

Dyer Cove

2024 By the Numbers

Overtaken Crabs: 2,191
Man-made Impingement: 2,893
Natural Impingement: 97
Natural Overwashed: 215

Total Rescued Crabs: 5,396
Rescue Walks: 30
Total Crabs per Walk: 179.9

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Beach Information

Total Distance – 0.52 km

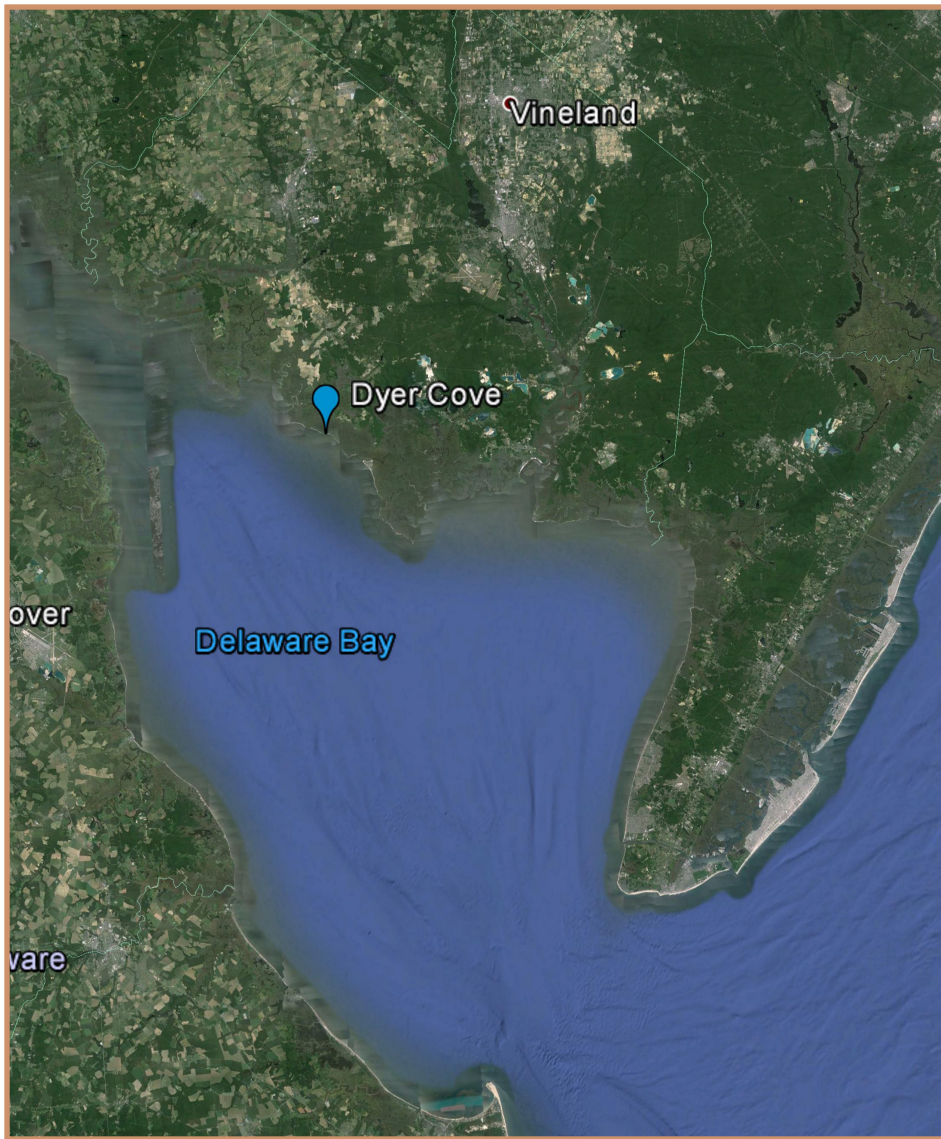
- **Section 1 - 0.10 km:** Western-most section of beach. Starts at the bulkhead and rip rap with the house and goes west to the creek mouth. Structures from the old boat ramp are rubble because no longer functioning.
- **Section 2 - 0.10 km:** Starting at the rip rap (but not including) and heading east to the end of the middle two houses. This includes the beach in front of the parking area.
- **Section 3 - 0.10 km:** From the third house to the end of the fourth/last house. New rubble is exposed here. Only accessible on LOW TIDE.
- **Section 4 - 0.22 km:** Eastern-most section of beach after the last house, mostly free of man-made hazards. Only accessible on LOW TIDE.
- Parking
- Private property with hazards. Access permitted but do not alter structure.

Safety and other concerns: In some sections of the beach you will be passing near private homes. Please be quiet and respectful of their privacy. RTF has permission to access the western-most property, **however when rescuing crabs in the bulkhead and rip rap do not move, remove, or alter any existing structures to rescue crabs.** If the crab cannot be rescued via simple extraction, do not attempt to alter the structure in anyway.

This beach is open during the day, but it can have large numbers of shorebirds. **Remember do not walk on the beach to rescue crabs when shorebirds are present. Watch for nesting American Oystercatchers in the dune and wrack line, especially section 4.**

Rubble in Section Three is now very severe. We highly recomend at least two people and totes. When you have limited time or support, please assess if the next tide will reach crabs, if so crabs that are right-side down may be able to wait for the tide.

There are several overwash areas on this beach, please pay close attention to places where crabs may have dug into the sand and might eventually dry out.



Restricted Access: Open

Sponsoring Organization: reTURN the Favor

Ownership: state, access through private homes

Other activities: large-scale restoration project, shorebird research, horseshoe crab spawning survey, horseshoe crab egg density studies

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Directions:

From South: While heading North on Rt 553/Main St, turn Left on to 732/Methodist Rd just after the Downe Township Municipal Building. Where Rt. 732 meets Landing Rd and Baptist Rd, turn left. Make a quick left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From North: Follow 553 South from Cedarville to Rt. 629. Turn right onto Rt. 629. Turn right at the T onto Rt. 656/Baptist Rd. Travel one long block to turn left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From Millville/Rt. 55/Rt 49: Turn off Rt. 49 onto Cedarville Rd (Cedar St) at the blinker just west of the Maurice River Bridge in Millville. Follow Cedarville Rd past the airport across Buckshutem Rd and shortly after take the left fork at the 'big oak tree' onto Newport-Centre Grove Rd/Rt. 629. Continue on this road, crossing over Rt. 553. When the road ends at Rt. 656/Baptist Rd, turn right. Travel one long block to turn left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From the blinker for Fortescue Rd: Once on Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 travel to the split at Rt. 643/Newport Rd and Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637. Take the slight right for Rt. 643 towards Money Island and Gandy's Beach. After about 2.1 miles, make a left for Dyers Creek Rd and travel to the end of the road.

Parking:

At the end of the paved road, please park to the right in the parking area in front of the dune between the first two houses.

Beach Access:

The path to the beach is marked through the dune when you park to the right of the paved road. Do not access via the roped off dirt road.