

Beach Access and Use Guidelines

Beachside Villas Nearby Beach Access

There are four great beach options near Beachside Villas:

- The Beachside Villas Beach Lease at the end of San Roy Road
- Sugar Dunes Beach at the Sugar Dunes Boardwalk near Building 6
- Walton Dunes Beach at Beachfront Trail
- Deer Lake State Park

Beachside Villas Beach Lease at San Roy Road

The Beachside Villas Beach Lease located at the end of San Roy Road is a 3-4 minute walk from Beachside Villas (1200 ft). It borders both Eastern Lake and the Gulf of Mexico. Beachside Villas owners/guest have exclusive rights to this beach and is therefore the recommended beach for Beachside Villas owners and guests. This is a large 2+ acre beach with plenty of room. Beach chairs and umbrellas are available for rental (see information below) and there is ample room if you prefer to bring your own beach gear. An unsecured storage box is available to store your beach chairs overnight to alleviate transporting these each day. As an added convenience to access this beach, Beachside Villas provides golf cart transportation to/from this beach from the Beachside Villas mailbox. Please note that you may not park cars or golf carts at the end of San Roy Road, which are subject to immediate towing. See the picture below for a map of routes to Beachside Villas Beach Lease.



Sugar Dunes Beach

Sugar Dunes Beach is steps to the beach from Beachside Villas near Building 6 and is accessible via a boardwalk built by Walton County. <https://sowal.com/place/sugar-dunes-access>. The Sugar Dunes Beach is primarily private beach, but Florida Law allows the public to access the “wet sand” and the ocean. This means it is completely fine to enter using this boardwalk to walk the beach at the water's edge and of course swim. The beach becomes private at the dry sand.

Walton Dunes Beach at Beachfront Trail

Walton Dunes Beach is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from Beachside Villas if you use neighborhood roads but only $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile if you enter at the Sugar Dunes boardwalk and walk east (left turn off the boardwalk) on the beach to Walton Dunes. The route via neighborhood roads is a bit longer walk than other options, but is still readily accessible. Using the boardwalk to get onto the beach and walking to Walton Dunes is about the same distance as the Beachside Villas Beach Lease. Walton Dunes is a Walton County managed public beach, available for use by all. There is public parking and bike racks nearby, if you prefer to drive or ride your bike.

Deer Lake State Park

Deer Lake is east of Walton Dunes and is only $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile from the Sugar Dunes Boardwalk by walking the beach, or just $\frac{1}{4}$ mile past Walton Dunes. Deer Lake is a large state park with extensive public beach. You may also ride your bike or drive about $1 \frac{3}{4}$ miles to the entrance of Deer Lake State Park on 30A, where there are bike racks and parking. However, it is a relatively long walk from the park's parking lot to the beach and therefore we recommend simply walking the beach to Deer Lake State Park.

Beachside Villas Beach Access Map



Beach Access Transportation

Although multiple beaches are within minutes of walking distance, Beachside Villas also provides transportation to/from the Beachside Villas Beach Lease and Walton Dunes Beach via golf cart service from 9:15am to 4:45pm every day of the week, from May-1 through Aug-31. The Beachside Villas mailbox is the pickup/drop off point on Beachside Villas property. The golf cart will travel to/from the Beachside Villas Beach Lease and Walton Dunes beach. Because the Beachside Villas Beach Lease is the preferred beach for Beachside Villas owners/guests, trips to/from the Beachside Villas Beach Lease are more frequent than to/from Walton Dunes.

Beach Chair and Umbrella Rentals

A beach setup (two Adirondack wooden chairs and an umbrella) are available for rental through Spyglass Beach Chairs. Their number is (850) 830-9409. Leave a message, or text with your request. Their fee per setup is: \$37.00 per day, \$230.00 per week, or \$375.00 per month (one month or more).

Walton County Beach Use Rules

- Leave No Trace - Items left on the beach overnight will be discarded
- Policy on Tents/Square Canopies - On the Beachside Villas Beach Lease and on county-owned/county-maintained beaches, tents/square canopies up to 10'x10' are allowed and must be set up on the top 1/3 of the beach. Tents larger than 10'x10' are not allowed.
- Please allow a 15' setback from dunes and water's edge for emergency vehicles
- No glass containers are permitted on the beach
- No charcoal grills are permitted on the beach, propane grills may be permitted if 225 sq. inches (approximately 16" x 20") or smaller.
- Removal of sand, water or vegetation is strictly prohibited
- Keep off the dunes

Walton County Permits

- Permits Required - Vehicles, dogs and bonfires require permits
 - To learn about vehicle or dog permits, click [here](#).
 - Learn more about beach bonfires [here](#). To obtain a beach bonfire permit, click [here](#). Permits are \$50.00 and bonfire setups run \$400.00-\$600.00. Spyglass Beach Chairs at (850) 830-9409 will also provide a bonfire (and obtain the necessary permit) as a single package. They require a 2-day (weekday) notice.

Walton County Water Safety

Stay Safe - Obey all beach flag warnings

- Double red flag – Water closed to the public
- Red flag – High hazard. High surf and/or strong currents
- Yellow flag – Medium hazard. Moderate surf and/or currents
- Green flag – Low hazard. Calm conditions. Exercise caution.
- Purple flag – Dangerous marine life.
- NOTE: Absence of flags does not assure safe waters.

