

# *Town of North Topsail Beach*



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## **NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH WILL REQUIRE ACCESS PASSES FOR THE NORTH END PERMISSIBLE DRIVING AREA EFFECTIVE JULY 10, 2017**

NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH – The Town of North Topsail Beach will begin requiring access passes to enter the 4x4 permissible driving area at the north end of North Topsail Beach on July 10, 2017. This area, also known as Onslow County Beach Access #3, is located at the end of River Road and consists of approximately 12 acres of shoreline along the New River.

The area has become a popular recreation spot and the resources needed to provide maintenance, law enforcement, and public safety in this isolated area have increased to the point where Town officials have decided to charge users a fee. Daily passes will be \$20.00 and there will be an option to purchase an annual permit for \$100.00. North Topsail Beach residents will be able to access the area at no charge provided they have a hurricane re-entry sticker on their vehicle.

The Town is currently working with its contractor, SP Plus, to ensure that online payment and mobile phone payment options are ready for the program's launch to avoid traffic congestion. In addition to the pay station at the entrance of permissible driving area, there will be a pay station at Town Hall which is the first building on the island after the high rise bridge. As payment options become available the Town will be updating its website and social media ([www.facebook.com/ntbnc](https://www.facebook.com/ntbnc) or [www.twitter.com/ntbnc](https://www.twitter.com/ntbnc)). Signage will also be put in place to notify residents and visitors of the change. For more information go to the Town's website at [www.ntbnc.org](http://www.ntbnc.org).

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