

The Friends of Scusset Beach offer several items for sale as a means of fund raising.

These items are available at the park and at Friends events for purchase.

Friends baseball cap\$12.00



Scusset Beach Stickers.....\$2.00



Post Cards.....\$1.00



What is a Friends Group?

Friends groups are organizations dedicated to supporting specific DCR properties through volunteer work, fundraising, providing programs & events, and advocacy.

What does a Friends Group do?

Friends groups undertake a variety of activities, which can include workdays at the park to help with a project, organizing fund raisers to help purchase much needed equipment or supplies, or serving as an advocate for the park when needed. Friends groups are essential partners in protecting and enhancing DCR's parks. More than 70 groups are working across the state to enhance our forests and parks system.

Why now?

Given the fiscal climate and the current economy, now is the perfect time for a Friends group to aid in making improvements to Scusset Beach possible. The Friends Group can help us leverage funds from the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Matching Partnership grants to improve the park. As well as assisting with the projects and their fund raising.

What can I do?

It's up to you! Some people are very active in their Friends groups; serving on the Board of Directors, attending meetings, working on committees. Other people are content to pay their membership dues knowing that they will support the park...or somewhere in between. The level of involvement is up to each individual member. Stop in at the next meeting - get to know us and what we do.

I'm interested!

Want to join the Friends of Scusset? Print and fill out the membership form printed from the website and mail it with your yearly dues to:

Friends of Scusset Beach
Scusset Beach State Reservation
20 Scusset Beach Rd.
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562-2815

Telephone: 500-888-0859

Website: www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

email: scussetfriends@live.com

Look for Friends of Scusset Beach on Facebook, too.



Scusset Beach Friends

President: Elise Smith
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FRIENDS OF SCUSSET BEACH

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President's Corner:

Happy Spring!

As we continue to improve and support Scusset Beach State park, our latest accomplishment is the completion of the playground. It is a long overdue addition to the park. Even during the phases of construction, it was used on a daily basis. We are planning a dedication for the playground on Friday, July 13th at 9:00 AM.



See more playground pictures on our website and click on the photo gallery. www.friendsofscussetbeach.org

This year's project will be putting benches throughout the park and improving the walking paths between roads in the campground.

Our scheduled fundraising events are:

- Safari Field Camp outs- 6/7-9, 7/12-15, 8/16-19, 9/20-23
- 7th Annual 5K Run/Walk Race and Family Day on 9/22
We are always looking for volunteers to help with the race as well as participants to camp and run/walk in the race.
- We will be selling tickets throughout the summer for a *Pot of Gold Drawing* on 9/22- you need not be present to win.

For more information on the fundraising events, please check our website or email Elise at wgmstr@aol.com and please put Scusset Beach in the subject line.

John's Corner

Welcome to summer 2018 here at Scusset Beach. The long winter (especially March) is over and the staff is looking forward to the return of our patrons.

We are very fortunate to have many of last year's staff members returning again this season. They are a great staff and I am pleased to have them back

Once again I am amazed at how busy and helpful the Friends group is.

The Friends applied for and won another partnership grant from DCR. This grant will provide benches for the playground and campground, Rubbish containers for the playground, smokers cans for all the bathrooms and puppy waste bag stations in the park at various places.

They co-sponsored with DCR our annual park serve day event in April in which volunteers spend a day and help perform much needed work (and have a little fun doing it)

The race planning committee has added some new members who have brought some fresh ideas to the table and we are

Many people have asked, how did we fair in the series of nor easters this winter. The Reservation took a lot of damage, especially with a direct hit from the worst one of the bunch.

Damage included; 26 trees down in the campground, damage to 3 of the 4 fences around the campground transformers, damage to the roof of the campground comfort station, to the dump station fence, to the roll up doors at the concession, to the roof of the pier bathrooms, and at the beach we lost over 5 ft of dunes and filled a construction dumpster with debris.

Needless to say it has been very challenging to get the reservation open for the start of the season.



John DeCosta, Park Supervisor Scusset Beach State Reservation

looking forward to a great 5k and family fun day in September.

I cannot stress enough how much this group does for the Reservation and urge anyone who is interested to consider joining. Even if you live far away and just join to donate the dues, everything they make stays right here at Scusset to improve the park. Of course we are always seeking new active members as well. If you love Scusset Beach please consider helping out however you can.

Here is to a great summer season,

John



Tree damage in park.



Dunes filled with debris.

2017 Park Improvements

There have been 2 capital improvement projects over the winter. One is very visible while the other is not. The visible one is the new pavilion in the safari field. This will be used by safari campers during their stays and then rented to the public the remaining days. This is a huge asset to the park.

Not so visible is mechanical updates done at the concession stand. The building was completely rewired with an up to date electric system, a new fire suppression system was installed and the vent hood system updated.

News & Events

The next Friends Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th at 10 AM, Nature Center, Scusset Beach Campground. Hope to see you there!

- Safari Field Camp outs (no water or electricity)

Friends of Scusset

June 7-9

July 12-15

August 16-19

September 20-23

- To request camp out forms, email Elise @wgmstr@aol.com and put 'Friends of Scusset' in the subject line
- Download the forms from our website under events
- go to massgoodsam.com and click on the Sam's Cape Codders link and they are there as well.

The Cape Codders have opened up their weekends in the field which are;

June 21-24

July 27-30

August 23-26

7th Annual Scusset Beach 5K Run/Walk Race & Family Fun Day
Saturday, 9/23/2018
20 Scusset Beach Road, Sagamore Beach, MA

- ★ Race start: 9:30 AM, on the Cape
- ★ Cod Canal Access Road, Beach /Jetty Parking Lot
- ★ Registration: 8 - 9 AM. day of race, or
- ★ Pre-register at: <https://www.RunReg.com> enter Scusset in the search box
- ★ Pre-Registration: Adults \$25, Children \$20
- ★ Race day registration: Adults \$30.00, Children \$25
- ★ T-shirts for pre-registered and awards
- ★ Family Fun Day begins at 10:30



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