**ENJOY OUR BEACHES**

Some of Nova Scotia’s most beautiful, dramatic, and natural coastline is found within the Shire County. From the sheltered waters of Louis Head in the Sable River estuary to the open, white sand beaches of Cape Sable Island, an array of dynamic coastal ecosystems provide habitat for plants, birds, and other wildlife. Several of our beaches are included in the international network of Important Bird Areas and are particularly special as they provide critical resting habitat for endangered Piping Plover or are important stopover sites for migrating shorebirds during late summer and fall.

**Thank you for sharing our beaches** — Caring for beaches and dunes, cultivating respect for beach users and wildlife, nurturing biodiversity, and encouraging wise stewardship ensure that Shelburne County beaches will continue to be healthy places for people and wildlife far into the future.

**You can help by**
- respecting signs and signed areas
- maintaining designated vehicle access
- keeping pets leashed and walking them off-leash
- keeping change rooms, outdoor toilet, and picnic area available
- staying on the designated trails and boardwalks
- keeping litter off the beach
- keeping dogs out of sand
- reporting problems to NS Department of Natural Resources 1-800-565-2224

**From April to August**, many Shelburne County beaches provide nesting habitat for endangered Piping Plover families. **Watch for these signs and walk on the wet sand to avoid crushing eggs or chicks.**

**Please visit pipingplover.ca and facebook.com/ploverconservation**

Shelburne County beaches and dunes are home to numerous plants and wildlife. Beach peas, bagels, wild roses, and American dune grass help stabilize dunes and provide shelter and nesting habitat for shorebirds, as well as small mammals. It is not unusual to see deer or raccoon tracks along the wet sand, or hear the call of Killdeer, which nest in nearby salt marshes.

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**Beach Access**

- Shelby County beaches are accessible by foot, bike, or vehicle. See the guide for more information.
- Shelby County beaches are not accessible by motorized vehicles.
- Shelby County beaches are not accessible by any type of vessel.

**Parking**

- Shelby County beaches are equipped with small parking lots.
- Shelby County beaches are not equipped with any type of vehicle.

**Facilities**

- Shelby County beaches are equipped with change rooms, outdoor toilets, and picnic areas.
- Shelby County beaches are not equipped with any type of vehicle.

**GPS**

- Shelby County beaches are equipped with GPS devices.
- Shelby County beaches are not equipped with any type of vehicle.

**Joins**

- Shelby County beaches are joined by the Sable River estuary.
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**Lower Ohio**

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