Renter Rules for Use of Block W Beach

Violation of these rules may lead to loss of beach privileges

Renters of homes in Henlopen Acres may use the Block W Beach as long as they use a Block W Beach access permit and adhere to these rules. The access permit is necessary even if you walk or ride a bike to the Block W Beach so it can be shown upon request by any security officers.

The Block W Beach is accessed via the end of the cul-de-sacs on Pine Reach and Rolling Road. Bicycle racks and parking are available at these locations. If you drive, please place your parking pass on your dashboard or your vehicle will be ticketed.

Your realtor or property owner will provide you with all necessary Beach access and parking permits.

Please do not park at, or access the Block W Beach, thru the neighboring Henlopen Acres Beach Club located immediately to the north. It is a private club accessible only to members.

Beach Rules

1. Beach Hours: Regular beach swimming hours are 10 am to 6 pm. The Beach is not guarded. All swimming is at one's own risk. No one is permitted on the beach after midnight or before 6 am.

2. No Guests: Only renters occupying the rental house are permitted to use the Beach. Renters may not invite outside parties to join them.

3. Chairs/Umbrellas: Renters may bring their own beach chairs and umbrellas or may rent them from the Lynam hut located to the north on the beach. Access Lynam's only from the beach front.

4. Alcohol: No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the beach at any time.

5. Glass: No glass containers are permitted on the beach at any time.

6. Clean-Up: Renters must clean up their debris and litter after each visit.

7. Water Devices: No use of boats, jet skis, kayaks, surf boards, or large rafts is allowed. Use of boogie boards, skim boards, or small rafts is permitted.

8. Dogs: Dogs are not allowed on the beach between 10 am and 6 pm. Dogs are allowed on the beach after 6 pm and before 10 am but must be leashed and under the control of the owner at all times. It is expected that pet owners will clean up any dog waste.

9. Fishing: No fishing is permitted during regular beach swimming hours.

10. Dunes: When accessing the Beach, stay on the footpath. The dunes are restricted and protected natural areas and no one is permitted to use or cross through the dunes.

11. Sports: Sports activities such as volleyball and Frisbee are permissible on the beach but it is requested that play take place away from others. Use of thrown objects having sharp surfaces or ends is not allowed.

12. Music: Radios and CD players are permitted to play music however the volume should be adjusted so as not to disturb others.

13. Tents: No tents are permitted for sleeping on the beach. Use is not permitted after midnight.

14. Bonfires: Renters are prohibited from building their own bonfire on the Block W Beach. A bonfire may be held only if 1) an event registration form is approved, see https://henlopenacres.delaware.gov/files/2019/05/HAPOC-event-registration-form-2019.pdf; and 2) the bonfire is built by Mr. David Lynam who may be contacted at (302) 245-3832. There will be a $250 cost per bonfire payable directly to Lynam to cover wood, set-up and clean-up. No more than two bonfires per evening will be approved on a first-come-first-served basis.

15. Fireworks & Guns: Under State law and Town Code, possession and use of firework, or discharge of any air powered or other guns is prohibited.