



Continuing Our Tradition Sand in Our Shoes



FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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Summer at Scusset-

After too much snow this winter and a very rainy spring, thank goodness summer is here - just waiting for the sun to come out for more than a day.

The Campground is full even without the sun, and we are looking forward to a very busy summer.

The walk way through the park assures more direct and safer access to the campground bathhouse. The campground baths have also been renovated. Better lighting, ventilation, new Corian counter tops. Nice!



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Scusset Beach Friends

What's New...

In 2010, the Friends of Scusset Beach raised funds for Scusset Beach. They applied for and obtained a matching grant from the State, and the Boardwalk ramp to the Canal Access Road became a reality... a benefit to all – especially the handicapped.

This year, through the same hard work and procedures, the walk through the campground became a reality.... a great addition to the park in usefulness & beauty.

What will they accomplish next year?

- Chairman of the Board: Elise Smith**
- Vice Chairman: Paul Loiselle**
- Treasurer: Linda Porazzo**
- Assistant Treasurer: Edna Faria**
- Secretary: Pat Ridge**

The Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for September 17, 2011, at 9:00 am, at the Nature Center pavilion.

The next Friends Meeting follows the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 10 am at Scusset Beach Nature Center. Hope to see you there!

They will be planning next year's projects, fundraising events, safari campouts, and getting acquainted with new members. All are welcome – members and people wanting to know more about the Scusset Beach Friends group.

Join the Scusset Friends at the Safari Camp Out September 15th – 18th. Sign up form on page 9.

- On Sale at Scusset Office -**
- Stickers – \$2**
- Buttons – \$2**
- Key chains – \$3**



by Scusset Friends to benefit Scusset Beach

Helping Hands

Scusset Beach Friends Program –

What is a Friends Group?

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

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

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
- Pancake Breakfasts at Scusset Beach
- Scusset Beach stickers, buttons, and key chains available at the Scusset Beach office.

Projects

- Scusset Beach Boardwalk to the Canal Access Road.
- Scusset Beach Walk in the Park – campground walk .

- 2012 – Our Friends group is still forming project plans for 2012, with advisement from John DeCosta, Scusset Beach Park Supervisor.

Other Activities

- Regular meetings at Scusset Beach throughout the camping season to formulate plans and organize and follow through on fundraising, projects and grants.
- Design and maintain friend's group website for Scusset Beach friends
- Participation in Park Serve Day – spring planting and preparing the park for the summer camping season.

Why Now?

Given the fiscal climate and the current economy, now is the perfect time for a Friends group to aid in making improvements to Scusset Beach possible. The Friends Group can help us leverage funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Matching Partnership grants to improve the park, as well as assisting 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?

Print and fill out the form on the page 8 of the Newsletter and mail it with your check to:

Friends of Scusset Beach
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

And get some sand in your shoes!



A Few Words from John....

Summer is upon us once again, the campground is full, the beach has been busy (despite a rainy June) and staff is all on board.

I have received numerous comments on the new pathway from campers. Our patrons really like it. I can't thank everyone enough for their hard work on the different aspects of the path, from fund raising, to prep work, to grant writing, to preparing lunch for the work crew, to taking pictures of the big event; it really was a group effort. Thank you one and all.

As many of you may know by now, we received some good fortune in the Sum of \$120,000 to work on the campground bathroom. While this sum did not address everything that is needed, we stretched it for everything we could.

Work accomplished out of that money included the installation of electric heaters, painting the ceilings, new counter tops and plumbing on the sink walls, acid washing the shower stalls, all new interior and exterior lights on the building, and all new exterior doors. We were also able to replace the lights in the main parking lot at the beach and await the installation of new screen doors to complete the work.



**John DeCosta, Park Supervisor
Scusset Beach State Reservation**

Just prior to July 4th we suffered another electrical breakdown. The good news is that the Department authorized funds to finally clear the main power line eliminating that issue and a meeting was held between Operations and Engineering to review all the problems within the grid. I am awaiting news on the outcome of that review.

Lastly, at our June meeting it was voted to undertake improving the landscaping and looks of the beach buildings as our next project and planning is underway at this time.

In closing, I again want to thank everyone for all their hard work to date.

John DeCosta, Park Supervisor

2011 Scusset Crew

John DeCosta, Park Supervisor
Jim Simon, Supervisor
Patrick Donovan, Supervisor
Joe Casey, Night Supervisor
Dave Gauthie, Maintenance

Laborers:

Senior Laborer, Marlene Clark
Senior Laborer, Danny Linhares
Lydia St. Laurent
Carolyn Jones
Shannon Jones
Kallie Maxim
John Glidden

Clerk: Norma Cotter

Park Interpreter: Donald Dyer

Lifeguards:

TJ Ashley, Head Life Guard
Kristen Demoranville
Khristen Riendeau
Caroline Cooley
Kaitlyn Fagundes
James Sylvia

And **many Host Campers**, who really help us all out during the season.

Scusset Beach State Reservation

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/southeast/scus.htm

Department of Conservation and Recreation

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

Department of Conservation and Recreation Friends

Groups <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/friends.htm>

Camping Reservations:

Reserve America website: www.reserveamerica.com

or Telephone: 1-877-422-6762

Campground map:

www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/images/pdf/ScussetCamp.pdf

Friends of Scusset Beach

<http://www.friendsofscussetbeach.org>



August Interpretive Programs

Scusset Beach State Reservation

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Sagamore Beach, MA 02562
Telephone: 508-888-0859



Monday August 15	Irish Music Session & Campfire <i>Enjoy live Irish music around the campfire. Meet at Campfire circle in the Campground. Rain cancels.</i>	7:00pm-9:00 pm
Tuesday August 2	Wildlife Walk <i>Search for park wildlife. Learn how to use a plankton net and binoculars. Find out where to look for birds, insects, and signs of wildlife. Meet at the Fish Pier. Rain cancels. (Also Monday, August 15th - 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm)</i>	10:00 am – 11:30 am
Tuesdays August 2, 9, 23	Family Beach Exploration <i>Explore Scusset Beach. Each week we will focus on a different topic- so join us for some fun on the beach. Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain cancels.</i>	3:00 pm – 4:00pm
Tuesdays August 9, 23	Exploring the Past through Plants & Soil <i>Clues to the past by learning to read the landscape. Find out how plants & soil provide a historical records of previous events, natural & man-made. Meet at Scusset Beach Fish Pier. Rain cancels.</i>	10:00am – 11:30 am
Wednesdays August 3, 10, 17, 24	Junior Rangers <i>Receive your Jr. Ranger Activity Guide, complete fun activity with the Park Interpreter, and earn your Jr. Ranger Patch & Certificate. For children 8-12. Must be accompanied by a parent. Meet at Nature Center – rain or shine.</i>	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursdays August 4, 11, 18, 25	Sagamore Hill Hike <i>Explore the cultural and natural history, from an Indian Council ground to WWII gun battery, and enjoy a breathtaking view of Cape Cod Bay. Meet the ranger at the entrance on the trail directly across from the Fish Pier parking lot. Rain cancels.</i>	10:00 am – 11:30 am
Thursday August 4, 11	Creature Feature <i>Learn about some of the creatures that live here at Scusset Beach. See some wild animals and other natural history artifacts. Meet at the end of Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain and heavy winds cancel.</i>	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Friday August 5	Ocean Lab: Submarine Science <i>Use fun science experiments to explore the exciting world of oceanography. New topic and experiment each week. Meet at the Nature Center in the campground. Rain or shine.</i>	10:00 am – 11:00 am
Friday August 12	Cape Cod Canal History Walk <i>Join the Interpreter for a walk along the Cape Cod Canal. Along the way we will talk about the different uses of the land and the Cape Cod Canal – from Native American use of the land to today’s use of the Cape Cod Canal. Meet at the Fish Pier. Rain cancels.</i>	3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Saturdays August 6, 13, 20	Beach combing Scavenger Hunt <i>Search for common seashore objects & discover the lore & history behind them. Meet at the end of Scusset Beach boardwalk. Rain cancels.</i>	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Saturday August 13	Full Moon Hike <i>Explore the beach at night when the sun goes down and the stars come out. Flashlights not allowed! Meet at the end of the Scusset Beach boardwalk.</i>	7:30 pm- 8:30 pm
Saturday August 6, 20	Family Campfire <i>Gather round the campfire to share stories, play classic campfire games, or sing a song. Meet at the campfire ring at the Campground. Rain cancels.</i>	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm

All programs are free and open to the public. There is a \$7.00 parking fee. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.** Reasonable accommodations available on request. For more information call the Park Interpreter, Don Dyer, at (508) 888-0859. Website: www.mass.gov/dcr

Park Serve Day April 16th, 2011 - Building the Walkway in the Campground
Photos courtesy of David Harris







The Chairman's Corner

I want to thank everyone who came out to help with the new paths on Park Serve Day and those who came out and/or attended our May Campout to help plant flowers and shrubs throughout the park. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated especially the members of Scout Troop 1620 from Plymouth who also came to help.

Without volunteers our wonderful Scusset Beach Park would not be what it is today.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, September 17th, at noon, following the pancake breakfast at the campground Nature Center. Everyone is welcome to join us at the meeting and the pancake breakfast. At the meeting, we will be starting to plan and put on paper next year's project. I hope everyone enjoys Scusset Beach Park this summer and is respectful of one another.

Happy camping, fishing, and beach going to all!

Elise Smith, Chairman, Friends of Scusset Beach

Welcome new members

Carl & Ellen Symecko
Triple "S" Services
Bob & Jean Grazado
Asa & Elaine Pollard

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

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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: _____

Annual Membership Dues are:

- \$5.00 for an individual
- \$10.00 for a couple or family
- \$25.00 for a business

Checks can be made payable to:
Friends of Scusset Beach Reservation Corporation

Type of membership wanted: _____

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: _____

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**Friends of Scusset Beach
Safari Field Campout
September 15-18, 2011**

Friends of Scusset Beach invite you to dry camp in the Safari Field at Scusset Beach. This is a fund raiser for the Friends to raise money for improvements to the Park and for Grant Applications. Please come and join us.

*Early Bird Arrival on Thursday after 1 p.m. \$18.00

*Arrival on Friday after 11:00 a.m.
Saturday Breakfast
Sunday Departure by 3:00 p.m.

*Weekend fee for 2 people including meal \$50.00
Additional adults \$15.00 Children \$10.00

*Variety of Activities – Weather Permitting

Name: _____
Telephone _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip
Code: _____

Camper: _____ Camper Registration: _____

Auto Registration: _____ Vehicle: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Children: _____ Age: _____

Children: _____ Age: _____

Must be received by 8/25/11

Early Arrival Thursday \$ _____

Weekend Fee (2) \$ _____

Guest/Children \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

<p>Send to: Elise Smith 368 Main Street Plympton, Ma. 02367</p>	<p>Questions or more info call: 781-585-5828 Make checks payable to Friends of Scusset</p>
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The "Friends of Scusset" Thank You for your support.