

# WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

## 2026 WOODS HOLE PARKING PERMIT APPLICATION

I hereby apply for a 2026 parking permit from the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority (the "Authority") for parking at the Authority's Woods Hole terminal at the \$2,050.00 price or, if I elect, apply for an "Offsite" permit at the \$1000.00 price. In applying for my parking permit, I understand and agree to the following terms and conditions upon which the Authority is issuing the permit:

1. **Term.** The 2026 parking permit shall be valid only for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.
2. **Price.** The price of the parking permit is \$2,050.00\* for a Woods Hole parking permit or \$950.00\* for an "Off-Site" parking permit,  
**and is not refundable under any circumstances. (\*Paid in full price at renewal).**
3. **Permit Good for One Vehicle Only.** The parking permit shall be in the form of a decal issued by the Authority which shall be affixed to my vehicle by the Authority's parking lot personnel, along with an affixed radio transponder that will be used to replace the old gate cards to enter and exit the lot. If I do not have my gate card / transponder decal with me when I arrive at the lot, I understand that I may not be able to enter the lot. Further, even if I am to enter the lot without my gate card, I will be required to take a ticket and pay for my parking like any other member of the public when I exit the lot with my vehicle. The parking attendant will not have access to a gate card or a remote access button that will allow me to leave the lot with my vehicle without making a payment. The permit shall be good for one vehicle only, which is identified by me below. I certify that this vehicle is registered in either my name, or the name of another person residing in my household, or the name of my business.
4. **Transfer of Permit, Radio Transponder & Lost Gate Card.** I understand that a parking permit is not transferable from one person to another. Only the permit holder who is named on the Parking Permit Agreement may transfer a permit from one vehicle to another. However, a permit holder may transfer his or her permit to a vehicle that he or she does not own, provided that the vehicle is owned by a person residing in his or her household. But, again, the permit holder himself or herself, not the other person in the permit holder's household, must sign the Transfer Agreement, and the permit remains in the permit holder's name. I also understand that in those circumstances when the Authority allows the transfer of a permit, a \$15.00 fee will be imposed. Customers will be issued a radio transponder decal that will be affixed to the permitted vehicle's windshield. These transponder decals will replace the old gate cards for parking access and egress. The radio transponders are to be affixed by Steamship Authority parking lot personnel only.
5. **Limitation of Liability.** I understand and agree that my vehicle is accepted for parking only upon the condition that neither the Authority nor any of its employees are responsible for the vehicle or its contents or accessories. Parking in the Authority's parking lots shall be at my own risk. Neither the Authority nor any of its employees shall be responsible for any personal injuries or for damage to, or theft of, my vehicle or its contents or accessories. I understand and agree that by issuing a parking permit to me, the Authority is granting me only a license to park in its parking lots and that no bailment is created.
6. **Revocation of Permit.** I understand and agree that if I alter my permit or transfer it from one vehicle to another, or if I allow my gate card / radio transponder to be used for parking any vehicle other than the one identified by me on this application, or if I willfully violate any of the Authority's rules, regulations or procedures regarding permit parking in the Authority's parking lots, my permit will be revoked and confiscated without any refund, and I will be prohibited thereafter from participating in the Authority's parking permit program.
7. **Partial Payment Option.** Current 2025 permit holders will have the choice of purchasing their permits with a two-payment option or pay the entire fee when they renew. For Woods Hole permits, a payment of \$1,050.00 will be due on January 1, 2026 and the second payment of \$1,050.00 will be due on May 1, 2026 (totaling \$2,100.00). For Off-site (Palmer) permits, a payment of \$500.00 will be due on January 1, 2026 and the second payment of \$500.00 will be due on May 1, 2026 (totaling \$1000.00). Please keep in mind that only permit holders that choose to utilize the Partial Payment Option will be allowed to pay the \$1,050.00 (WH) or \$500.00 (Palmer) due on May 1, 2026.
8. **Garaging of Vehicle.** Permit holders are cautioned that under Massachusetts General Law you are required to report and update to the Registry of Motor Vehicles the jurisdiction in which your vehicle is customarily garaged. There is a block on the registration renewal form which can be updated online. For most permit holders who principally leave their vehicle in Falmouth overnight, Falmouth should be the location reported. This does not change or alter the amount of excise tax that you must pay. There are both criminal and civil penalties for improperly reporting this information.
9. **Entire Agreement.** I understand that no employee of the Authority has the authority to vary any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement. I agree that my permit is issued by the Authority and accepted by me upon the foregoing terms and conditions.



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**A PRIOR 2025 WOODS HOLE PERMIT IS REQUIRED  
TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RENEW IN 2026.**

# 2026 Woods Hole Renewal

**Please Check one of the Following:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to apply for a 2026 Woods Hole Permit for \$2,050.00
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to apply for a 2026 Woods Hole Permit for two partial payments of \$1,050.00 (totaling \$2,100.00)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to apply for a 2026 Off-Site Permit for \$950.00.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to apply for a 2026 Off-Site Permit for two partial payments of \$500.00 (totaling \$1000.00)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSA Profile# \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable)

Mailing Address: P.O.Box # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have a valid Handicap (ADA) Placard / Plate?** \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle: Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Plate Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Registration \_\_\_\_\_  
(If permit holder is not the owner, the permit holder certifies that the vehicle's owner is either a person residing in the permit holder's household or the permit holder's business.)

***(By signing this 2026 application, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the Steamship Authority's Parking Permit Policies.)***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Permit Holder's Signature

**Payment of Permit** - Please specify method of payment (If check or money order, please enclose payment)

CHECK ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ MASTERCARD: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA: \_\_\_\_\_ DISCOVER: \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX: \_\_\_\_\_ SSACHARGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Steamship Authority Company Charge Account Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Steamship Authority Company Charge Account # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card & Cardholder Information** - For all credit card orders, you must provide the following information:

Credit Card # : \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**For MasterCard, Visa & Discover:**

Located on back of card, please provide the last 3 (three) digits appearing on the signature strip after the credit card number. \_\_\_\_\_

**For American Express:**

Please provide the 4 (four) digit code located just after and above the embossed credit card number on the front of the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder holder information as it appears and applies to your credit card information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* FOR SSA USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE\*\*\*\*\*

Decal #

Trans#

Paid by:

Date Sold:

## Items That Every “2026 - Woods Hole” Permit Holder Should Know

### Please Read this Entirely

Here is a list of answers to commonly asked questions that every “Woods Hole” permit holder should know. Hopefully, this informative list will help you answer any questions or clear up any misconceptions about being a “Woods Hole” permit holder.

**TERM:** This permit is good from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Renewal applications will be sent out around the beginning of December of 2026.

**REPAIR PASS:** The issued permit and transponder are valid for the vehicle of record only. If your permitted vehicle is being repaired, a temporary repair pass can be obtained from the Parking Lot Manager at the Palmer Avenue office or notifying the exit attendant/van driver in Woods Hole. **Please be advised if it is determined that another party (that is not the permit holder of record) is using a repair pass (imitating the permit holder of record) as means to access parking illegally, can result in revocation of your permit with no refund forthcoming.**

**TRANSFERS:** If you purchase a new car or plan to switch to another vehicle on a more permanent basis, you must fill out a transfer form obtainable from the Palmer Avenue office. Please include the registration from the new vehicle and most importantly, you must turn in your previously issued decal and transponder. There is a \$15.00 transfer fee. Please be advised, illegally transferring a permit decal, radio transponder or using a gate card with a non-permitted vehicle without notifying the Authority, can result in revocation of your permit. **Please be advised, illegally transferring a permit decal or using a gate card with a non-permitted vehicle without notifying the Authority, can result in revocation of your permit with no refund forthcoming.**

**GENERAL PARKING:** Parking in our front section of the Woods Hole Lot is extremely limited due to the number of handicapped spaces that we are required to have. When parking in any section in our Woods Hole Lot we appreciate that you “back-in” your vehicle. This allows a greater margin of safety when you exit your parking space. Remember, the Woods Hole Lot has a very active bicycle path running through it. Bicycle and foot traffic are quite heavy during the warmer months. The Shining Sea Bike Path is well defined by large yellow stripes painted along the ground. Please do not park on any section of the bike path at any time. Also, please keep in mind each light pole is numbered to aid permit holders in locating their vehicles when they park.

**LARGE VEHICLE PARKING:** Please Park large vehicles (over 17ft in length) towards the rear of the lot (past light pole #10). In addition, please do not park larger vehicles in the center section of the back lot. This is due to the confining layout of the parking lot that also must coexist with an active bike path.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** The Woods Hole Parking lot is staffed 24 hours a day. For any permit renewals or related parking lot business must now be done at our Palmer Avenue Office located at 286 Palmer Avenue, Falmouth. **The Palmer Avenue Office is open for parking-related business from 7am to 7pm daily (including weekends).**

**DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS:** Permit holders are eligible to purchase two round-trip reservations for vehicles less than 20 feet in overall length for travel on the last scheduled trip in each direction on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (except for certain black-out dates) during the periods from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Travel is arranged with the Mashpee Reservation Office Supervisors during normal business hours (7:30 am to 4:00 pm, daily) at (508) 477-8600.

**PARTIAL PAYMENT OPTION:** Current 2025 permit holders will have the choice of purchasing their permits with a two-payment option or paying the entire fee when they renew. For Off-site (Palmer) permits, a payment of \$500.00 will be due on January 1, 2026 and the second payment of \$500.00 will be due on May 1, 2026 (totaling \$1000.00).

**2026 PARKING DECALS:** This is your only visible proof to the parking staff that you are current with your 2026 parking permit. **PLEASE MAKE TIME TO PICK UP YOUR 2026 DECAL at our Palmer Avenue Office available December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.**

**RADIO TRANSPONDER DECALS:** The radio transponder decals will be affixed to the permitted vehicle's windshield and be used to replace the old gate cards for parking access and egress. These radio transponders are to be affixed by Steamship Authority parking lot personnel only. **Any unauthorized removal, altering or transfer of the radio transponder decal to another vehicle without properly notifying the Authority can result in revocation of your permit with no refund forthcoming.**

**GARAGING OF VEHICLE:** Permit holders are cautioned that under Massachusetts General Law you are required to report and update to the Registry of Motor Vehicles the jurisdiction in which your vehicle is customarily garaged. There is a block on the registration renewal form which can be updated online. For most permit holders who principally leave their vehicle in Falmouth overnight, Falmouth should be the location reported. This does not change or alter the amount of excise tax that you must pay. There are both criminal and civil penalties for improperly reporting this information.

**QUESTIONS?:** Any questions regarding the Authority's Falmouth area parking lots or policies relating to "Off-site" permit holders, should be directed to parking lot management at 508.548.5011 Ext. 291, or by email at [parkingsupervisorssla@steamshipauthority.com](mailto:parkingsupervisorssla@steamshipauthority.com)