

# Share the shore

## Mid North Coast

We are privileged to have access to amazing beaches throughout the Mid North Coast region. Our beaches are important habitat for threatened species and places of cultural significance to local Aboriginal people. They are also shared with other beach visitors, including children and pets.

**Beach access permit holders must comply with the beach driving rules at all times**

### Beach driving rules

- Stay between the low and high tide marks (where the sand is firmer) except when entering or exiting the beach.
- Enter or exit via designated, signposted access points only. Access to beaches is subject to change due to the dynamic nature of the area. Access is prohibited outside of the areas displayed in this brochure.
- A valid beach access permit or receipt must be displayed on your windscreen at bottom left of the passenger side.
- Maximum speed limit 50km/h. Limit is 25km/h when within 100m of other vehicles or people.
- People have right of way at all times. Vehicles must remain 15m away from people at all times.
- Vehicles are not permitted to drive through surf patrol areas. Activities involving towing of people are prohibited.
- NSW road rules apply. Vehicles must be registered, drivers licensed and seatbelts must be secured.
- Keep our beaches clean. Glass is prohibited at all times and rubbish must be taken with you when you leave.

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### Shorebird sites and vegetation are protected.

Driving or parking on dunes and vegetation is prohibited.

Our 4WD accessible beaches are important nesting habitat for many threatened species, who nest from September to March on the beach above the high tide mark. Help save these species from extinction by acting responsibly, being alert to sign-posted nesting sites, staying away from the dunes and controlling your pets.

**Port Macquarie-Hastings, Kempsey Shire and Nambucca Valley Councils are united in our aim to preserve our beaches and provide safe enjoyment for all**



### Enjoy our beaches responsibly

To ensure ongoing protection of threatened species, the natural environment, cultural heritage and to maintain the safety of others it is important to:

← Read and understand the beach driving rules.

- Check signage at the beach.
- Check weather conditions and tides before heading out.
- Be aware that access to beaches is at your own risk.
- Camp only in designated camping areas.

### Beach access permits

For more information and details on how to purchase a beach access permit for your vehicle, visit the Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) websites:



[pmhc.nsw.gov.au](http://pmhc.nsw.gov.au)  
Tel 6581 8111



[kempsey.nsw.gov.au](http://kempsey.nsw.gov.au)  
Tel 6566 3200



[nambucca.nsw.gov.au](http://nambucca.nsw.gov.au)  
Tel 6568 2555

NPWS vehicle entry fees apply for National Parks at Hat Head, Limeburners Creek and Crowdy Bay. Council beach access permits do not apply for Limeburners Creek. For more information see the NPWS website at [nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)



### The rules ensure safe beaches for everyone

Council Rangers and NSW Police are authorised to enforce the beach driving rules and Council policies. NPWS Rangers are authorised to enforce rules in National Parks. Failure to comply will result in eviction from the beach and cancellation of your beach access permit. You may also be fined.

# Vehicles on Beaches

## Guide to sharing our shores

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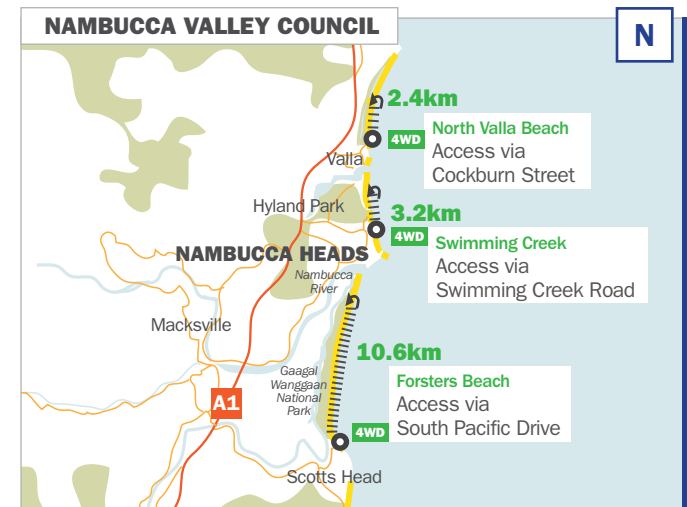
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# Mid North Coast beach access

Beaches are changing environments. Access may be restricted at times due to safety, conservation, severe weather or environmental changes. Beach access permit holders must comply with the beach driving rules at all times.



**Reciprocal permits** Your beach access permit is valid at nominated 4WD beaches within the Port Macquarie-Hastings, Kempsey and Nambucca Council areas.