Beaches



East Beach (East Rodney French Blvd.)

New Bedford is blessed with clean, safe, family friendly beaches. Come and enjoy the sparkling waters and sun bathe on the sandy shores at East Beach which is also home to our new improved beach volleyball courts as well as the newly formed Adult Recreation Beach Volleyball League.

West Beach (West Rodney French Blvd.)

West Beach is a swimmers paradise with a fully accessible pavilion providing shade, cool breezes, beautiful sunsets and a fully accessible bathhouse.

Beach at Fort Taber Park

Fort Taber beach boasts sweeping views of New Bedford Harbor on the backdrop of historic, beautiful Fort Taber Park. Sit with your toes in the sand or take a walk throughout the park to enjoy the incoming boats from our working waterfront, the wide-array of wildlife, and the park's historic nature. Fort Taber is home to many special events throughout the season.

Beach Parking Program

Throughout the summer the City of New Bedford hosts a beach parking program at West, East and Fort Taber Beaches. The program requires residents and non-residents to acquire a seasonal parking pass or pay a daily rate for parking. Daily parking permits can be acquired on site during the season.

SEASONAL PASSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Parks Recreation and Beaches Administrative Offices 181 Hillman St. New Bedford, MA 02740 City Clerk's Office 133 Williams St. New Bedford, Ma 02740