the following specific conditions must also be followed:*

1. All permits will expire on December 31, regardless of the date issued.
2. Permits are valid for 4-wheel drive vehicles only and allow access to designated beach areas for the purpose of **daylight (sunrise to sunset) surfing** and **wind-surfing** only.
3. **Permittee and each passenger over 12 years old will be required to possess surfing equipment (boogie boards do not qualify as surfing equipment)** and show upon request of State Parks employee. Children **MUST** be supervised at all times.
4. Tires shall not exceed either 35 inches in diameter or 12.5 inches in width as measured at the widest point.
5. Before passing the Beach Vehicle checkpoint location, all beach vehicle tires must be aired down to one-half the maximum rated tire pressure.
6. Vehicles are prohibited from driving through bathing areas from 7am to 5 pm beginning the Friday before Memorial Day Weekend until after Labor Day at specifically designated parks.
7. Follow designated access roads to the beach. Do not exceed 10 MPH at any time. Vehicles are permitted access to fishing areas only; vehicles are not permitted elsewhere in off-road travel. Always stay to the right when approaching oncoming vehicles. **DO NOT DRIVE** on dunes, wetlands, beach grass, bird nesting areas, or in seal haul out areas.
8. Do not destroy the sand fence. This fence is helpful in maintaining a stable beach environment.
9. Pedestrians have the right-of-way; please be courteous to people walking on the beach.
10. Please help us maintain a safe, clean, and attractive environment for the enjoyment of everyone. Return unwanted fish to the water. Take litter and debris with you and discard in trash receptacles.
11. Smoking on beach is Prohibited.

***FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE PERMIT CONDITIONS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REVOCATION OF PERMIT. PERMIT WILL BE REVOKED FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF REVOCATION. THERE WILL BE NO REPLACEMENTS FOR LOST, STOLEN OR REVOKED PERMITS. DUPLICATE PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED. PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED APRIL 1 THROUGH LABOR DAY.***

# **REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

ALL NEW YORK STATE PARKS

**Surfboards, no boogieboards**  
*(for all persons age 12 and over)*

**Portable Toilet**

**Tow Rope or Tow Chain**

**Jack, Jack Board, Shovel**

**Approved Tires, Spare Tire**  
*(Maximum of 35 inches in diameter by 12.5 inches in width)*

**Tire Gauge**  
*(capable of registering a minimum of 5 PSI)*

## **EXTRA SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

- \*Portable cellular phone*
- \*Fire Extinguisher*
- \*Tire Inflation Device*
- \*CB Radio*
- \*Tool Kit*
- \*Flashlight*
- \*First Aid Kit*
- \*Garbage Bags*
- \*Gallon of Water*

## **TIPS AND PRACTICES**

- Wherever possible, use existing tracks.
- Driving all over the beach is reckless and can be harmful.
- Use designated access roads only. Undesignated area access is illegal, and can cause erosion leaving the beach vulnerable to storm damage.
- Ruts and holes caused by a stuck vehicle must be filled in after said vehicle has been removed.
- Tire pressure should be at least one half the maximum recommended pressure located on the side-wall of the tire.
- A pressure of 16 to 20 pounds is a safe range.
- Stay away from all vegetation as the weight of the vehicle could destroy root systems.
- Avoid the high water rack line, as birds often feed in this area, and it is subject to debris and hard conch shells that could damage your tires.

## **WHAT IF I GET STUCK?**

- \*Do not spin your tires*
- \*Check and make sure you are in 4 wheel drive.*
- \*Lower tire pressure between 15 and 18 psi.*
- \*Pull a small amount of sand away from the front and rear of all four tires.*
  - \*Slowly attempt to drive in reverse, where the sand is compacted.*
  - \*Keep front tires straight, back up and attempt to free your vehicle.*
- \*Proceed evenly, keeping up your momentum without spinning your tires.*
  - \*If buried, jack vehicle up first, then compact sand under tires.*

# PIPING PLOVER

## **Plovers, least terns and other endangered species**

Endangered and threatened species including piping plovers, least terns and a rare beach plant called sea-beachamaranth can be found on some beaches. Please respectsymbolic fencing and barricades that have been installed toprotect these areas and wildlife. Persons may be arrestedand fined for killing, harassing or in any way disturbing these species.

**Beaches are subject to closure during nesting season.**



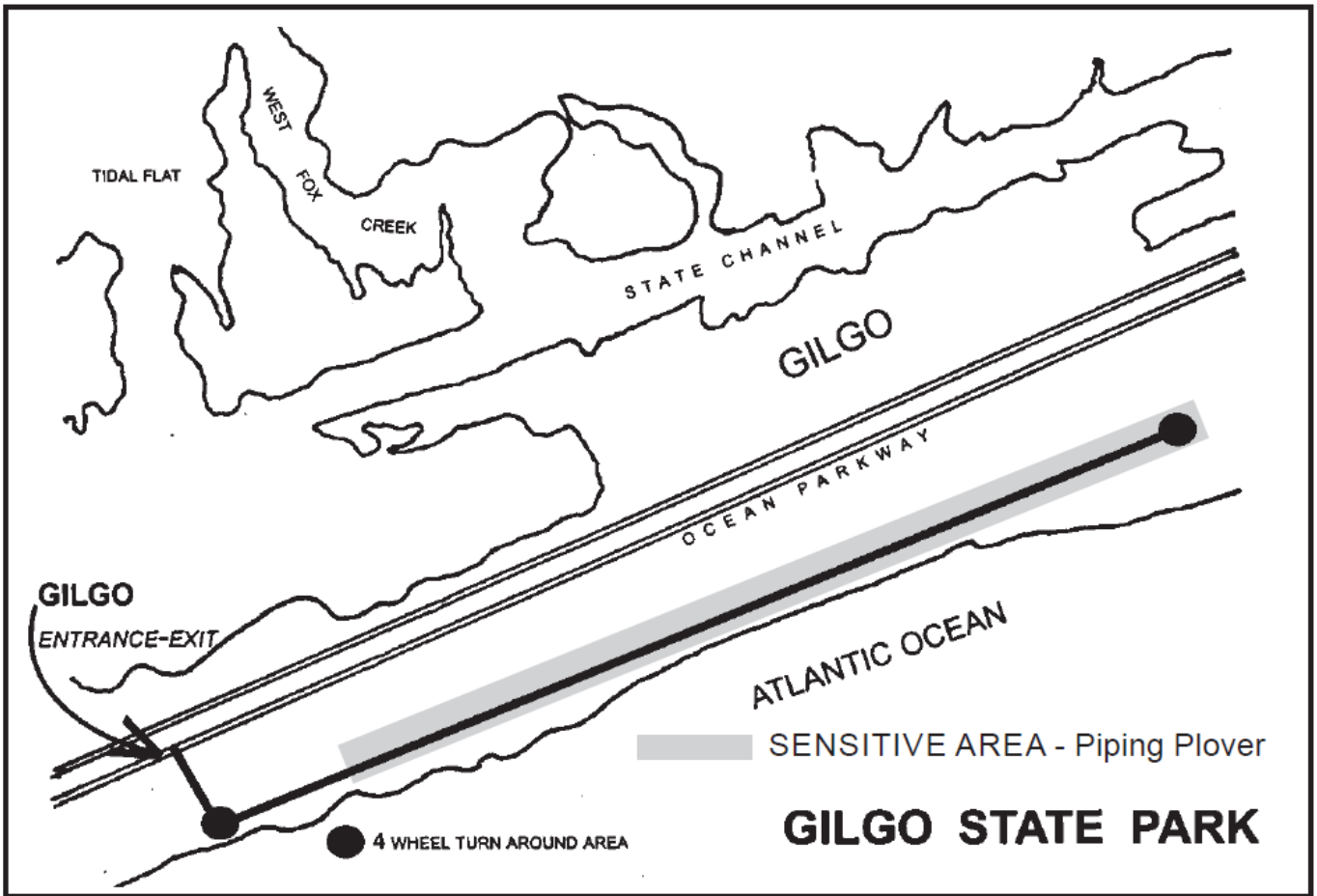
## **For your safety and the safety of others...**

Do not feed, attract, touch or harass any wildlife.

Animals in the park may seem tame, but they are stillwild. Please report any odd behavior seen in animals,or any bites, scratches or other contact with wild or domestic animals to a park official immediately.







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