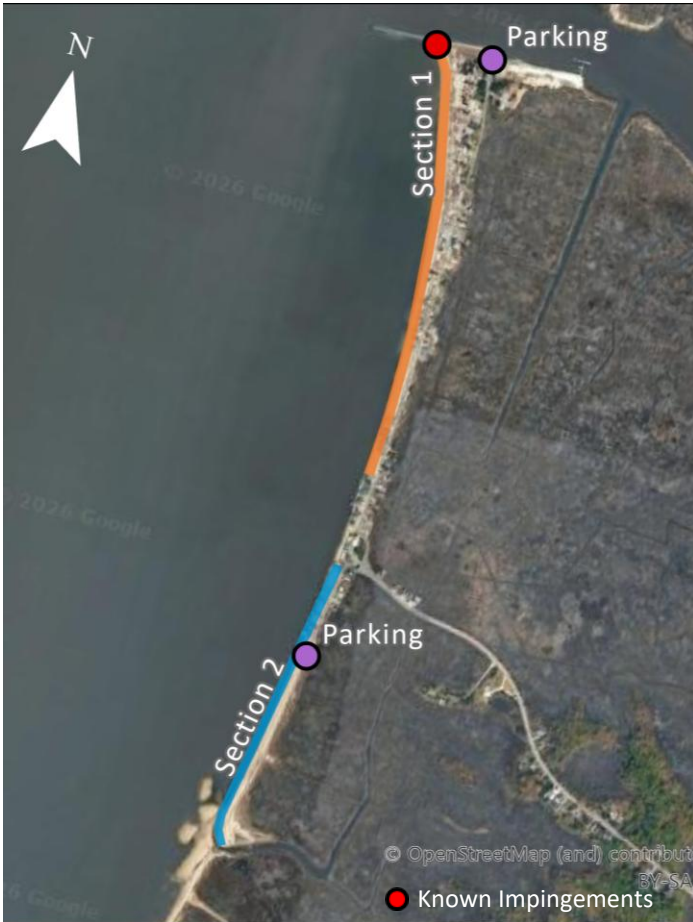


Reeds Beach



Access: Moderate **Walkability:** Easy **Effort:** Moderate
This beach is known for large numbers of overturned horseshoe crabs! A partner is recommended.



Beach Information

Access: Entire beach is closed May 7 -June 7
Sponsoring Organization: The Wetlands Institute
Ownership: Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, State, Middle Township, Private
Other Activities: Horseshoe crab spawning surveys and tagging, horseshoe crab egg density surveys, shorebird research, shorebird stewards, shorebird viewing area, large-scale restoration projects

Beach Sections

Total Distance: 0.85 mile

Section 1 – 0.55 mi: Reeds Beach North: from the jetty to the bulkhead that cuts off the beach.

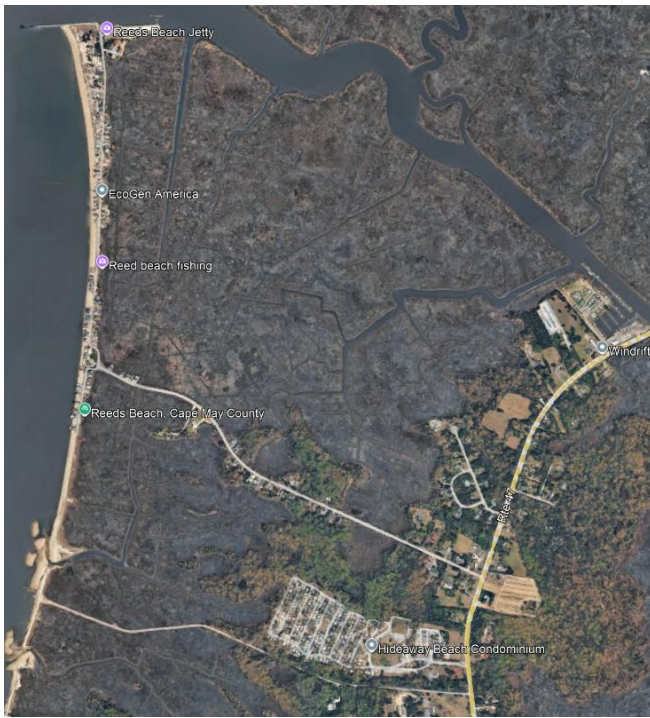
Section 2 – 0.30 mi: Reeds Beach South: from the south end of the road at the staircase to the creek mouth.

2025 Summary

Total rescued crabs	48,719
Total rescue walks	79
Total crabs per walk	616.7
Overturned crabs	47,392
Impingements	1,327
Natural - Overwash	511
House	413
Natural - Veg/peat below high tide line	149
Natural - Veg/peat above high tide line	122
Jetty/groin	105
Marine debris	16
Rubble	10
Other	1

Known Impingements

The **jetty** at the north end can trap crabs in the crevices between the rocks. Mulch-like natural wrack (**natural – vegetation/peat below the high tide line**) piles up near the jetty that can trap crabs. Structure associated with the **houses**, such as stairs, are also known to trap crabs.



Directions/Parking:

From Route 47: Turn onto Reeds Beach Road (look for a brown sign denoting where to turn). It will be a right when traveling from the north and a left when traveling from the south.

North Reeds (Section 1): Continue on Reeds Beach Road until you come to a fork in the road. Take a right at the fork and follow until it ends at Bidwell Creek. There is ample street parking at this end of the road.

South Reeds (Section 2): Continue on Reed Beach Road until you come to a fork in the road. Take a left at the fork and follow to the end. There is limited parking at the southern end of Reeds Beach Rd.

Safety:

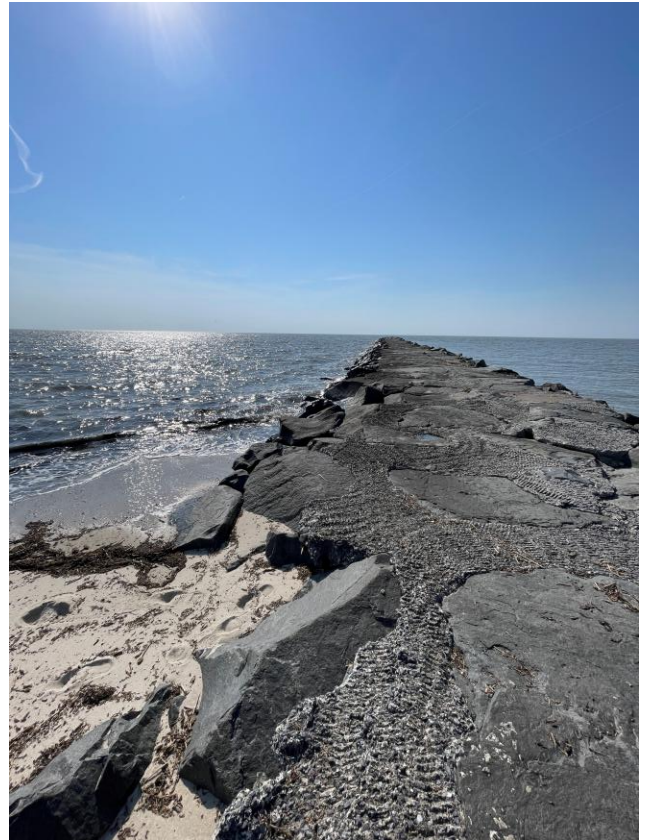
The jetty can be dangerous and slippery. Use extreme caution when rescuing crabs between rocks.

Courtesy:

Be respectful of residents and private properties, especially at night. This includes under homes. Please obey all private property signs and do not cross over the dunes. Neighbors and wildlife appreciate when you follow the speed limits. Watch for nesting and hatchling terrapins crossing the road.



Crabs trapped in a staircase (house).



Jetty/groin at north end of Reeds Beach.

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