A person sitting in a beach wheelchair on a beach. The chair is made of PVC and has large balloon tires.
Beach wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are managed by waterfront supervisors at guarded beaches and park staff at unguarded beaches. Beach wheelchairs are available when weather conditions are favorable and waterfronts are staffed, typically between Memorial Day and Labor Day. There is no cost to use a beach wheelchair, but please be sure to bring someone to push you and help you to transfer into the chair.

You can use beach wheelchairs on gentle, sandy areas without rocks or debris when weather and beach conditions are good. If there are cobblestones or other obstacles at the tideline, you may not be able get to the edge of the water in your beach wheelchair. Waterfront supervisors and beach staff will tell you which areas of the beach have good conditions to use the chair. We recommend that you use the seatbelt or harness while in a beach wheelchair. Please follow all directions and requests from DCR staff while using a beach wheelchair.

Sand and sunbathing beach wheelchairs are upright and can go across the sand. You can't take them into the water because the chair can tip over. Floating chairs can recline and can only go into the water in good weather and water conditions. We recommend that you bring a Coast Guard-certified lifejacket and wear it while you are floating in the chair. You will need to bring another person with you to stay close and control the chair while it is in the water.

An adult needs to be responsible for the beach wheelchair at all times. The weight limit for sand and sunbathing beach wheelchairs is 275 pounds. The weight limit for floating beach wheelchairs is 300 pounds.

## West Region

| **Location** | **Community** | **Sand Chairs** | **Floating Chairs** | **How to get a beach wheelchair** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| [Beartown State Forest](https://www.mass.gov/locations/beartown-state-forest), Benedict Pond Beach | Monterey | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff at headquarters or call (413) 528-0904 in advance. |
| [Chicopee Memorial State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/chicopee-memorial-state-park), Beach | Chicopee | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [DAR State Forest](https://www.mass.gov/locations/daughters-of-the-american-revolution-dar-state-forest), Day Use Beach | Goshen | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the day use beach. |
| [Hampton Ponds State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/hampton-ponds-state-park), Beaches | Westfield | 2 | 2 | Talk to lifeguards at Kinglsey Beach or Lambert Beach. |

## Central Region

| **Location** | **Community** | **Sand Chairs** | **Floating Chairs** | **How to get a beach wheelchair** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| [Ashland State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/ashland-state-park), Beach | Ashland | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff at the comfort station. |
| [Cochituate State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/cochituate-state-park), Beach | Wayland | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff or boat rental office staff. |
| [Douglas State Forest](https://www.mass.gov/locations/douglas-state-forest), Wallum Lake Beach | Douglas | 1 | 2 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Dunn State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/dunn-state-park), Dunn Pond Beach | Gardner | 0 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach or park staff at the visitor center. |
| [Erving State Forest](https://www.mass.gov/locations/erving-state-forest), Laurel Lake Beach | Erving | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Hopkinton State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/hopkinton-state-park), Beaches | Hopkinton | 2 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at Lower/Main Beach or Upper Beach. |
| [Lake Dennison Recreation Area](https://www.mass.gov/locations/lake-dennison-recreation-area), Day Use Beach | Winchendon | 1 | 2 | Talk to lifeguards at the day use beach. |
| [Lake Wyola State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/lake-wyola-state-park), Beach | Shutesbury | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Quinsigamond State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/quinsigamond-state-park), Regatta Point Beach | Worcester | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at Regatta Point Beach. |

## North Region

| **Location** | **Community** | **Sand Chairs** | **Floating Chairs** | **How to get a beach wheelchair** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| [Bradley Palmer State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/bradley-palmer-state-park), [Wading Pool](https://www.mass.gov/locations/bradley-palmer-wading-pool) | Topsfield | 1 | 0 | Talk to waterfront staff at the contact station at the wading pool. |
| [Breakheart Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/breakheart-reservation), John A. Pierce Lake | Saugus | 0 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Harold Parker State Forest](https://www.mass.gov/locations/harold-parker-state-forest), Berry Pond Day Use Beach | N. Andover | 2 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff at headquarters or the campground contact station. |
| [Salisbury Beach State Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/salisbury-beach-state-reservation), Beach | Salisbury | 9 | 1\* | Talk to park staff at the contact station or lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Sandy Point State Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/sandy-point-state-reservation), Beach | Ipswich | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff. |
| [Walden Pond State Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/walden-pond-state-reservation), Beach | Concord | 2 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff at the visitor center. |

\* Floating chairs at starred beaches can’t go into the water because of strong currents.

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## Boston Metro Area

| **Location** | **Community** | **Sand Chairs** | **Floating Chairs** | **How to get a beach wheelchair** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| [Carson Beach](https://www.mass.gov/locations/castle-island-pleasure-bay-m-street-beach-and-carson-beach), Beach | South Boston | 3 | 2 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. Chairs are kept at McCormack Bathhouse at 165 William J Day Blvd. |
| [Connors Memorial Pool](https://www.mass.gov/locations/connors-memorial-swimming-pool), Pool | Waltham | 0 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards or staff at the pool. |
| [Constitution Beach Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/constitution-beach-park), Beach | E. Boston | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| Blue Hills Reservation, [Houghton’s Pond](https://www.mass.gov/locations/houghtons-pond-recreation-area) | Milton | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Mystic River State Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/mystic-river-state-reservation), Shannon Beach | Medford | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Nahant Beach Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/lynn-shore-nahant-beach-reservation), Beach | Lynn | 1 | 3 | Talk to lifeguards. Chairs are kept at the halfway house near access point 8. |
| [Nantasket Beach Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/nantasket-beach-reservation), Beach | Hull | 3 | 4 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. Chairs are kept in the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse at 220 Nantasket Avenue and the David Cook Bathhouse at 200 Hull Shore Drive. |
| [Pleasure Bay](https://www.mass.gov/locations/castle-island-pleasure-bay-m-street-beach-and-carson-beach), Beach | South Boston | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. Chairs are kept at Devine Memorial Rink, 995 Morrissey Blvd. |
| [Quincy Shores Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/quincy-shores-reservation), Wollaston Beach | Quincy | 1 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. Chairs are kept at Brett Bathhouse, 749 Quincy Shore Drive. |
| [Revere Beach Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/revere-beach-reservation), Beach | Revere | 2 | 2 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. Chairs are kept at Shirley Ave Bathhouse, 350 Revere Beach Blvd, near access points 5 and 6. |

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| **Location** | **Community** | **Sand Chairs** | **Floating Chairs** | **How to get a beach wheelchair** |
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| [Connell Memorial Pool](https://www.mass.gov/locations/connell-memorial-swimming-pool), Pool | Weymouth | 1 | 0 | Talk to lifeguards or staff at the pool. |
| [Demarest Lloyd State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/demarest-lloyd-state-park), Beach | S. Dartmouth | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff. |
| [Fort Phoenix State Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/fort-phoenix-state-reservation), Beach | Fairhaven | 0 | 2 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Horseneck Beach State Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/horseneck-beach-state-reservation), Main Beach | Westport | 5 | 0 | Talk to park staff at contact station or call (508) 636-8816 in advance. |
| Blue Hills Reservation, [Houghton’s Pond](https://www.mass.gov/locations/houghtons-pond-recreation-area) | Milton | 2 | 1 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach. |
| [Massasoit State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/massasoit-state-park) Campers Beach | E. Taunton | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded and for campers only. Talk to park staff at the contact station or call (508) 822-7405. |
| [Myles Standish State Forest](https://www.mass.gov/locations/myles-standish-state-forest), College Pond | Carver | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff at the headquarters or call  (508) 866-2526 |
| [Nickerson State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/nickerson-state-park), Beaches | Brewster | 1 | 0 | Beaches are unguarded. Talk to park staff at the contact station. |
| [Scusset Beach State Reservation](https://www.mass.gov/locations/scusset-beach-state-reservation), Beach | Sandwich | 4 | 2 | Talk to lifeguards at the beach or park staff at the contact station or headquarters. |
| [South Cape Beach State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/south-cape-beach-state-park), Beach | Mashpee | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff. |
| [Spectacle Island](https://www.mass.gov/locations/boston-harbor-islands), Beach | Boston Harbor | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff at the visitor center. |
| [Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](https://www.mass.gov/locations/waquoit-bay-national-estuarine-research-reserve) | East Falmouth | 1 | 0 | Talk to park staff at the visitor center. (No public access to waterfront: access only for research and education purposes and active shellfishers with licenses.) |
| [Watson Pond State Park](https://www.mass.gov/locations/watson-pond-state-park), Beach | Taunton | 1 | 0 | Beach is unguarded. Talk to park staff at the comfort station. |