



# Sand in Our Shoes



## FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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### Helping Hands

#### Scusset Beach Friends Program

Now that you've visited Scusset Beach, how about joining our Friends group? Tell your family and friends. Bring your special talents and help us out.

Perhaps you're a camper, beach-goer, angler, dog-walker, bike rider, or bird watcher who enjoys Scusset Beach.

Whatever the reason you enjoy visiting Scusset Beach, you may be interested in joining with other visitors to help the park staff by forming the *Friends of Scusset Beach*.

#### What is a Friends Group?

Friends groups are organizations dedicated to supporting specific DCR properties through volunteer work, fundraising, providing programs & events, and advocacy.

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### About Scusset Beach

*Swimming, Camping, Fishing, Biking, Hiking –  
Fun in the sun!*



Scusset Beach State Reservation, located on Cape Cod Bay at the east end of the Cape Cod Canal, is a very popular swimming and camping area.... one of the best places in Massachusetts for fun in the sun.

It features a beautiful sandy salt-water beach with a snack bar concession in season, a campground with 30 amp electric service and water at each of the 98-sites. A Safari field is also available for rental by camping clubs for 20 or more self-contained units. New additions are a community fire pit and picnic area in the campground.

Salt-water fishing is popular at the 3000' jetty, the Fish Pier, and along 1.5 miles of frontage on the Cape Cod Canal.

There is also a picnic area at the Fish Pier and walking and bicycling along the Canal. It is a wonderful area to watch a variety of boats and ships as they pass through the Canal.

A hiking trail to Sagamore Hill –WWII coastal military fortification – is accessible within the park across from the Fish Pier parking lot.

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**What does a Friends Group do?**

Friends groups undertake a variety of activities. These can include work days at the park to help with a project, organizing fund raisers to help purchase much needed equipment or supplies, or serving as an advocate for the park when needed.

Friends groups are essential partners in protecting and enhancing DCR’s parks.

More than 70 groups are working across the state to enhance our forests and parks system, including:

- Shawme-Crowell State Forest
- Nickerson State Park
- Waquoit Bay & South Cape Beach
- Myles Standish State Forest
- Forefathers Monument
- Wompatuck State Park
- Borderland State Park
- Freetown-Fall River State Forest

**Massachusetts State Park Friends Groups Activities**

**Fundraising**

- Pancake Breakfasts at Shawme-Crowell State Forest
- Recycle cans and bottles at Nickerson State Park
- Operate a food booth at Fall River Celebrates America
- Operate a gift shop at Borderland State Park

**Projects & Equipment**

- Pavilion and playground at Shawme-Crowell State Forest
- John Deere Gator at Freetown-Fall River State Forest
- Decoration of historic mansion at Borderland State Park

**Other Activities**

- Design and maintain friend’s group website at Wompatuck State Park
- Plantings to maintain historic gardens at Maudslay State Park

- Maintain existing trails and create new trails at Myles Standish State Forest
- Sponsor bird walks at Willard Brook State Park



Volunteers installing grills at the new Fish Pier picnic area

**Why Now?**

Given the fiscal climate and the current economy, now is the perfect time to form a friends group. A Scusset Beach Friends Group could also help us leverage funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Matching Partnership grants to improve the park as well as assist with projects and fund raising.

**What can I do?**

Your level of involvement is up to you. Some people are very active in their friends groups; serving on the Board of Directors, attending all meetings, working on a specific committee. Other people are content to pay their membership dues knowing that they will support the park. Your level of involvement is up to each individual member.

**I’m interested - So what’s the plan?**

Over the course of the 2009 summer recreational season, we hope to spread the word and gauge the level of interest in forming a Scusset Beach Friends Group. Based on this information, we will hold a meeting this fall for those interested to establish the group, determine the bylaws, and elect officers.

Fill out the form on page 6 of the Newsletter, and mail, fax or email it to us at:

Scusset Beach State Reservation  
140 Scusset Beach Rd.  
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-2815

Telephone: 500-888-0859  
Fax: 508-888-1183  
email: [scussetfriends@live.com](mailto:scussetfriends@live.com)

## Scusset Beach News

Sarah Gomez, our Park Interpreter in July, has gone on to a managerial position. We will all miss her at Scusset – crew and campers alike. We all wish her well.

We welcome Travis Roberts to our staff. He has taken the Park Interpreter position for the remainder of the season and is well versed in the Park Interpretive programs. He brings his knowledge and wonderfully upbeat personality to Scusset Beach. His August Interpretive Schedule is on page 5 of this newsletter.



### Friends of Scusset Beach

Sam's Cape Codders – did another delicious and successful Pancake Breakfast on July 25<sup>th</sup> .- proceeds to benefit Scusset Beach State Park.

Thanks to all of you. We appreciate it, and we enjoy the pancakes, too.

Thanks again! We need more friends like you.



### About Scusset Beach State Reservation

#### Scusset Beach State Reservation

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.htm>

#### Reserve America – campground reservations

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/mapHome.do?topTabIndex=1>

or call - 1-877-422-6762

#### Campground map

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/images/pdf/ScussetCamp.pdf>

#### Department of Conservation and Recreation

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/>



### Fun in the Sun at Scusset Beach

Summer's been slow in coming this year, but we've enjoyed the sunny days we've had.

Other Links:

#### Army Corps of Engineers recreational website for the Cape Cod Canal area.

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/cc/ccchome.htm>

#### Cape Cod Canal Cruises

<http://www.hy-linecruises.com/canal/schedule.html>

#### Cape Cod Canal Land cut map

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/recreati/CAPEmap.htm>

#### Cape Cod Canal Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.capecodcanalchamber.org>





## MEET YOUR SCUSSET TEAM



John DeCosta, Supervisor  
Scusset Beach State Reservation



Joe Casey,  
Night Supervisor



Patrick Donovan,  
Assistant Supervisor



Chris Ceravone  
Park Ranger

### Day Crew



Marlene Clark



Chris Minichiello



Norma Cotter



Jordan Turgeon



### Lifeguards

TJ Ashley,  
Head  
Lifeguard

Kristen  
DeMoranville  
Senior  
Lifeguard



Travis Roberts  
Park Interpreter



Lifeguards 2009  
Kaitlyn, Kristen, Caroline,  
TJ, and Ben



# August Interpretive Programs

## Scusset Beach State Reservation

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Telephone: 508-888-0859

<p><b>Sundays</b> <b>August 2 &amp; 16</b></p>	<p><b>Cape Cod Canal History Hike – 9 am – 10:30 am</b> <i>Join the Interpreter for a walk along the Cape Cod Canal and a talk about the different uses of the land and the Canal – from Native American use to today’s use of the Cape Cod Canal. Meet at the Fish Pier. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p><b>Sundays</b> <b>August 9 &amp; 23</b></p>	<p><b>Cape Cod Birding – 9 am – 10:30 am</b> <i>Join the Interpreter for a look at the birds of the Cape Cod seashore - Finding birds with binoculars; identifying birds by their individual characteristics; and basic bird calls. Meet the Scusset Beach boardwalk. Bring binoculars if you have them. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p><b>Thursdays</b> <b>August 6,13, 20,&amp; 27</b></p>	<p><b>Creature Feature - 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm</b> <i>Join the Scusset Beach Interpreter for an in-depth look at Scusset’s creatures, featuring a variety of creatures found at the beach. The Park Interpreter will have a table display set up near the boardwalk. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p><b>Fridays</b> <b>August 7, 14, 21, &amp; 27</b></p>	<p><b>Sagamore Hill Hike – 10 am – 11 am</b> <i>Join an Army Corps of Engineers Ranger for a walk to the summit of Sagamore Hill; learn of its rich history from Indian Council ground to WWII gun battery; and enjoy the breathtaking view of Cape Cod Bay on this easy to moderate 1.1 mile walk. Meet the Ranger at the trail directly across from the Fish Pier Parking Lot. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p><b>Fridays</b> <b>August 7, 14, 21, &amp; 28</b></p>	<p><b>Jr. Rangers – 4 pm – 5 pm</b> <i>Program for ages 8 – 12. You will receive your official Junior Ranger Activity Guide, complete a fun activity with the Park Interpreter, and be on your way to earning your Junior Ranger Patch and Certificate! Meet at the Nature Center in the Campground. Rain or shine.</i></p>
<p><b>Saturdays</b> <b>August 1, 8, 15, &amp; 22</b></p>	<p><b>Family Beach Exploration – 3 pm – 4 pm</b> <i>Enjoy this family opportunity to explore Scusset Beach with the Park Interpreter. We focus on a different topic each week. Join us each week for some fun on the beach. Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p><b>Saturdays</b> <b>August 8 &amp; 22</b></p>	<p><b>Family Campfire – 7:30 pm – 9 pm</b> <i>Join us for a family fun campfire. Toasting marshmallows; telling stories; and playing games while enjoying a crackling fire. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring something to sit on. Meet at the campfire ring at the campground entrance. Rain cancels.</i></p>
<p><b>Saturdays</b> <b>August 1 &amp; 15</b></p>	<p><b>Beach Night Hike – 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm</b> <i>Have you ever explored the beach at night? What happens when the sun goes down and the stars come out. What creatures come out then? Find out on this hike along Scusset Beach in the dark. Flashlights are not allowed! Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain cancels.</i></p>

All programs are open to the public. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** There is a \$7.00 parking fee. Reasonable accommodations available on request.

For more information call the Park Interpreter at (508) 888-0859

If you are interested in becoming a friend to Scusset Beach State Reservation, please print and fill out the following form and fax, mail or email it to us – or drop it off at our office. We encourage everyone to become a friend.

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## Friends of Scusset Beach

As we begin to create a contact list of friends, your information is very important. This fall, we will contact you with information about the meeting to establish the *Friends of Scusset Beach* and send you our Fall Newsletter to keep you informed and aware of the progress made in establishing this group.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

My Special Interests & Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in- (Please check all that apply):

- becoming a member of a Scusset Beach Friends Group
- attending meetings
- serving on the Board of Directors
- participating in work days to maintain and clean areas of the park
- assisting in fundraising efforts

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Get a little sand in your shoes!"*

