

Castle Park Association Beach Access. Updated May 26, 2016

This document is a guideline for Association members, their guests and their renters with regard to beach use for the 2016 Summer season. Please keep this in your cottage and make your family and renters aware of it.

The Association beaches at Castle steps and North steps remain minimal or non-existent, and the steps to Castle Beach have been removed as a result of the dune erosion. Castle Beach steps will remain closed until the erosion activity subsides and permanent stairs can be installed again.

Various private beaches, however, are available for the use by Association members and their renters for the 2016 Summer season. To this end, we are fortunate to be in a community where the “haves” are willing to share with the “have-nots.” We appreciate their generosity and will reciprocate by respecting their property, honoring their requests and imposing as little as possible on their goodwill.

In lieu of the Castle beach stairs, access to Lake Michigan is available to Association members as follows:

- To the South – The South Hill Association has agreed to our use of the beaches and access via the paddle tennis court road. Golf carts may be driven in and parked to allow easier access without a lot of steps or walking, but parking for cars will not be available. Please do not use the side path that comes down the dune above the paddle court.
- To the North – The Redding/Laughna, Lerchen/Nelson and Muzzy families have agreed to allow Castle Parkers to use their beaches. These can be accessed *only* by means of the stairs at North Beach. Please do not cut across the dune at Windrush to use Lerchen/Muzzy steps. A boardwalk will be available which runs from the base of North steps to the beginning of Lerchen beach for the use of Castle Parkers and their renters only.

COURTESY REQUIREMENTS:

- **Respect private property.** These are the beaches that have been designated for Association members. If you do not have specific permission to be on another beach, please do not sit there. Contact the owner if you wish to seek permission, but otherwise please respect their property as you would expect others to respect the privacy of Castle Park. Do not use private stairs. Please follow Association car and golf cart parking restrictions
- **Stay off the dunes.** Our “shoulder” dunes are more important than ever to buffer the foundation dunes on which our cottages are built. The dune grass is central to holding that sand in place. Please do not sit on the grass, spread towels on the grass,

leave beach equipment or toys on the grass, climb on the grass, or otherwise damage the grass. Go to and from the beach by means of stairs, boardwalks, and the beach itself.

- **Do not leave items on the beach.** Please do not leave toys, paddleboards, canoes, kayaks, sailboats, chairs and the like on the beach. Paddleboards and boats, in particular, cannot be left on the beach overnight; these take up an inordinate amount of room on increasingly smaller beaches. Racks for chairs and equipment will be available at the paddle court and at the bottom of North steps for your use. Please keep them orderly. Please do your best to ensure that your renters and your children understand these requests. It is important that we leave the beach clean each evening.
- **Dogs are not permitted on these beaches.** They can be walked on the lakeshore but must be on a leash and cross these beach areas to the waterline only in order to go further north or south. Of course, you must clean up after your dog anywhere in Castle Park.