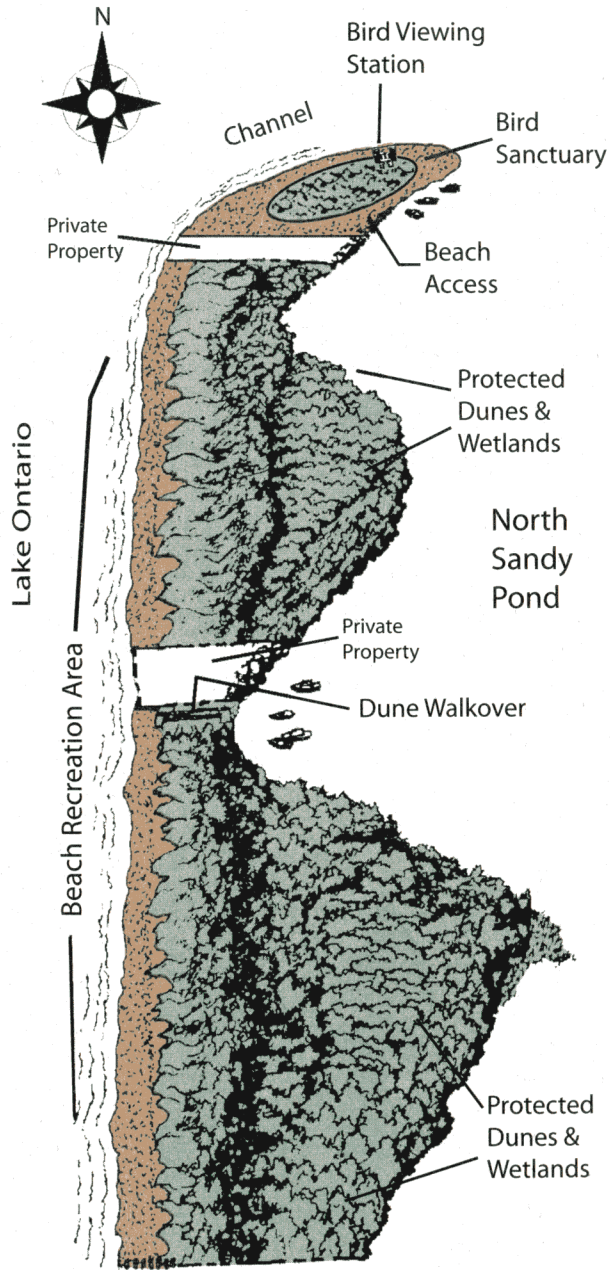


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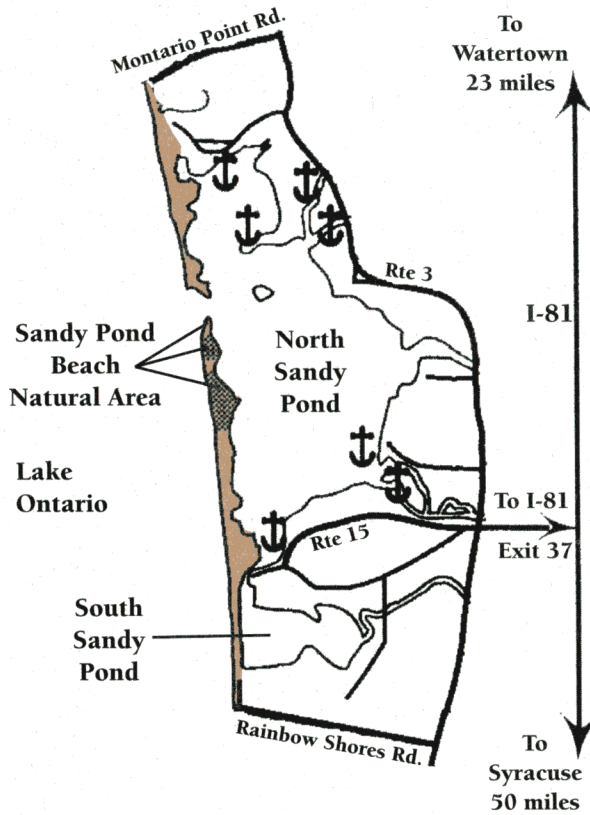



Not to Scale

# Travel Directions

Take I-81 to the Sandy Creek/Lacona exit. Head west off the ramp, on Oswego County Route 15 (Lake Road) to NY Route 3.

Boat Access: - ⚓ Trailer your boat to one of the marinas located on NY 3 north of the Route 15 intersection, or west on County Route 15. (See Map) There is no direct access to Sandy Pond Beach by car.



 The Nature Conservancy is a private non-profit conservation organization committed to the global preservation of natural diversity. Its mission is to identify and preserve plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

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Oswego County's  
Fragile Lake Ontario  
Shoreline



A Cooperative Project of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, The Nature Conservancy, Central and Western New York Chapter, and The Friends of Sandy Pond Beach

## Welcome to the Sandy Pond Beach Natural Area

Sandy Pond Beach lies at the heart of a 17 mile long barrier system stretching from the Salmon River north to El Dorado Beach along the eastern shore of Lake Ontario. This barrier system consists of a sand beach, dunes, flats, and wetlands unique in New York State. This dynamic system supports a mosaic of plant and animal communities some of which are evident at Sandy Pond Beach. In 1995, the New York State DEC, The Nature Conservancy, and The Friends of Sandy Pond Beach joined together to establish and manage the Natural Area for nature and people.

### Rare DUNE WILLOW...

Along with beach grass and cottonwood trees, this rare shrub traps sand to form dunes.



### What We Hope to Accomplish

- Preserve and restore the dunes.
- Protect feeding, resting, and nesting habitats for migrating and breeding birds.
- Provide compatible public access.

### Beware!

Interior Dunes abound with **POISON IVY!**



### Natural Area User Guidelines

To facilitate our goals, we ask visitors to observe the following:

- Visitor hours: open to the public beginning half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset.
- Stay on the beach. No trespassing on the dunes or other protected areas. Walking over dunes damages stabilizing vegetation and accelerates dune erosion, defeating the protective function dunes provide.
- Camping, open fires, and glass containers are prohibited, although self-contained heaters are permitted.
- No vehicles of any kind.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash.
- Respect private property. Note locations of private property on the map of the Area.

## Conservation of Sandy Pond Beach Depends on You!

- Use designated dune walkovers to cross dunes.
- Pick up trash, and recycle or dispose of it properly. "Pack it in, Pack it out."
- Encourage appropriate behavior by others.
- Report any destructive behavior to the Dune Stewards, or the DEC Forest Ranger at (607) 753-3095 ext. 217.

Volunteer: The Friends of Sandy Pond Beach welcomes new members. Call Suzanne Shermer at (315) 387-5007 or Tom Jones at (315) 387-3775 or (315) 387-5505. Participate in volunteer projects for beach clean-up and dune restoration.

Contribute: To The Nature Conservancy for the Dune Management Fund.

Yes! I want to help provide the long term management at Sandy Pond Beach. Please find enclosed my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

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