



ENDANGERED

Piping Plovers are Nesting at Sandy Point/Jenks Beach

Please...until July 31st

- Stay clear of fenced areas marked signs. Observe the birds from a distance.
- If they are continuously disturbed, it is likely they will abandon the nest and start over, *prolonging the restrictions*. The more we keep our distance, the more likely they'll be successful and leave the beach.
- Fill holes in the sand so no chicks are inadvertently trapped.
- Keep dogs leashed in the approved area on the right. Roaming dogs and cats are among the top threats to the eggs and chicks of Piping Plovers. And please, no dogs to the left.
- Do NOT fly drones or kites – if you can see the drone or kite, so can the plovers. Plovers mistake them for predators and leave their nests to ward off the intruders, putting their chicks at risk.
- Take your trash and food scraps with you when you leave the beach for the day. Garbage attracts predators.
- Notify Maine Audubon of any disturbances 207-245-2353 and Town of Chebeague Island Animal Control 203-675-3984.
- It is a federal and state offense to disturb these birds – Fines up to \$25,000 and potential jail time are real consequences.

These beaches are being monitored by plover teams - Thank you for your support and cooperation as we protect these fragile birds.



**The orange area is off limits to any dogs.
The yellow area is for leashed dogs only.**

Please respect the rules as we work to protect these sensitive birds.

The penalties for disturbing, harassing, injuring or causing death to a piping plover can result in fines up to

\$25,000 and potential jail time.

These protective laws are defined by the Federal Government and the State of Maine.

The Town of Chebeague Island is obligated to follow the official guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation.

