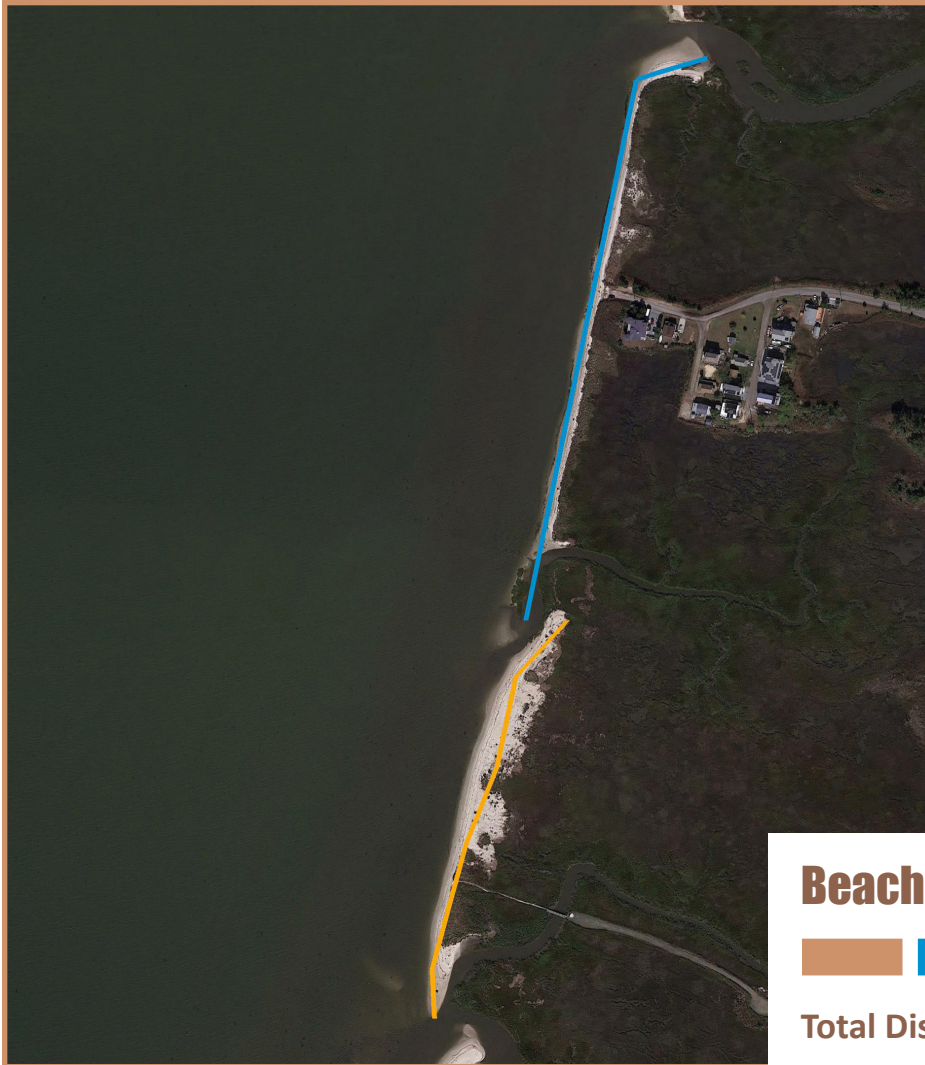


Kimbles Beach



2024 By the Numbers

Overtaken Crabs: 2,932
Man-made Impingement: 105
Natural Impingement: 2,434
Natural Overwashed: 680

Total Rescued Crabs: 6,151
Total Rescue Walks: 64
Total Crabs per Walk: 96.1

Beach Information

Total Distance – 0.80 km

- Section 1- 0.5 km:** This is the main Kimbles Beach section. Primarily all sandy beach.
- Section 2- 0.30 km:** This section is across a small creek to the south of the main section. It is only accessible on a very low tide and only open during the day for safety reasons.

Closed: May 7 – June 7

Sponsoring Organization: Friends of Cape May National Wildlife Refuge

Ownership: Federal, private, The Nature Conservancy, and state nearby

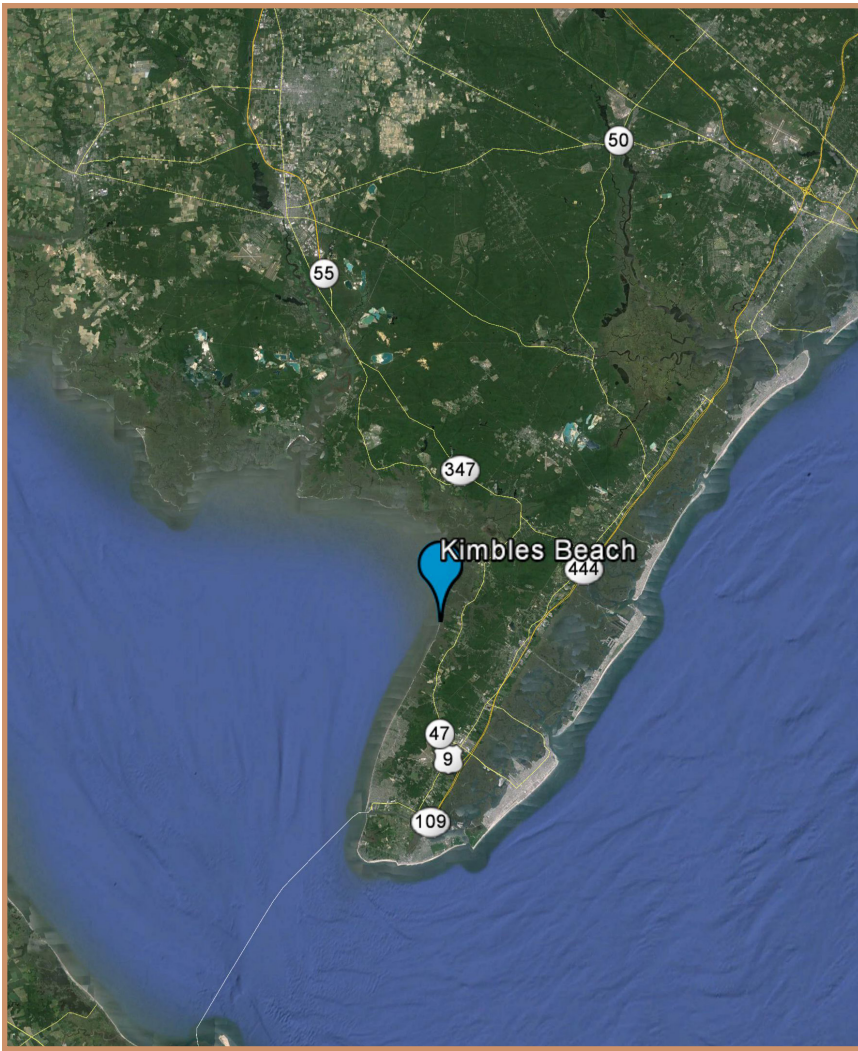
Other activities: HSC tagging, shorebird research, shorebird stewards, HSC spawning surveys, HSC egg density survey, restoration in 2013-2014, large scale marsh research and restoration projects

Directions: Travel south on Route 47 (also known as Delsea Drive). Pass the entrance to Reed's Beach and the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control on your right. After 0.4 miles, turn right onto Kimbles Beach Rd., just south of Hand Ave and Jessie Creek Winery. The road sign is on a thin, vertical post with the name written vertically and is easy to miss.

The headquarters for the refuge is less than half a mile from Route 47. The road then passes private and refuge land for a mile and then dead ends at Kimbles Beach. Park along the side of the road at the entrance of the beach to the right side. Be sure not to park in front of private property.

Refuge Office is open from 8 am to 4:30 pm, Mon.– Fri.

Watch for nesting American Oystercatchers in the dune and wrack line, particularly section 2.



Safety: Use caution around the small tidal creeks that border the north and south ends of the beach; they are known to have strong tidal flows during flood and ebb tides. In the unlikely situation that you might need to enter private property, do so only with permission.

Known impingement hazards: There are sections of marsh stubble and peat banks on both ends of the beach.



Kimbles Beach during 2014 restoration

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