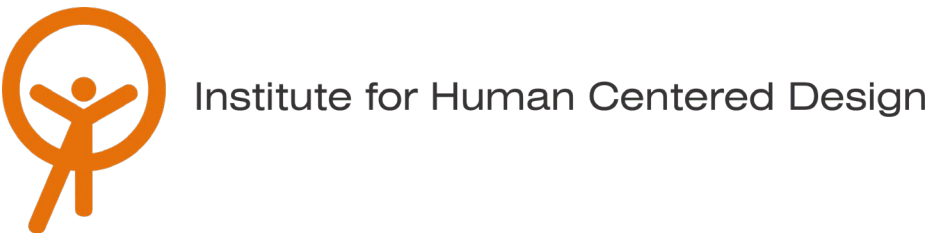


Pope Beach



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Background

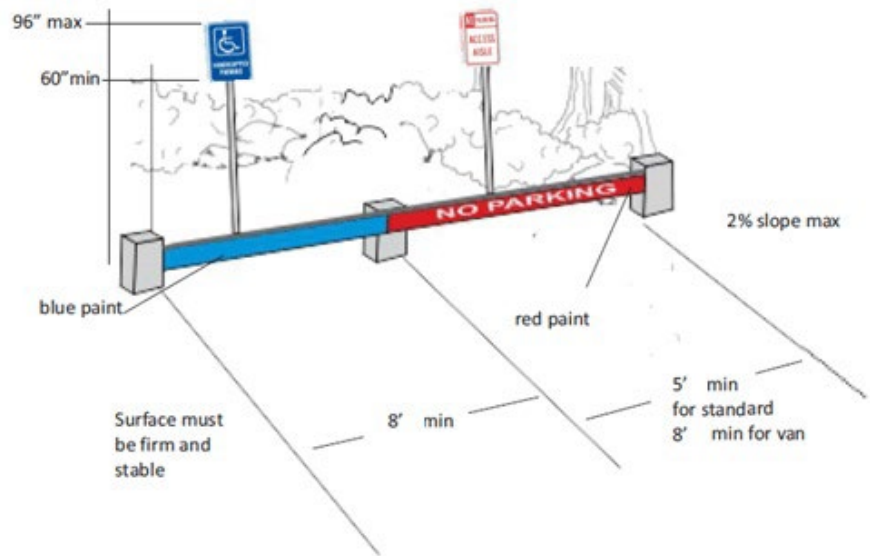
Pope Beach is located at 98 Manhattan Avenue. The beach is on the shore of Priest's Cove which got its name because a summer retreat house for Jesuit priests was built there in the 1880s. Amenities include a small parking area and a trash container.

Key Accessibility Issues

Parking

Accessibility issues include lack of one (1) van accessible parking space with a marked access aisle and signage.

The following illustration demonstrates one way of incorporating an accessible parking space with a marked access aisle in an unpaved lot:



Unpaved Parking Lots

Additional Accessibility Issues

- Lack of an accessible route to a trash container.

Order of Magnitude Cost Estimates

- Provide signage at the van accessible parking space: \$1,000

Total: \$1,000*

***Note:** IHCD is not providing costs for accessibility renovations to outdoor areas.


Best Practice and Inclusive Design

Best practice and inclusive design recommendations include elements that are not required in the standards but may create enhanced experiences for all users.

- Recommend providing a beach mat that is 60" wide min. starting near a beach entry point by the accessible parking space and extending to the high tide level.
- Recommend providing an accessible portable toilet with 60" clear width and 72" clear depth at the toilet as detailed in 521 CMR, the regulations of the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB).
- Recommend providing a dog waste disposal bag dispenser located on an accessible route and with the operable part of the dispenser located 48" max. above the ground.

Approach and Entrance

Exterior Access Route

1	Trash Container by South Side Beach Access	Ext.		Exterior Access Route		Accessible route not provided	-	Ensure a stable and firm accessible route is provided to the trash container or relocate the trash container to an accessible route.	1	-	-
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Off-Street Parking Lot or Garage[illegible]

Best Practice ▼

Beach Mat

3	Pope Beach	Ext.		Beach Mat	N/A			<p>Recommend providing a beach mat that is 60" wide min. starting near a beach entry point by the accessible parking space and extending to the high tide level.</p> <p>Note: IHCD further recommends that Fair Haven establish a policy that at least one beach mat extending from a beach entry point to the high tide level be provided at each public beach.</p>	1	-	-
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Dog Waste Disposal Bag Dispenser

4	West Side Beach Access	Ext.		Dog Waste Disposal Bag Dispenser	N/A			Recommend providing a dog waste disposal bag dispenser located on an accessible route. Ensure the operable part of the dispenser is located 48" max. above the ground.	1	-	-	
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