

Horses on Cable Beach

Policy Objective

To facilitate the exercising of horses on Cable Beach whilst maintaining public safety and amenity for all beach users.

Definitions

‘Approved Horse Exercise Area’ means the area of beach at Gantheaume Point between the high-water mark and low water mark situated between the 500 metre sign and the northern boundary of the 2 km Approved Horse Area.

‘Horses Only Access Track’ means the track between Gantheaume Point Road and the beach foreshore area that is signposted “Horses Only”

‘500 Metre Sign’ means the advisory sign situated on the edge of the sand dunes 500 metres north of the Gantheaume Point beach vehicle access road.

‘Horse Swimming Area’ means the area of sea adjacent to the beach at Gantheaume Point situated within the 2 km Approved Horse Area.

‘Approval’ means the prescribed Application for Approval to Walk, Lead, Ride, Herd or Drive a Large Animal on Local Government Property and on Public Places issued pursuant to Local Government Property and Public Places Local Law 2012 Part 3.14 (g).

Policy

This policy applies to the area known as Cable Beach and is defined as the area of beach between Gantheaume Point and the estuary at Coconut Well.

Conditions:

Gantheaume Point

The following conditions will apply to horses on Cable Beach foreshore north of the rocks at Gantheaume Point:

- a) Racehorses are only permitted on Cable Beach at Gantheaume Point from the 1 April until 31 August.
- b) Horse access to the Gantheaume Point beach shall be by either horse float or, if ridden or lead, by the Horses Only Access Track;

- c) Persons in control of a horse being ridden or led to the Gantheaume Point beach area shall ensure that the horse crosses over Gantheaume Point Road at the signed Horses Only Access Track.
- d) Horses using the access track are not permitted to use the track at more than a walking pace;
- e) Horses are only permitted within the 2 km Approved Horse Area;
- f) Once on the beach, horses are to proceed to the Approved Horse Exercise Area by either – (1) being lead or walked for the first 500m of the beach foreshore north of the rocks as close as practical to the high water mark or (2) being lead or walked from the Horses Only Access Track directly into the water and thence by swimming or walking;
- g) Horses may only be exercised by trotting or cantering within the Approved Horse Exercise Area;
- h) Horses can be galloped within the Approved Horse Exercise Area only between the hours of 5am and 10am;
- i) Horses may only be exercised by swimming or walking in the Horse Swimming Area;
- j) Any person riding or walking a horse must have the horse under effective control at all times and maintain a safe distance between the horse and any pedestrians, bathers, vehicles and boats of at least 6 metres and the person in control of a horse must give right of way to pedestrians, bathers, vehicles and persons launching boats;
- k) Any person liable for the control of a horse shall ensure that all excreta is removed from the beach foreshore area and from any public land traversed.

Gantheaume Point Horse Transit Area Map



Gantheaume Point Horse Exercise Area Map



Cable Beach Reserve to Coconut Well

The following conditions will apply to horses on Cable Beach foreshore north of the rocks from Cable Beach Reserve to Coconut Well:

- a) Horses can only be exercised within the beach foreshore area defined as that land which lies between the high-water mark and the low water mark of the Indian Ocean or in the sea adjacent to the low water mark;
- b) Horses can only access Cable Beach north of the rocks via the access/egress point at Cable Beach Reserve or from the access/egress point at Coconut Well;
- c) Horses must be led or walked on the first 3000m of the beach foreshore north of the rocks as close as possible to the high-water mark;
- d) Horses are permitted to walk, trot, canter, gallop or swim on Cable Beach with the exception that horses can only be galloped on the beach foreshore between 5am and 10am;
- e) A horse may not be galloped within 50 metres of another person unless that person is associated with the person galloping the horse;
- f) Any person riding or walking a horse must have the horse under effective control at all times and maintain a safe distance between the horse and any pedestrians, bathers, vehicles and boats of at least 6 metres and the person in control of a horse must give right of way to pedestrians, bathers, vehicles and persons launching boats;
- g) Racehorses are not permitted on Cable Beach between 2km north of the rocks at Gantheaume Point to Coconut Well;
- h) Any person liable for the control of a horse shall ensure that all excreta are removed from the beach foreshore area and from any public land traversed.

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