

Edgartown Lighthouse Beach

Update on Progress of Implementation of the March 2024 Recommendations¹

(March 2024 Recommendations in standard back font. Updated observations *in red italics*.)²

1. Parking spaces (at least 2) near beach entrance need to be designated as accessible with appropriate signage. *No progress.*
2. The first 100 or so feet of the route(s) of the entrances are on slope that is greater than 5/8.33% required for an accessible route. One of two east entrances could be made accessible through switch backing pathways/ramping. The west entrance which has many accessible elements except for the steeper slope for about 75 or so feet is suitable as is or many individuals with more mild or moderate physical disabilities or those who are blind or with other visual disabilities. *No progress.*
3. The west and east entrances all converge to a single route to the lighthouse and ultimately to the beach. The single pathway is for the most part wide enough and level, however it consists mostly of beach sand to the light house and then to the water's edge. A firm and stable surface would be necessary. This could be accomplished by installing a permeable firm surface, wooden walkway or beach mat or a combination. *No progress.*
4. See also accompanying Recommendations Applicable to all Beaches. *For an update on the progress made on the cross-cutting recommendations with respect to this beach and Edgartown's other beaches, see accompanying Progress report on those recommendations.*

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¹ For standards and specifications/dimensions for beaches, see 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>.

² This update was based on a 9/3/24 site visit. The original recommendations were furnished in March 2024 and were based principally on June 2023 beach operators' self-surveys and September and October 2023 follow up on-site visits by Dukes County Assoc. Commissioner for Disabilities.