



Cape Cod Canal Sunrise - photo by a friend

**100th Anniversary of the Cape Cod Canal
Scusset Beach is celebrating with Family Fun Day**

Sunday, July 27, 2014 – from 2:00 pm to 5 pm

Face Painting, Music, Arts & Crafts, Kids programs - Fishing,
Coastal Wildlife, and Marine Mammals and more

Many organizations will be participating:

- Mass Bureau of Fire Control
- Mass Bureau of Forestry
- New England Coastal Wildlife
- Buzzards Bay Marine Center
- Mass Bureau Interpreter Services
- State Parks Office of Universal Access
- Mass Beach Buggy Association
- Waquoit Bay National estuary Research Reserve

Lots of fun... join us at Scusset Beach on the Canal!

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Scusset Beach Friends

President: Elise Smith
Vice-President: Charlie Colson
Treasurer: Linda Porazzo
Assistant Treasurer: Edna Faria
Secretary: David Harris

What’s New....

The next Friends meeting is scheduled for
**Saturday, April 26th at 12 noon at the Nature
 Center, during Park Serve Day.**

Hope to see you there!



Phase 1 has been completed - Phase 2 has begun.

Events for 2014:

Park Serve Day – April 26 -9:00 am

Three Safari Field Campouts:

May 29 – Jun 1

July 24 – Aug 3

Sept 11 – 14

Sign-up forms are available on the website.

Striper Fishing Derby

- **May 30 - 12:01am until
June 1 at 12 noon**

Prizes:

\$250 First, \$100 Second, and \$50 Third Place
 More information will be available on the website.

3rd Annual 5k Race/walk

- **Sept 13, 2014 – 9:00 am**

More information will be available on the website.

Annual Friends Meeting & Elections

- **Sept 27, 2014 - 10:00 am**

Come to Scusset and join the fun!



A Few Words from John....

Are you tired of winter yet? I know I am.

It has been cold and snowy here at the Reservation so far this winter, during the two major storms the wind blew so hard that it blew all the snow from the main parking lot into the campground. We never had to plow the parking lot, but the campground was real fun to plow.

There has been good news on the winter project front. A new toll booth building is presently under construction at Upper Cape Vocational school. The present booth is scheduled to be demolished in Early February (when we can get some half way decent weather) and the new one will be brought over in sections and installed before the season begins.

Work on Phase 1 of the playground is completed. Many Thanks for Matt Thurlow, DCR's playground guru, for all his help. We could not have done it without him.

Lastly on the project front, DCR set aside money to repair the fish pier ramp before the season starts. DCR's Engineering has designed the plans, filed all the permits (no small task as you can imagine) and is ready to go out to bid. The only thing holding us up right now is we are investigating the possibility of Marine Fisheries adding some more funds to the project from the salt water license fund, to help us expand repairs. I do expect this to be done by the season.



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

Dave and I continue our usual winter projects such as servicing all the power equipment etc. The equipment took much more time and money this winter, a sign that some of it is aging.

Lastly, planning has been underway to deal with the huge crowds expected from the canal anniversary (100th) and for Family Fun day on that Sunday, as well as the fishing derby and road race. A lot of planning and preparation go into these events and all the people who work behind the scenes deserve a lot of credit.

Think Spring everybody,

John

Scusset Beach 5K Race/Walk - Sept 7, 2013



Scusset Beach State Reservation

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

Department of Conservation and Recreation

www.mass.gov/dcr/

Department of Conservation and Recreation Friends Groups 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

Website: www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

Look for Friends of Scusset Beach on Facebook, too.

Friends email: scussetfriends@live.com



FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

The President's Corner

Winter Greetings,

It sure has been winter this year. It is the first time the park has had to close because of a blizzard. Great news: the swings are installed and look great and have been getting a lot of use. Hopefully with our projects planned this year we can raise enough to get another piece of equipment to add to them.

We are all truly looking forward to and planning for this year's busy seasons. Our new vice president and team have been working hard on putting together a fishing derby to be held the end of May beginning of June. The canal 100th is this year and we have a family fun day planned on the 27th of July to participate in those week long activities. The 5K run/walk will be taking place in Sept again as well. Park serve day (to clean up and beautify our park) will be the 26th of April and I hope to see a lot of you here to make our park a great one. The days are getting longer so warmer weather is getting closer. Look forward to seeing you all soon down at Scusset.

Elise

Friends of Scusset Striper Fishing Derby - May 30th at 12:01 am to June 1st at 12 noon

For the first time ever, the Friends of Scusset are planning a Strper fishing derby to help raise money to purchase additional playground equipment for the new playground here at Scusset Beach.

- There will be prizes: First Place \$250; Second Place \$100; and Third Place \$50.
- Entrance fee is \$25. Be among the first 50 to sign up and get a free t-shirt!
- Prizes will be awarded Sunday, June 1st at 1 pm at the Fish Pier next to the office
- There will be a cook-out for all applicants Sunday, June 1st at noon



The weigh-in for fish will be at the fish pier, May 30th and 31st -between 8 am and 5 pm and

- June 1st - between 8 am and noon on
- It is only for fish caught unassisted in the Canal.

Sign up at the Scusset fish pier – from May 2nd to May 30th - between 7 am and noon.

We are still in the early planning stages but we hope to have raffle prizes, and we hope to have Dave Thomashey from Century fishing poles come by the fish pier Saturday, May 31st (time yet to be determined), and Wayne Hess will bring Guppy Lures for you to use with your own reels on the Century poles.



Three Safari Field Campouts:

- **May 29 – Jun 1**
- **July 24 – Aug 3**
- **Sept 11 – 14**

Plan early, the available space goes fast. We've got some great weekends this year, and there will be a lot going on for the Canal's 100th Anniversary. Sign-up forms are available on the website. Email Elise at scussetfriends@live.com if you have any questions.

If you have never camped in the Scusset Beach Safari Field, it is a large camping site adjacent to the Cape Cod Canal for groups or clubs with self-contained camping units. Sorry – no tents allowed. No water, electricity, or septic hookups are available. Generator usage is allowed from 8 am until 10 pm. There is all the fun of camping with a friendly group enjoying each other's company in a very beautiful place with lots of things to do!

**3rd Annual Scusset Beach
5K Canal Run/Walk
September 13, 2014 at
Scusset Beach State Reservation**

Join the Friends of Scusset Beach for a certified and sanctioned (USATF) 5K road run/walk along the scenic and historic Cape Cod Canal.

- Registration is online through www.racemenu.com (3rd Annual 5K Canal Run/Walk)
- If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact EdnaFaria by email at EdnaFaria@hotmail.com for more information.

Park Serve Day – April 26 -9:00 am

Come on down and help us beautify the park for this season!

We'll be painting, planting flowers and doing other stuff to make the park look great for what is going to be a busy year.

See you there!

**Just a reminder Dues are due
in February for 2014**

Individual - \$5
Family - \$10
Business - \$25

Checks maybe made payable to Friends of Scusset Beach and mailed to the Scusset Beach address in the next column. Please include your name(s), address, email address, and phone number with your payment.
Thanks from Scusset Friends.



On the Friends wish list is a playground for Scusset Beach. Phase 1 of it has been completed. The Friends are working toward that goal with the fundraising events they have planned and are working on Phase 2.

One of these events is the Annual 5K Run/Walk.

A Striper Fishing Derby and The 3rd Annual Scusset Beach Run/Walk are scheduled for 2014.

Helping Hands –

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.

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. The level of involvement is up to each individual member. Visit the next meeting - get to know us.

I'm interested - So what's the plan?

Want to join? Print and fill out the membership form on the website and mail it with your yearly dues to:

Friends of Scusset Beach
Scusset Beach State Reservation
20 Scusset Beach Rd.
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-2815

Telephone: 500-888-0859
website: www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

email: scussetfriends@live.com

Scusset Friends Projects

- Scusset Beach Boardwalk to the Canal Access Road.
- Scusset Beach Walk in the Park – campground walkway
- 2012 – Beautification of the beach building exteriors
- 2013 – Fundraising for Phase 1 of the Playground
- 2014 – On to Phase 2 of the Playground

get a little sand in your shoes!

