

CONTACTS

www.belmontwetlands.com.au

In case of emergency/Fire	000
Report Illegal Dumping	0429 267 234
Police, Belmont Station	4922 8899
Native Animal Trust	0418 628 483
Beach access channel	UHF 21
Ranger	0409 368 743
Ranger	0429 015 857

ENFORCEMENT

BWSP reserves the right to withdraw the Beach Permit where it is determined by Authorised Officers that there has been a breach of these 'Guidelines'.

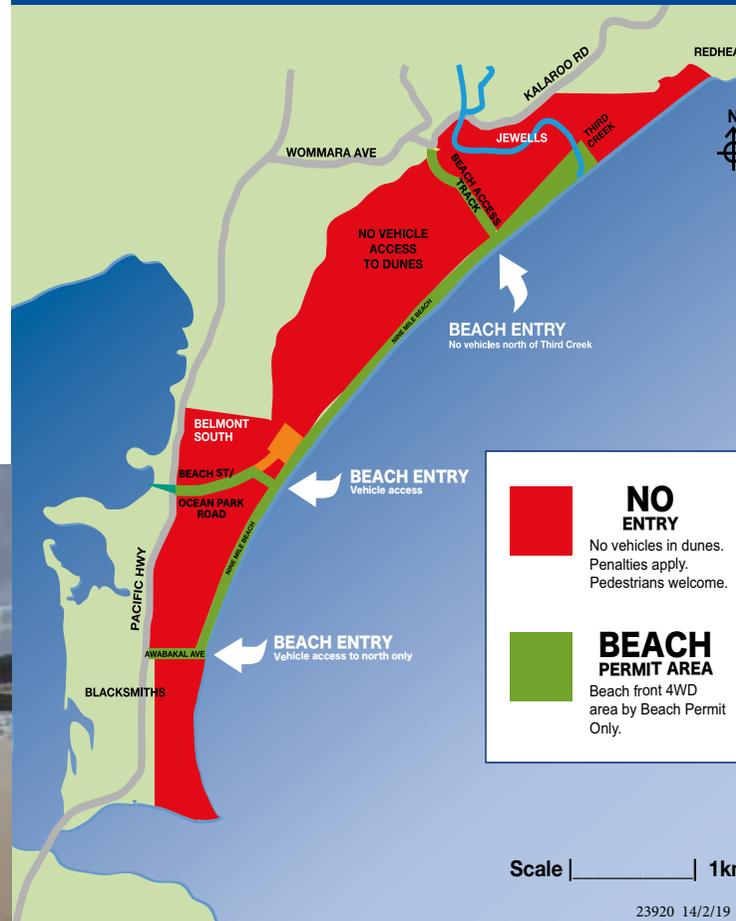
The following people are authorised to enforce the policy:

- i. NSW Police Force;
- ii. Authorised compliance officers and rangers by order Belmont Wetlands State Park Land Management Board (BWSP LMB).

**Access to BWSP
and Nine Mile Beach
is at your own risk**

**Keep it clean
- take out all rubbish**

NINE MILE BEACH PERMIT AREA



BELMONT WETLANDS STATE PARK

Guidelines for Access and use of Nine Mile Beach, Belmont NSW, by 4WD Vehicles

**NOT permitted on any Belmont
Wetlands State Park land are:**

- motor bikes or quad bikes
- trikes or ATV's
- 2WD vehicles or
- non-road registered motor vehicles



On the beach



Near pedestrians

Information in this brochure was correct at February 2019.

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BEACH DRIVING PERMITS

This sticker must be fixed in the upper left-hand corner of your front windscreen, away from tinted glass.

You must purchase and affix a current beach driving permit to your vehicle to avoid being fined.

You must also complete an application to obtain a beach permit for 4WD access to Nine Mile Beach, these can be obtained from several local agents, or you can apply online via www.belmontwetlands.com.au but please allow seven days for mail delays.

We are always working on ways to make our Park Permits as relevant & accessible as possible. For the latest info, about visiting Belmont Wetlands State Park, please visit our Website. www.belmontwetlands.com.au

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When you apply for your beach permit you are required to read and agree to the 'Guidelines for Access and Use of Nine Mile Beach, Belmont NSW, by 4WD Vehicles'. You should keep your copy of these 'Guidelines' in your vehicle.

PENALTIES/FINES

Failure to comply with the guidelines is an offence punishable under NSW State law with on the spot fines of up to \$220 being issued by BWSP rangers or NSW Police officers. Penalties will apply if you haven't followed the 'Guidelines'.

It is an offence to drive on Nine Mile Beach between Council signs without a current beach permit.

It is an offence not to display the beach permit on your windscreen.

Beach permits are not valid on land owned or managed by Lake Macquarie City Council, Belmont Golf Club or Hunter Water Corporation.

DRIVING ON THE BEACH

- NSW road rules apply:
 - i. Drivers must be licensed;
 - ii. Seat belts must be worn;
 - iii. Vehicles must be registered; and
 - iv. Drivers must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- **Pedestrians have right of way at all times.**
- Speed limits are enforceable:
 - 30km/h (unless within 30m of pedestrians) or
 - 15km/h within 30m of pedestrians.
- Vehicles should stay 5m away from other vehicles.
- Drive with care to avoid bogging, rolling and ocean waves.
- Reduce tyre pressures to 12psi.
- No driving on vegetation in restricted areas.
- **No parking or camping on sand dunes or vegetation**
- Vehicles should only be driven on designated BWSP access tracks and beach. Do not stray onto Lake Macquarie City Council land. Refer to map on the back of these 'Guidelines'.
- Don't park within 20m of access points to the beach or along the tracks.
- Do not drive in a dangerous manner on the beach or access roads.
- Exercise a high level of caution at all times. You are responsible for your own safety and that of your group. Hazards include, but are not limited to: unpatrolled ocean beach, very soft sand, water hazards and snakes. Always carry water, a mobile phone, first aid kit and recovery gear.
- Enter and exit at designated access points only:
 - Kalaroo Road, Belmont North
 - Beach Street/Ocean Park Road Belmont South
 - and Awabakal Ave, Blacksmiths.

PROTECTION OF SAND DUNES AND BEACH

This beach permit system is to support responsible 4WD access and safe use of the Nine Mile Beach front and hind dunes between Redhead and Blacksmiths. It also aims to encourage visitors awareness and protection of native vegetation along the dunes. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Access to the beach has been improved and well defined tracks have been developed. Please only use the three access routes to the beach and do not make or use any other tracks. This will reduce damage to the vegetation and dunes.

Please always consider the protection of plants and animals and the safety of other beach users.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- No parking or camping on sand dunes or vegetation.
- BWSP LMB reserves the right to close access to the beach in the event of heavy seas, beach debris and storm damage or if considered essential.
- In the event of bush fire, users should listen to emergency broadcasts on ABC.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS AND THE BEACH

If camping, please bring your own firewood (NO pallets) and fire-pit. We suggest you bring a portable toilet.

- **Take all ashes, wood and waste (glass, cans and rubbish) with you when leaving.** Some waste skip bins are located at the site compound.
- Keep your dogs and horses under control and clean up after them. Horses require pre-registration (see website: www.belmontwetlands.com.au).
- Report damage to park infrastructure and unlawful behaviour to Police Assistance Line on **131 444** or crime stoppers on **1800 333 000**.