

Guidelines for using wind-powered vehicles on Washington's ocean beaches

On March 26, 2015 the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission approved the use of wind-powered vehicles on portions of Parks-managed ocean beaches. Wind-powered vehicles include kite buggies, blo-karts, kite boards and other wind/sand sailing recreational vehicles.

Wind-powered vehicles are allowed—subject to certain conditions and seasonal restrictions—in designated areas on **Long Beach, South Beach** and **North Beach** in Pacific and Grays Harbor counties. Maps are available at park kiosks and in park offices. Please consult the use-area maps before you head out. Using wind-powered vehicles on unauthorized portions of the beach is subject to citation.

The rules for wind-powered vehicle use include:

- The State Parks Director establishes the areas on the beach where use can occur.
- The maximum speed limit for wind-powered vehicles is 25 mph.
- Use is limited to the hard sand portion of the beach.
- Use can occur from sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise restricted.
- During recreational razor clam digs, use is prohibited from three hours before the published low tide until three hours after the published low tide.
- A minimum age of 16 is required for operation. Those under 16 must be accompanied by a person 16 years of age or older.
- Wind-powered vehicles must yield right-of-way to all pedestrian, equestrian and vehicle traffic.
- Wind-powered vehicles cannot be operated in a reckless manner, including weaving through congested pedestrian, equestrian or vehicular traffic; operating unnecessarily close to other users of the beach; or recklessly swerving at the last possible moment to avoid collision.



Blo-karts.



Kite buggy. Photo: Donna Lokhorst

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