

## Doug Cove Preserve

### Update on Progress on Implementation of March 2024 Recommendations<sup>1</sup>

(March 2024 Recommendations in standard back font. Updated observations *in red italics*.)

Almost all of this site is accessible. This is the case with regard parking lot (where there is a designated accessible space as well as almost all of the 100-125 yard pathway route from the parking lot to the beach. Only the last 8-10 yards from the end of pathway to the high water make is not, as the surface consists of beach sand. This last section could be made accessible for example with a relatively short beach mat.

*On the 8/31/24 update visit, it was noted that the last 30-40 feet was unduly soft and not firm, plus another 30 or so feet on the beach itself to the high-water mark. There would appear two alternatives, one to firm/harden up the first 30-40 feet in the same way as the rest of the path and install a beach mat for the actual beach portion, or have one or two smaller mats to cover the entire 60-70 foot or so length.*

For an update on the progress made on the cross-cutting recommendations with respect to this beach and Aquinnah's other beaches, *see accompanying Progress report on those recommendations.*

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<sup>1</sup> This update was based on an 8/31/24 site visit. Observations and findings were based the USDA's Forest Service *Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails, 8/2012*.  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Accessibility-Guide-Book-pdf>.