

# Off Road Vehicle Rules & Tips

## INFORMATION

### REGARDING DOGS

All dogs must be leashed at all times. Owners of unleashed dogs will be fined. Please remember to pick up after your animal. At Chapin Beach—Dogs are **ONLY** allowed on the West Side. No pets are allowed on the East Side. Due to the protection of shorebirds, Beaches are subject to **NO DOGS ALLOWED** for periods of time.



## **NOTICE**

- Due to impacts from erosion, tide, weather, and Federal/State required protection of shorebirds the ORV Corridor may be subject to closure at any time.
- INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:
  - Information Kiosks
  - Town of Dennis Website
  - Department of Natural Resources (508-760-6123)
  - (Open Monday- Friday 8:30-4:30pm)
  - Public Access Channel 18
- REMINDER—ORV's are required to be off the beaches by 9:00PM. (Unless ACTIVELY fishing—See Regulations)

## Over-Sand Driving Tips

Tire pressure is the most critical component of safe over-sand driving. Almost all problems with vehicle operation and control involve over-inflated tires.

Light acceleration works best. Avoid fast starts, which will dig a hole by spinning the tire.

If you begin to get stuck, check your tire pressure again, lowering as needed. BE PATIENT. Remember, it is easier to let air out than to dig your vehicle out.

Avoid excessive speed and stay in established tracks when possible.

DO NOT OVER-STEER YOUR VEHICLE. A slow, steady speed, with correct tire pressure will keep steering in control.

## ORV Beach Regulations

Air down to a MAXIMUM of 15 PSI

Vehicle access corridor shall remain free of ORV's at all time to ensure a safe and open passage.

Parallel parking is required along the vehicle corridor approximately 2hrs prior and 2hrs after high tide.

- ◆ Make sure the vehicle is in 4-wheel drive.
- ◆ Make sure your hubs are locked in position.
- ◆ Shovel sand away from the front and rear tires (manually providing a smooth track)
- ◆ Rock vehicle from forward to reverse (a few times) to help start a track.
- ◆ Try going forward, do not press hard on the gas pedal (you do not want to spin the tires)
- ◆ Consider jacking vehicle up out of the

## If You Get Stuck

- ◆ holes (1 tire at a time) filling in the holes as you go. Then, use reverse to back out.
- ◆ The gear ratios in reverse are lower and provide more torque to the tires than the forward gears.
- ◆ Once your vehicle is free. Fill in the ruts and re-assess your tire pressure.
- ◆ Remember that YOU are responsible for repairing the beach back to its natural con-



All persons and beach relation equipment shall stay off of all vegetation, dune, steeply sloped dunes, fore dune, primary dunes, marked plover habitat and washout areas.

For more information see Dennis Rules & Regulations for Beach Vehicles.