

# 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.

Make sure you and your passengers are familiar with the following rules before driving on our beaches – they are designed for your own safety and that of other beach users, and to protect our stunning coastline.

- 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 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 paraflying 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

A permit is required before driving on our 4WD accessible beaches.

Options include a 30-day or 12-month permit, valid for use from the date of purchase. Visit our website or call 1800 802 692 for purchase locations.

Your vehicle registration must be clearly written in the space provided on your permit, and the permit displayed 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

**Be considerate and share the shore with local and visiting wildlife.**

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.

# RESPONSIBLE ENJOYMENT

**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 apply – visit [midcoast.nsw.gov.au/dogs](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au/dogs)
- Read and understand beach driving rules
- 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.



# DRIVING ON OUR BEACHES

Know your responsibilities when sharing the shore

Always drive between the tide marks

[midcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://midcoast.nsw.gov.au)



# BEACH ACCESS POINTS

For the safety of people enjoying our beaches, and to protect our precious environment, beach driving is permitted along some, but not all of our coastline.

Permit-holders should be familiar with the areas that are designated for beach driving, and only use authorised access points.

Detailed maps showing where you can and cannot drive on designated beaches, and other important information for permit-holders, are displayed at each access point.

You can also access these detailed maps by scanning the QR code/s opposite before visiting.



## 1. KYLIES BEACH TO CROWDY HEAD NORTH



**Northern access:** Enter via Kylie's campground. Right turn only. Vehicles prohibited north of the 4WD access.

**Southern access:** Enter off Crowdy Head Road, behind the Surf Lifesaving Club. Left turn only. Vehicles prohibited south of the 4WD access. Commercial Fishermen permits excepted.

## 2. CROWDY HEAD SOUTH TO HARRINGTON



**Northern access:** Enter off Crowdy Head Road. Vehicles prohibited within 300m of northern corner.

**Southern access:** Enter off Crowdy Street. Vehicle access over the breakwall is prohibited.

## 3. MANNING POINT AND OLD BAR



**Manning Point access:** Enter off Manning Street at Vic Shoemith Reserve. Manning River inlet north of the 4WD access may be prohibited seasonally due to nesting shorebirds. Observe signage.

**Old Bar access:** Enter from Mudbishops Point Road. Left turn only. Area south of the 4WD access is restricted to vehicles. Farquhar inlet north of 4WD access may be prohibited seasonally due to nesting shorebirds. Observe signage.

## 4. BLACK HEAD TO TUNCURRY (9 MILE BEACH)



**Northern access:** Enter off Main Street Black Head. Right turn only. Vehicles prohibited north of the 4WD access. Commercial Fishermen valid permit excepted.

**Southern access:** Enter off Beach Street Tuncurry. Left turn only. Vehicles prohibited south of the 4WD access. Commercial Fishermen valid permit excepted.

## 5. SANDBAR BEACH VEHICLES NOT PERMITTED NORTH OF 4WD ACCESS



Single access point via Sandbar Road, past Sandbar Caravan Park. Right turn only. Access to Cellito Beach by turning left is prohibited.

Access south of Smiths Lake inlet is National Parks Restricted Zone, vehicles are required to turn around.

## 6. BOAT BEACH SEAL ROCKS



Single access point via Kinka Road for boat launching. Left turn only.

Beach parking for boat launching is restricted to a marked zone.

## 7. HAWKS NEST



### Bennetts Beach-General Permit Holders

Enter off Sanderling Avenue. Left turn only. Area south of 4WD access is restricted to vehicles. Commercial Fishermen excepted. Far northern end of Bennetts Beach is restricted to those with a National Parks Vehicle Permit.

### Bennetts Beach-Commercial Fishermen and Restricted Permit Holders

Access to Bennetts Beach via Jimmys Beach 4WD access. Follow signage for the one authorised crossover track to transfer between Bennetts Beach and Jimmys Beach. No access into National Park Zone at Yacaaba Headland.

### Jimmys Beach-Commercial Fishermen and Restricted Permit Holder Only

Enter through Jimmys Beach Day Reserve, off Coorilla Street. Follow signage for the one authorised crossover track to transfer between Bennetts Beach and Jimmys Beach. No access into National Park Restricted Zone at Yacaaba Headland.

**For all 4WDs there is only one authorised cross over point for access between Jimmys and Bennetts Beach. All other tracks are prohibited. Observe directional signage.**