



# TOWN OF TRURO

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## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

### Nesting Shorebirds and Temporary Beach Closures

**Truro, MA - May 26, 2023** – It's shorebird nesting season, which means some Truro beaches may be temporarily restricted and/or closed to beachgoers with dogs.

Sometimes the nest location conflicts with how we want to use the beach, but this period only lasts a few weeks, until the eggs hatch and the chicks fledge. We encourage beachgoers to periodically view the town's website for a current list of beaches OPEN to dogs: [Pet Closures | truroma \(truro-ma.gov\)](https://www.truroma.gov/pet-closures).

Signs and symbolic fencing (wooden posts/string) will be installed to help inform and guide beachgoers about which areas to avoid due to nesting birds. This fencing can be found on both the oceanside and the bayside.

Please remember that when beaches are closed to dogs that means at ALL HOURS of the day until the chicks have fledged. Nesting shorebirds have specific requirements for their nests and can only nest under certain conditions.

Under both state and federal laws, the Town of Truro is obligated to protect nesting shorebirds. These closures are more restrictive than the normal town bylaws and, if violated, can result in serious federal penalties under the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Endangered Species Act.



Cornhill Beach – Updated May 26, 2023

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