



## Town of Middletown, Ordinance No. 94.32 (1)

1. During the period from May 1st to September 30, no person shall ride any horse upon Sachuest or Third Beach.
2. No person shall ride any horse in areas located at Sachuest or Third Beaches designated as sand dunes or upon paths or walkways providing pedestrian access to the beaches, or upon any portion of any building or structure located at Sachuest or Third Beaches.
3. No person shall ride any horse upon Sachuest or Third Beaches except upon that part of the shore between high and low water marks adjacent thereto.
4. No person riding any horse shall enter or leave Sachuest Beach except from the ramp area located to the west of the west parking area at 'Rock,' so-called.
5. No person riding any horse shall enter or leave Third Beach except from the boat ramp, so-called.
6. No person shall ride any horse upon Sachuest or Third Beaches upon that part of the shore between high and low water marks adjacent thereto in such manner as may create a hazard to himself/herself or as may endanger the lives or safety of any member of the public or the lives or safety of any member of the public or their property. Any person in control of horse which defecates on the beach or public property must remove the waste as soon as circumstances allow, having due regard for the safety of horse, rider and general public. Penalty, see 94.99 (D)



Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association (AIHA), Inc. has created this informational brochure as part of its ongoing effort to educate and sensitize equestrians to the responsibilities and expectations that are associated with riding on the beach. AIHA is a horse and rider-oriented club dedicated to maintaining the sport in harmony with the island's ecology and environment so that the beach experience will continue to be available and enjoyed by all.

## Rules for riding horses on Middletown Public Beaches



*...a joy and  
a responsibility.*

# Middletown beaches

are an attraction for many people for numerous reasons. Because the beach area is environmentally fragile, care must be observed by everyone to ensure that the beaches are used and enjoyed in a sensitive and responsible manner.

To this end, the Aquidneck Island Horseman's Association (AIHA) Inc. has created this informational flier for distribution to all horse owners on Aquidneck Island and surrounding areas.

It is AIHA's expectation that BEFORE any person rides on Middletown beaches, she/he completely understands the information contained in this flier.

## Rules and etiquette

When planning to ride on the beach and/or surrounding areas, please observe the following:

**PARK ONLY** in DESIGNATED areas. (see images to right)

**ENTER** and **EXIT** the beach **ONLY** at DESIGNATED areas. (see images to right)

**RIDE** horses **ONLY** between the high and low water marks on the shore or adjacent to the high water mark.

**DO NOT GALLOP** past people walking on the beach. Remember that many people find horses **BIG** and **FRIGHTENING** and may react - frightening the **HORSE**

**MEET WALKERS** in a calm manner, perhaps introducing yourself and your horse.

**REMOVE ALL MANURE FROM BEACH AREAS AFTER RIDING** even if it means sending someone back for it.

**REMOVE ALL MANURE** from **PARKING AREAS** and **DO NOT CLEAN OUT** your **TRAILER** in the parking area.

**REMOVE ALL MANURE** that has been dropped on **ROADS**, ensuring that your vehicle does not create a traffic hazard.

**DO NOT ride ON or THROUGH SAND DUNES or SEA GRASS**, they are integral to beach ecology and preserve the natural coastline.

**DO NOT RIDE ON or NEAR BOARDWALKS**, they are off-limits to horses.

**DO NOT CONTRIBUTE to LITTER** on the beach.

Provide a **GOOD EXAMPLE**.

# Sachuest Beach

(West end of Sachuest Beach also known as 'Surfers End')



Trailer parking.

Beach Entrance and Exit for riders.



# Third Beach

(South end of Third Beach also known as the 'Boat Ramp')



Trailer parking.

Beach Entrance and Exit for riders.

