THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATION
CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, WASQUE RESERVATION, NORTON POINT BEACH

POLICIES
Governing the use of vehicles at Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Wasque Reservation, and Norton Point Beach
Edgartown, Massachusetts

1. A valid annual registration sticker is required year-round for all vehicles. Permits for Norton Point Beach are separate from permits for Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge/Wasque Reservation. Permits are neither transferable nor interchangeable.
2. Permit stickers are to be applied to the front and rear bumpers of the vehicle on the driver’s side.
3. Each vehicle should contain a shovel, board or other suitable jack support, low-pressure tire gauge, towrope or tow strap, and full-size spare tire.
4. All motor vehicles using the barrier beaches shall be equipped with four-wheel drive and shall use existing roadways, thereby preventing damage to vegetation and reducing erosion. Driving on sand dunes is prohibited. While on the beach, tire pressure must be 12-15psi.
5. Riding on fenders, tailgates, roofs or any other position outside the vehicle is prohibited.
6. Operators shall fill in the ruts or holes caused by stock vehicles.
7. The beaches are closed between 10pm and 5am except for fishing and direct access to one’s domicile. Other nighttime activities are often associated with unauthorized activities.

The Trustees of Reservations reserves the right to impose limitations upon the number of vehicles permitted within Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Wasque Reservation, and Norton Point Beach. Your help is needed in enforcing these vehicle policies. If violations are observed, please report the license plate number and description of the vehicle to a ranger as soon as possible. Violators are subject to court citation and cancellation of their annual registration sticker.

REGULATIONS
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1. All motorized vehicles must be four-wheel drive and display an annual registration sticker. Stickers are not transferable and remain the property of The Trustees of Reservations. Stickers may be revoked for cause by any ranger and the fees paid are not subject to refund. Sticker fees are used for the management and protection of the properties.
2. Motorized vehicles of a gross weight exceeding 6,800 pounds are prohibited, as are all vehicles (dune buggies, trail bikes, air cushion vehicles, etc.) of a gross weight less than 1,900 pounds. Such vehicles jeopardize the fragile environment of the properties.
3. All vehicles, horses, and people must use existing roadways to prevent damage to the fragile vegetation, which stabilizes sand dunes and prevents erosion. Transport of hazardous or flammable materials on or onto the properties is prohibited for the protection of sensitive maritime and coastal ecosystems.
4. Vehicle speeds shall not exceed 15 miles per hour and shall be reasonable and prudent for given conditions at all times. Vehicle speeds through posted shorebird nesting habitat shall not exceed 5 miles per hour.
5. Entering marked nesting or dune restoration areas is prohibited. All of these barrier beaches provide rare and remote habitat for many varieties of sea and shore birds.
6. Camping is prohibited for public health reasons.
7. All fires are prohibited except camp stoves, which are permitted on the beaches only and solely for cooking purposes.
8. Cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited.
9. Hunting is prohibited except for migratory waterfowl in season. Hunters must be licensed and obtain permission from the Superintendent.
10. Dogs and other pets must be under control AND on leash at all times for the protection of wildlife and for public health reasons.
11. Littering is prohibited. Carry out all trash.
12. Disturbing, removing, defacing, cutting or otherwise causing damage to a natural feature, sign, poster, barrier, building, or other property is prohibited.
13. Nudity is prohibited.
14. Conduct that disturbs the tranquility of the properties or its enjoyment by others is prohibited.
15. The use of windsurfers is prohibited except on Cape Poge Bay, Katama Bay and Poucha Pond. The landing or launching of other personal water craft or aircraft such as jet skis, paragliders, ultralight planes, etc. is prohibited from the properties for the protection of visitors and wildlife.
16. Swimming is prohibited at Wasque Point at all times. Due to changing surf conditions, rangers may temporarily close all or a portion of the property to recreational water activities.
17. For the protection of natural resources or for public safety purposes, property visitors must follow the instructions and orders of rangers.