

# Gandy's Beach

**Access: Moderate Walkability: Difficult Effort: Moderate**

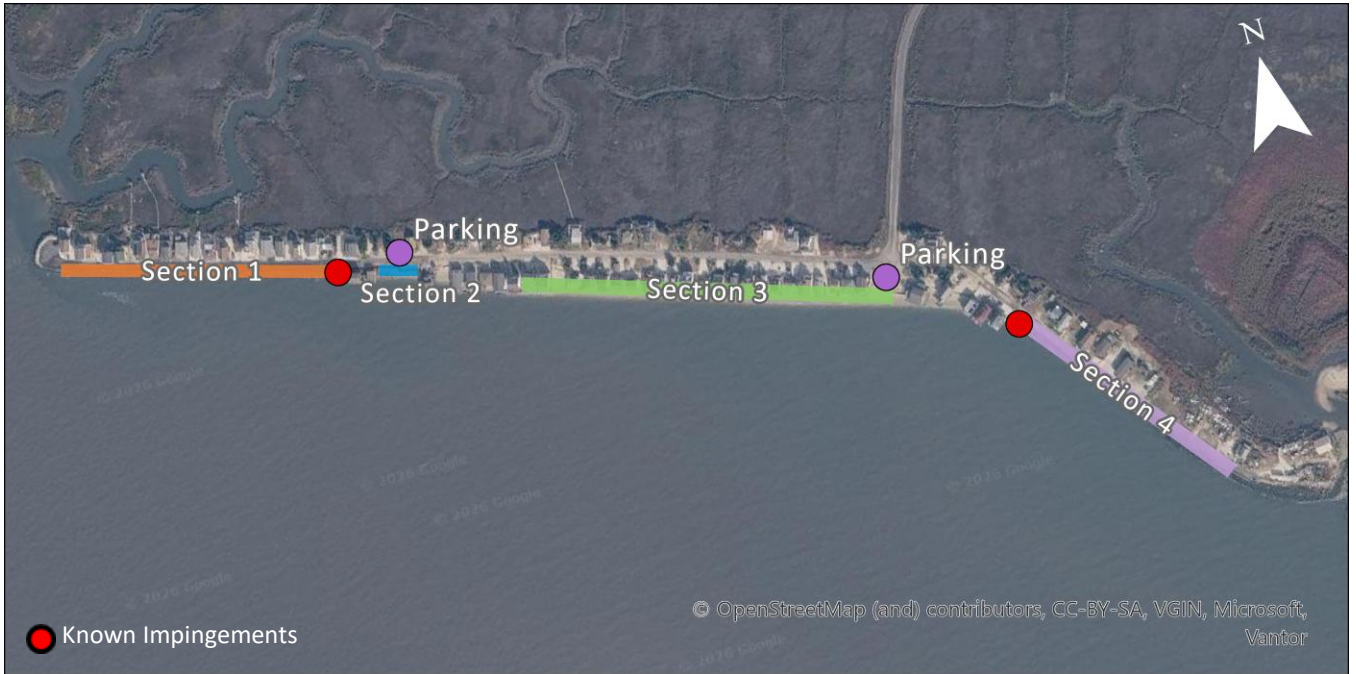
## Beach Information

**Access:** Open

**Sponsoring Organization:** RTF

**Ownership:** State, Private

**Other Activities:** Large-scale restoration project, ERDG Community Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary



## Beach Sections

Total Distance: 0.52 mile

**Section 1 – 0.16 mi:** Northern-most section made up of rubble extending to the first house on the bay side.

**Section 2 – 0.02 mi:** Small beach in front of the parking area on Cove Road.

**Section 3 – 0.19 mi:** Beach in front of the homes ending where Gandy's Ave ends at the bay.

**Section 4 – 0.15 mi:** Southern-most section made up of rip rap, only accessible on very low tide.

## Known Impingements

**Section 1 –** A large pile of **rubble** beyond the last house on the bay side of the road.

**Section 4 –** Although it looks like rubble, this impingement area is categorized as **bin blocks/rip rap** because it functions to protect the road. At the beginning of the wall there is large gap between the beach, the wall, and the rubble that traps hundreds of crabs.

## 2025 Summary

Total rescued crabs	1,805
Total rescue walks	11
Total crabs per walk	164.1
Overturned crabs	941
Impingements	864
Natural - Overwash	356
Bin blocks/riprap	343
House	143
Rubble	22



Beginning of the rip rap wall in Section 4, where the gap can trap many crabs.

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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 3.5 miles, make a slight left for Gandy's Beach.

### Parking:

Park where Gandy's Ave terminates at the Bay. Depending on the tide you may need to walk on the road at times to access different sections of the beach.

There is additional parking north on Cove Rd.

### Safety:

Use caution when rescuing in the rip rap and rubble.

### Courtesy:

In some sections you will be passing by private homes. Please be quiet and respectful of their privacy. Do not rescue on private property without permission.