

# MAINE AND NEW HAMPSHIRE BEACHGOER RESPONSE REPORT

## COMMENTS APPENDIX



*All spelling is shown in context.*

*The responses have not been edited or changed in any way.*



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#### Q4 What activities do you like to do in or near coastal waters?

Spend time on the beach walking and sun bathing and swimming. Kayaking, fishing, biking, hiking and enjoying the local seafood.
Bike, walk,shop, kayak, sit on the beach, go to restaurants
Sit and read a book; work on my laptop with ocean scenery; walk (love Wolfneck), Kayak; boat tour; eat; write; historical (forts)
Swim, walk on the beach, enjoy the natural surroundings, eat yummy seafood!
beach walking, shopping
Walk swim sun dine
Swim surf photography shelling nature ibservayin
walk, read, relax
SUNBATHE AND SWIM
Going to the beach, visiting nature preserves, dining out, family activities like mini-golfing, swimming
Swim
Walk the beach. Trying new restaurants.
Frisbee, running, biking, and swimming
Swim, Boogie board, walk on beach, frisbee,
Walk. Meditate.
Visit the beach
Sit on beach, body surf, enjoy costal views, enjoy ocean water, eat good food, visit points of interest and historical POI.
ocean,swimming pool,cinema,restaurant,amusement park,aquapark
Walking the beach, hiking, swimming, visiting lighthouses.
Swimming, quahogs, clamming, recreational fishing, bicycling, hiking, bird watching, observing locals work, camping, safe beaches to just walk and play on
Go to the beach with family and friends. Eat out. Camp. Go to parks, plays and children's events.
Fishing, kayaking, swimming, boating, view the beautiful coast by walking or hiking.
Beaches
Swim, kayak, run beach, walk dog where applicable.
Our family likes to swim, paddleboard, surf, bike, walk, hike, eat out, host family gatherings, relax.
sea kayaking, camping, enjoy the beach
Swimming, relaxing and reading on the beach, play with grandchildren. Good restaurants and ice cream places. Always like to go to Nubble Light.
sit on the beach. people watch, dine out, listen to the music at the sea shell stage in Hampton, enjoy the salt air
hiking / golf / beach / surf
Paddle boarding, swimming, volleyball, drinking
Sun bathe; walk along the beach; read under an umbrella
Swimming Walking
Swim, Boating, Fishing, Kayaking, Catch some rays
Beach
Fishing and relaxing
Hike, walk lay in the sun, swim

<p>sit in the sun; wade in low tide; walk the beach in low tide; sit w/family and friends on the beach; they like to go get food also; i just like to watch the ocean; i do not like all the butts in the sand or the smoking at OOB; I do plan of doing more adventuresome things, such as maybe kayaking, paddle boarding; going to islands</p>
<p>Sitting on beach, swimming and playing games on beach. Shopping and dining out. walking on beach or near coast.</p>
<p>swim, sunbathe, walk</p>
<p>go to the beach, shop, dine, walk, take in the scenery</p>
<p>sun bathe and jump waves</p>
<p>Walk the beach, family gatherings, dining out,</p>
<p>Hiking, bikes rides, swimming, dining</p>
<p>Swim walk fish crab sun bath beach games paddle ball lunch ice cream sand play castles etc.</p>
<p>walking, swimming</p>
<p>surf, swim, scuba dive, stand up paddle board, fish, sunbathe, beach volleyball, jog/run/walk, relax</p>
<p>swim/jocking /</p>
<p>swim relax enjoy seafood</p>
<p>swim,walk,bike</p>
<p>Fishing, Swimming, Reading, Drinking, Eating</p>
<p>Bike, walk and read</p>
<p>Wade in the water. Water sports</p>
<p>Beach Time (Sports, Swimming, Tanning, Reading), shopping, dining</p>
<p>Swim, sun bath, walk, eat, view, drink, shop, explore etc.</p>
<p>Bike, hike, run, swim, walk, sun, eat, drink craft beer, visit coastal cities (Portsmouth, Portland, Belfast)</p>
<p>Swimming, eating, walking, hiking</p>
<p>Relax on the beach, swim, walk, read, have camp fires</p>
<p>Swimming and hanging out on the beach</p>
<p>walk on beach, enjoy scenery</p>
<p>Swim, sunbathe, dine, shop, walk around &amp; enjoy the scenery</p>
<p>Over the past 30 years, we have enjoyed primarily the beaches, shopping and many rounds of golf</p>
<p>Lie on the beach and take long walks along the beach; eat local seafood</p>
<p>Swimming picnicing walking biking</p>
<p>relax on the beach / some boating, sailing,</p>
<p>Swimming, sunbathing, hiking, kayaking</p>
<p>Swim, walk</p>
<p>We actually swim! Sans wet suits! Body surf...walk a lot on the beach...read...end the day with a nice meal which we don't mind driving for but like to dine near salt water (local waterfront towns or strategically located stand alone restaurants). Will take in history/cultural activities after a day of sun or if "lousy" weather will explore...</p>
<p>Go to the beach and sunbath and swim in the ocean. Visit restaurants and stores. Site seeing.</p>
<p>canoeing, swimming, shopping, hiking</p>
<p>Walking on the beach, hiking, running, canoeing, kayaking.</p>
<p>Swim, surf, relax, sit on the beach. Eat at restaurants. Get coffee &amp; baked goods.</p>
<p>Swim in ocean, walk the beach, enjoy sunrises and sunsets and all the day between them!</p>
<p>Swim. Boat walk sight see</p>

visiting places
Walk, collect shells and sea glass, relax, read
Swimming, sunbathing, relaxing, shopping, bicycling, eating!
Swimming, boating and walking on the beach
Sun-bathe, swim, walk the beach and play games on the beach.
relax on the beach, find local breweries, find restaurants
Swim, kids play on the beach, explore towns, shop, dine out
sit on beach, walk, hike, take photographs, boat, eat local food
Wade awl the beach
Swim, boogie board, surf.
Swim, walk, kayak, relax on beach
Family get- togethers, relaxing in the sun, swimming, kayaking, fishing
relax , swim ,
Walk. Swim. Relax. Play with our dog. Bike. Read. Body surf.
Walk, swim, relax, boating
We mainly come for the beach but enjoy traditional restaurants that we go to year after year. Seafood is at the top of the list. We also spend time shopping and are more and more interested in seeking out bike paths to explore.
Sit and relax on the beach and read or knit. Walk the beaches
Swim, fish, snorkel, climb on the rocks
Bicycling, swimming, relax on the beach, visit piers and parks
paddleboarding, kayaking, reading, playing games with my family and friends
Spending good time at the beach whit my family swimming making sand sculpture and playing on the beach with my kids
Swim in the ocean. Walk the beach. Relax. Get ice cream. Visit my sister in Portsmouth. Walk the walkway on the coast from north Hampton up to as far as Jennnes Beach.
Kayaking, fishing, swimming, site seeing, walks on the beach, claming, seafood
Beach and swimming
Walk
Sun bathe, watch others, volleyball, gamble, eat. Drink, swim,
Relax on the beach. Look at the sceney
Camping, shopping, thème park and walk on the beach
Walking,looking for sea glass, driftwood, swimming, sitting looking at the beautiful sites
Swim. Shop. Restaurants. Exiirw the town/ area
Swim, walk along the beach
Visiting the Beach
Walk, enjoy the weather, concerts at the Hampton hatch shell, sightseeing on the coastline
Swim, sun, sbop
Beachcombing, visit lighthouses, swimming,
Swimming, sun bathing, dining
Spend time on the beach. Mini Golf. Dine out.
Swimming, kayaking, and just enjoying the day at the beach. Walking along the beach and on the jetty. My nephew loves to boogie board and skim board.

Go to the beach walk the eastern trail go to the movies go out to eat
Swim. Walks I the beach
lay on the beach
Sunning; quiet.
relax on beach, walks and runs on beach, swim
Relax
Relax In the sun and swim. I would like to kayak even though I haven't yet
swimming, boogy board, walking on the beach
swimming, beach combing, walking, sunning, outside dining
Just relax with friends - spend time on the beach reading - walking every day by the ocean - out to dinner each evening
Shop, lay on the beach, enjoy Maine cuisine, boogie boarding
Relax at the beach & ON the beach.
swimming, laying in the sun, shopping, eating, sight seeing
relax on the beach, boat/fish, swim
surf waves, swim, picnic, walk/hike, bike, canoe
Walk the beaches
play in the sand / sun bath / swim
Swim, walk collect shells, paddle board,relax, picnic
swimming, beach athelics, seafood eateries, walking/hiking trails, sightseeing in watercraft, sightseeing via biking or walking.
Go to beach. And going to a good restaurant
swim, walk, explore tide pools, be in the sun ,smell the ocean, feel the sand under my feet, hear the waves, see sea birds and other sea animals. I come from an inland mountain environment, so it is a treat to come to the edge of the ocean and experience the differences.
Relax by the beach, swim, play games, sit outside and eat, etc.
Walking, visiting light houses along the coast, take tourist-type boat trips (whale watching, mail boat run, etc), some shopping, eating out
Enjoying the beaches, swimming, family get togethers.
Swim, relax on beach, dine, visit gift shops, visit amusement parks, walk the coastline, visit lighthouses, visit historical sites
Depending on the area, beach (of course), historical tours of the area, speciality tours, dining, and lastly shopping depending if the area is similar to Portsmouth or Newburyport where their is a central location you can park and walk about.
Body surfing at Wells Beach followed by reading while sitting under the umbrella in the sand. Sometimes kayaking in the Webhannet River at high tide.
Swim, kayak, walk,boat
Fish
kayak, walking, and beach activities like bocce, Frisbee and petal ball.
walking and swimming , stay on the beach
Spend time on the beach
beach comb , body surf, sun tanning, relax. play horseshoes and Bocce ball
Training, good food, touristics learning
Kayak, SUP, swim

Relax by the ocean. Swim, play games, collect seashells & explore
Biking, walking,swimming
Swim, fish, shop, and explore the State of Maine
Visit beach and local restaurants
Hike. Swim. Visit with family and friends
I like to eat out, walk the beach, visit the boardwalk,
swim, kayak, sunbath,walk, dine
SWIM, WALK, RUN, BICYCLE, SHOP, SEE LOCAL ATTRACTIONS, EAT AT LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS, STAY OVER AT LOCAL BED AND BREAKFAST, MOTELS
kayak, walk, bike ride, antique shop, fresh seafood restaurant
Sand castles, swimming in the sea
Enjoy the beach. Shop for antiques. Eat in restaurants.
Bycicle rides, beach, baith
Swim, walk, hike
Sit and play on the beach, walk the tidal areas and bird watch.
Read at the beach. Body surf, walk, relax with friends. Go out to eat. Take day trips to interesting places.
Swim, relax on the beach, walk on the beach, shop, eat in restaurant near the beach
Fishing, biking ,boating,skim board,sun bathing, walking beach
Swim, boat and spend time sitting on the beach
We vacation on Wells Beach. There we swim, rent canoes, find walking areas, pick fresh fruit, visit local farms, sometimes fish
Body surf sand castles run paddle tennis picnic
Relaxing, eating night time entertainment. Charter fishing, biking and walking.
kayaking, swimming, sunbathing
Walk the beach, trails, public access scenic areas; sit on the beach and read, socialize with family and friends; enjoy walking in towns and eating in restaurants with outside seating
Swim in the ocean; bike ride; walk along the coast; occasional shopping; eat at restaurants
Visit the beach, body surf, fish, walk.
swim, sun, sightsee, eat out.
Golf, swimming, walking, tennis, fitness facility, eating
walk, bike , swim, kayak tour the natural environment , bird watch
Walk the beach, sit in the sun, and visit with people
Surfing, playing on beacch with my children
Beach walking, dining, performing arts, cycling, shopping.
Kayaking, paddleboarding, surfing, fishing, sunbathing
swim, play in the sand
Swimming and Nature Walks and Photos as well as relaxing on beaches.
Walk the beach, swim
Swimming, walking, playing, cycling.
Beach, games, shopping
Swim / Relax on the beach / Walk the shoreline

playing in the water and sand with my 8 year old son. We love Hampton the best because of the playground, stores and arcade.
Fish,swim, / hike,sight seeing
swimming, fishing, walks, biking
Fish, swim and sun bathe.
walk
go to the beach, music events, walk , watch surfers, drive along coast , eat at local restaurants
During the summer months I love body surfing the waves at the beach. I have done so for 70 years. The quiet, clean and peacefulness of the beach is the greatest asset. I do not like the noise of radios played loudly. I do not like the clean pure air fouled by cigarette smoke. Hence I go to the beach at sunrise and stay until about 10 am when the beach become polluted. I strongly urge a no smoking ban for the beach. One cigarette fouls the air for over 100 yards! Let us make Maine's motto ring true- "Maine- The Way Life Ought to Be"
Swim, hike, walk, boating
Swim, sunbathe, walk, run, bike
Walk beach / Sun bathe / kayak / snow shoe
Swim, sunbathe, paddle board, cycle, run, walk.
Beach, Fish, Swim
walk, swim, kayak
Relax , walk , swim , restaurants
Swim, boat, Fish, Camp, Shop, Dine.
swim, fish, walk beaches, playgrounds, retail, restaurants, tanning, running, people watching.
Walk my dog, let him swim in the ocean, wade in the water (too cold to swim these days), walk with friends, sit by the water and read, people watch is a favorite activity.
Sit and read on the shore / Walk on the beach / Sunbathing / Walk dog
Swimming, boogie boarding, walking, sunning and tide pooling
Boating, swimming, sight seeing.
Relax, enjoy the beach
swim, walk, picnic
kayaking, visiting the beach for whole day relaxation, touch football, body surfing, sand dollar hunting
swim, hike, walks on beach
swim, kayak, walking, jogging, bike riding, relax/reading, beach sports like volleyball, frisbie, kite flying. sitting
walk on the beach or near the beach, sit in the sun and watch the ocean, play with grandchildren in surf, eat seafood, eat ice cream, have a picnic, climb mountains if available, watch wildlife
Tan on the beach, dine out, walk, site see.
Walking, swimming, sports, reading,
Walk along beaches/trails. / Swim / Lay on Beach
Visit beaches, kayaking, boating,golfing
swim walk picnic
Swin, hike, ski, bike, enjoy the beach, relax.
swim, walk shores,
Walk Beach, Swim, Kayak, Take Ferry Rides, Sail, Look at the water
Sit and walk on the beach, shop, eat, casinos, live music.
Swim, walk, run.



Swim, run on beach, walk on beach, kayak
Swim, sun bathe
Walk, swim, tan, pick up shells, etc.
walk / swim / eat / drink
Swim, walk, collect shells, build sandcastles
SUP, swim, surf, explore tidal pools, relax
Surf, swim,kayak
Swim, kayak
Swim
relax on the beach, walk along the coast, visit local vendors
Suntanning, jogging
Walk the beach, water sports and relax on the beach with friends.
Swimming, beach, and some shopping in specialty boutiques
sunbath, hiking/walking, reading, quiet time
Swin, shop and just visit the coast
kayaking, sitting, walking, picnicing, visiting with friends and relatives
Swimming, walking on beach, playing in the sand with the kids
Walk, eat outside with a view of the ocean, shop sometimes be able to fish.
relax on beach.restaurants shopping
swimming, biking, surfing,kayaking
Swim eat out
Swim, surf, body surf. Kayak, walk, frisbee, sports
Walk on the shore or nearby trails. / Swim / Enjoy the tranquility of the area
Paddle board, walk the beach, sit on the beach.
Walk the beach
Walking on the beach, reading on the beach,cruising about or fishing on the boat
Relax on Sandy beach, listening to the beach sounds, read my book, while getting a tan with family and friends. It's the best part of my life.
Sit on the beach, swim in the ocean, build sand castles with my kids, eat yummy junk food from the boardwalk, play in arcades with kids, go to Yorks Wild Kingdom, walk the boardwalk, play at playground with kids, shop in local shops, look for sea shells.
Beach games, swimming, body surfing, shopping, eating fresh seafood.
i enjoy swimming,walking the beach and cycling on the coast road
fish, shell collecting, surfing, crabbing, kayaking
Generally just relaxing and eating good food
Beach for swimming and sand play
relaxe on the beach and sweeming
Swim, Sit and read, Walk, bike,
Swimming, walking the beach, collecting seashells with my grandchildren, relaxing and enjoying the beautiful sunny / and clean beaches.
Swim, sunbathe
Paddle board

Hiking, swimming
walking, kayaking
Shopping, sightseeing, dining
Swimming, hiking, birdwatching, reading, photography
Swim and enjoy the beaches
Relax,enjoy,restore
Sun and walking on the beach
swim, sail, beachcomb, hike
Walk, run, relax, boochie, wade
Walk the beach, swim explore
sunbathing, walking, eating out
Sunbathe, swim, walk the beach, try new restaurants, go antiquing
Hike, swim, walk
boating, beach sports
walk on the beach, Swim in the ocean,
Photograph, watch sunrises, hike, swim, kayak, SUP, play in tide pools
Swim, read on beach
Letting our kids play in the sand and waves / / Walking / / Observing nature, visiting landmarks such as lighthouses, ports etc / / Tasting fresh local food
Sitting, walking, running, playing ball and frisbee, taking dips in the ocean
Surfing
Fish, swim and surf
sunbathing,sightseeing
Swim, snowboard
Swimming, reading, walking
Beach, eating out, shopping, family activities, night life
Swim, walk, look for seaglass
Walk & enjoy the view
Surfing
Walk on the beach, tide pool, boogie boarding
Walk, Swim, Paddle board
surf, swim, hike
Dining, swimming, relaxing, walking
Relax on beach, swim, surf
Swim, walk, build sand structures, surf, boogey board, skim board, explore tidal pools, relax, play catch with various balls or equipment, play volleyball, eat dinner, watch others do the same.
swim, kayak, sail, fish, walk
Swim / Boating / Beach
Swim, walk, sightsee
golf, swim, birdwatch, walk on the beach. boating
Sunbathing
Beach during the summer.

Walking, birding, reading
relax on the beach
simply enjoy the beach and ocean
Walk/run, bike, boat, beach, fish
Swimming
Kayaking, sailing, fishing, bike riding, motorcycling, girl watching, drinking, dining, socializing.
Relax on the beach, long walks on the beach and spend time in the ocean as much as possible (as water temp allows). Eat seafood.
Hike, swim, picnic, SUP, relax
run the beach in the morning, read on the beach during the day / dine out, some shopping....
Beach walking, shopping, dining, day trips along the coast
Walk on the beach, just relax, enjoy the night time food, benefit from a "clean" room, local antique shop...
Sit on the beach. Walk on the beach. Eat at restaurants on the water. Go to historic sites.
Surf, paddle board, swim, museums, and relax
We relax and enjoy sitting on the beach. We enjoy morning walks along the shore. We do eat out often also
Swimming, beachcombing, fishing
Walking, bicycling, swimming
Swim, surf and sunbathe.
walk on the beach
swimming, boogie boarding, building sand castles, various games (whiffle ball, bocci, etc), biking, walking
Spend time on the beach (walk), and hiking. And eat lobsters.
swim, beachcomb
Sunbathe, swim, walk along the shore
Swim, fish from shore, local farmers markets, shop, enjoy the beach
Beach activities, dining, shopping, relaxing
Go to the beach, ride the waves, lounge, and dine out.
Kayaking, Biking, Running, Swimming
Swim and eat at nice, unique local restaurants
Swim
swim, kayak/canoe
Be with my family walking or swimming or sandcastle
Walking/hiking, camping and beach activities.
basically just like to sit on the beach and walk in the water
Beach, biking, hiking, good restaurant. /
Swimming / Windsurfing / Kayaking / Kiteboarding / Kite flying / Paddle board / Boogie board / Camping / Jogging / Bike riding
Swim, walk, sightseeing, enjoying beaches and restaurants
Swim, boogie board, surf, look for shells & sea life, build sand creations, relax & eat
take long walks, swim, read
Swimming, walking on the beach, beachcombing, sports, relaxing, socializing
Dining, site seeing, relaxing on the beach
swim/picnic/sight see

Swim, hike, walk, sight seeing.
/ WALKING THE BEACHES SWIMMING DINNING TOURING SHOPPING
walk, kayak,surf,beach shell combing,paddle boarding, photography.just sit and read
sun bathe, swim, run
Mostly relaxing on the beach
Walking, swimming, reading, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing
swim, walk, play
swimming, playing in sand and relaxing
swimming, laying on beach, walking
visit beaches, eat at restaurants serving local food, walk and enjoy area. /
Body surfing. Reading. Drinking adult beverages
Camping, cycling, shopping,
Lay on beach, walk beaches just destress
Swimming, surfing, kayaking, hiking, biking, fishing
I love to sit,walk and swim on our local sandy beaches.
Walk beach, kayak, swim.
Swimming, taking family to the beach, walking,
Walking, sitting on beach, watching water, sometimes taking a boat ride. fishing, looking for sea glass, enjoying allthe people who go to beach. the entertainment at Hampton. going over to Odion. Walking the marginal Way. Just driving by the ocean. Camping and fishing
beach
Enjoy the sun and scenery. Walk the beach.
Walk, swim, boat,
Going to the beach / Walking the marginal way / Snooping
Volleyball, beach sport activities, relax with friends, going in the water, read, sun bathing
Swimming, biking, walking, dining,
Swimming, walking, hiking
Swim, eat seafood, spend time at the beach

**Q8 Your answer to this question is very important for understanding what brings people to ocean beaches to vacation, recreate, or relax. Why do you choose to visit ocean beaches to vacation, recreate, or relax?**

We love being near the ocean to enjoy scenery, sun bathing, swimming, walking on the beach
Clean water and air, sounds you hear at the ocean, opportunities to relax in open area with family, walks along water's edge
There is something about the ocean, waves, breeze that regenerates the soul. Woods and mountains the same. Combined with the ocean like at Wolfneck and Bar Harbor --well there is nothing like it. I love the ocean walk in Ogunquit--getting some exercise while enjoying the view I feel less guilty for taking the time. I like to go by myself to read emails, and work on my laptop to get out of the office -- it doesn't seem like work. I like to write in my journal, read a book, the ocean helps me to be creative. And of course i just love sitting and watching the people, listening to the waves. I enjoy taking a drive to the coast and having a meal in a restaurant with an ocean view. I guess I like to "do" something (multitask) while enjoying the view so I can go more often and other times I just need to de-stress.
The natural beauty and scenery and being able to swim in open water.
we find the ocean to very therapeutic. we like to relax on the beach and read, take a walk, look for shells.
Love the water
To get away from stress
Proximity to home. Beautiful relaxing environment.
Cleanliness
We love the beach for walking, swimming, relaxing, photography, playing games, tubing. Ocean beach areas usually have more to offer for dining, places to stay, etc.
Recreate and relax
I love the ocean. It is very relaxing to listen to the waves and walk the beach. I love being in the water and riding the waves. My favorite location is Wallis Sands State Park. Everything you need is right there.
Family tradition
The ocean is my "go to" recreation spot. Ever since I was a baby it was always the place that vacation memories were made. This has been passed down through many generations in my family.
The water is soothing
Love the water!
love the clean ocean water and sandy beaches
both
The sounds of the ocean waves, the sunshine.
If an ocean beach is inviting then a Maine beach is downright magical. It offers a combination of varying weather condition, rugged beauty, and solace that few places can. Maine oceans beaches are generational and therefore timeless in the minds of many repeat visitors. It allows New Englanders a chance to smell the salty air and crisp water on their feet without having to drive a long way.
Mostly relax but once in a while to vacation
To enjoy the beauty of the landscapes, recreation, less populated, the view and quiet.
/ Relax, and my son loves to play there
Clean water for swimming. Not too crowded. Parking. Reasonable access fees. Restrooms.
Ocean beaches offer long stretches to walk, surf to hear, peaceful uncrowded space, place to gather family and friends, change from everyday life,
recreate

Love being near the ocean. it gives me a certain sense of calm.
we own a vacation property in Hamton Beacj so it is obviously our choice to vacation ect.
recreate and relax / we like to be able to do some sports but also to spend some time relax on the beach
Warm
I visit ocean beaches because the atmosphere at the beach is most enjoyable to me during the summer months. It is relaxing and carefree.
I love the water/ocean. I am a water person.
Its a way to relax and get away.
Relaxing
I like the sun the smell of the beach and to listen to families having fun
Relax
always loved the ocean; so I moved to the ocean when I retired; I live @ 1/2 mile from Old orchard beach
love the ocean water and view. Perfect place to relax
It's relaxing and an affordable way to entertain my family
Recreate
Relax
Love ocean! Swim relax quality family time. Walk play beach games crab look for shells rocks fish eat lunch snacks
it is a family tradition. since 1960, we go to the beach each summer... almost each summer... / it is not far from home, the beaches are so beautifull.... i have seen beaches in Spain, Italy,France, Mexique, dominicain republic.... none has the charm of Wells beach...
Love the ocean, scenery, sounds, people, food, activities, sun.
close to canada, just couple hrs. away.
I love the ocean and its surroundings
sound of the ocean, salty air, ocean breeze, peacefulness, not overly commercialized like oob
The Ocean and the Sun is nice, its what people like to do
Location, beauty
Relax
I love the ocean and living in Vermont, I don't get the opportunity to viist it regularly.
Nice Beach (Quality of the water, Quality of the sand, not too rocky), not too crowded, services not to far, lodging/camping close, Warm welcome from locals
Our oceans are the most beutiful to me, no matter what the weather it seems I find a calming affect when I hear, smell and taste the ocean and it's surroundings. Oceans are blessed and good for the soul!
Sun, walk, swim, surf.
Family home on the beach. Been in family for 20 years. Extended family also have homes on street and have been there (seasonally) for over 30 years.
To relax. It's our traditional summer getaway
The atmosphere and beauty of ocean beaches.
vacation, recreate, and relax
Family fun, quiet time, love to be near the ocean
We classify ourselves as beach people who enjoyed the company of friends in the relaxed atmosphere on the beaches as well as the swimming experience .
to relax on the beach
My love for the sun,ocean and beach.

I grew up in Nova Scotia. We usually go there to vacation. We spend a day or two in Maine on the way to NS and upon returning home from NS.
Relax
My family has been visiting the beaches at Seabrook and Hampton since the early 1900's. We generally rent a cottage for 2 weeks in August. It's a tradition and it's relaxing.
Sun, sand and the lull of the surf...we are salt water people...been in NH for 28 years...always seek out salt water as opposed to fresh to recreate. Beauty of the water/sky/clouds (or not!)...shore birds, sometimes you get to see somebody pull a fish out surf-fishing...people watching (small children playing!), sailboats...its the most RELAXING place we can think of to spend time...we go to the coast every weekend weather and schedule permitting all summer, sometimes during the week as well (self employed)...we make the run probably once a month the other 3 seasons...
Relax and get away.
because my kids love the beach, it's nice to pack a days worth of food in a cooler and just sit and relax at the beach, watch the kids play, go in the water.
We own a cottage by the beach, its relaxing and a great place to bring our daughter and her friends.
Have always gone to the beach, my whole life. I live a 1/4 mile from one (not as nice as ME, tho). My family likes to surf, swim, fish, and just be near the water. Peaceful, mostly, no need for casinos, arcades or any honky-tonk type of thing, just want to go to the beach, sit around and relax. Then go back to somepalce and get some food. If staying at beach, then back to that house/hotel, or eat and head home.
Relaxing views. Fresh sea air. Clean beaches to walk on and dig in.
Relax
Vacation and relax
for vacation and to relax near the beach
I grew up near the beach and it is someplace I have always enjoyed. I love bringing my girls there to play.
the ocean makes me forget about everyday problems
My parents own a summer home near the beach. This is the reason why I spend a lot of time vacationing near the coast.
All of the above.
I live in Hampton beach and being near a beach year-round is very important to me. I find the ocean more relaxing than the mountains or city.
We currently live in the Midwest and we find the ocean beautiful, relaxing and so peaceful. Our time spent on ocean beaches is truly the only time of year we can all relax. Our kids can spend the whole day on the beach and never get bored.
scenery, atmosphere, sun, weather, everything about area tides, beachcombing and exploration, smells, etc
I like the tidal effect
Vacation
Calming sound of waves, open fresh air
it is the most relaxing time of my life.
prefer the ocean , tides , clean , refreshing
Because it's natural, beautiful, clean, inexpensive fun. One of my favorite things to do in the summer is to be in the water body surfing with my wife, kids, friends.
Relax
I'm assuming by ocean beaches you mean, ME/NH beaches (thus my answer to the previous question). We go South in the winter for warmer beaches. We go to the ocean - anywhere - to relax, hang out with friends, read, enjoy the sun and views, sit in the sand, walk long beaches - or even run.
I grew up spending summers at a lake and now I enjoy the ocean and the sound of the waves and ocean life. I also enjoy swimming in salt water and body surfing.

brings family together
PLay with kids on the beach, relax and swim
my husband grew up near the beach and studied marine biology in graduate school. The beach, the sound of the waves are all important parts of relaxing and enjoying time with family
For both
I think people either love the beach or they do not. I think it starts as a child when your parents bring you in the summer and you just feel the wonder of it all. I have wonderful memories. BUT as an adult I now come to feel good. It is as close to heaven on earth as one can be. I love the ocean. New Hampshire beaches are unspoiled with spectacular views all along the coast. You can stop, usually, and take a stroll or continue on and find a place to set up and walk or swim and just take it all in. There is nothing quite like floating in the chilly or slightly warm waters and feeling completely refreshed and new. You become a child again.
Love the ocean
Beacause we love the ocean and the beaches
Vacation and relax
Sun surf...and people watching
It is relaxing
The beauty of the beach (clean) / The water quality / Campground close to the beach /
I own property on the beach and have summered every year of my life. I have spent every summer at the beach. I love it.
Very serene. Relaxing. Live swimming in the ocean. Nothing is better than a New England beach day
Relax
I love the ocean and Maine
Vacation, recreate and relax
Childhood memories, love the ocean
The sound and smell of the ocean make it special.
The ocean and beaches provide a tranquil and soothing effect of this precious natural resource regardless of the weather.
Love the ocean view, smell, sounds and activities. Get place to get away and relax.
I love the ocean and spending time at the beach is he perfect way to spend a summer day!!!
I was brought up by the water and feel an affinity with it. I like to walk the beach swim and sunbathe
Relax and vacation
Sun, sea, sand, salt, surf.
relax
Relax
All of the above
The ocean and tide and the beach experience for relaxation
Enjoy all aspects of the ocean and sandy beaches. Love to walk the beach, love the water and waves, the smell and sounds of the water and the boats. working waterfronts are beautiful. The sun and sand are relaxing and rejuvenating.
I like being near the ocean & Maine is one of our favorite places - in Winter we stay in Florida for 2 months to escape the Winter here in PA
To me this is the best of what mother nature has to offer for both me and my family
The beach and salt water are so exponentially cleaner than fresh water beaches!



I live in northern Vermont, which is no where near the ocean. This is why I come because we love the ocean, Hampton Beach in NH is very family friendly, lots of sandy beach to stretch out on and the food and shopping are all right there and my kids love it.
relax on the beach, swim, and boat
It is the universal setting for our family. It permits group and solo activities. There are great exercise opportunities, as well as, quiet, book reading or social conversation opportunities. The children learn the art of "making play" when bored, or just learning to love boredom...which I highly recommend. I love being bored! /
Kids
we go to hampton beach every summer because that is where we grew up going and we want to take our kids there and have wonderful family memories
Maine Coast is my favorite place to be, we have a three seasonal trailer at a summer resort and go as often as possible.
Place to get away from normal routine, forget daily issues and just relax. Place to enjoy family time. Enjoy sights, sounds, smells of water/sea and surroundings. Like to lay on beach, read a book, play games with the kids...all fun stuff!
Relax /
Because it is a departure from my daily life in the Western Maine Mountains. Even though I live full time in Maine, I find going to an ocean beach to be an almost exotic adventure, quite different from where I live, just 75 miles inland.
To visit with friends and family that I usually meet every summer. We meet during the month of August and have been doing so for about 30 years. /
To visit with my family from near and far, to relax, to swim, to enjoy good food, to play games.
Tradition! As a child our families visited/stayed at Maine beach areas, so we want to carry on the tradition. We love the ocean, the wildlife, walking in the sand/water.
Enjoy the beaches. Have always been a beach goer. Never have liked lakes.
The sandy expansive clean beach area, more things to do such as surf, swim, kayak
I, for an example, would go to a beach like Wallis Sands before say a Hampton beach. It is quiet, I am there to relax, it is friendly, family friendly, not a lot of crowds. The facilities are close to the beach, i can bring my 90+ year old mother who loves the beach but is 90 and has a hard time walking there. It is close enough to the chaos of the hampton area that if I wanted that stuff I could go there but usually don't. There are places close enough to stop and get some seafood (for example Rays). I need to know the area a bit to find something but I know it is around and I can always ask.
Wells beach has been perfect for my family. We have rented the same cottage for over thirty years on riverside Avenue. When my children were young, they could swim in the calm water of the Webhannet River (Wells Harbor). As they got older, they would don their wet suits and surf the Atlantic waves at Crescent Beach. Now my grandchildren are enjoying the same experience their parents enjoyed over thirty years ago.
My in-laws had a house there (just sold). We have lots of friends there.
Relax
all of the above
I m going at the beach for relax with my wife . /
For the sun, the ocean sounds, the beauty, the pureness of the Maine air--
We're from the Midwest, so its a huge change of scenery. It makes me feel closer to God -- its so expansive -- it seems like we're in His back yard. / Its also relaxing therapy--allows us to forget our jobs for a couple weeks and focus on our family.
Take a break from my job, resourcing, relax, having good Time With family
They're beautiful and relaxing, as well as cheap! The beaches with free entry are the best
Because the beach is my favorite place.
The ocean fixes everything.

Always the same. Time stands still.
We have been visiting Pine Point for over 40 years. My children went there for summer vacation and now I take them and their children. We are especially fond of the Pine Point area and visit every year
Swimming with friends and family at the beaches I grew up on
See the scenery, feel the ocean water and sand, enjoy the outside at the beach.
relax !!!
ALL OF THE ABOVE
Ocean beaches are the cleanest, most beautiful locations in my opinion and usually have the most space to enjoy the surroundings.
Because ocean is for me an essential element of a real vacation
Ocean is very soothing to my wife and me. It is NOT the same as a lake.
Different landscape than home, warmer temperature, experience the ocean
Vacation and relax
Tradition, wide skies, smells, sounds, waves, sun and oceanic wildlife.
We like being at the ocean, it is relaxing. We have a lot of fun with friends at our campground. I also do some fishing in the York River.
Because we don't have beaches in Canada and we find it so different from home. The atmosphere at the beach is great for vacation. Everyone is playful and happy. Also, we do have a lot of fun swimming in the ocean.
It makes me happy to near the ocean, it feels relaxing
The ocean is very relaxing and provides a great place for family activities
Wells Beach is the most relaxing place I know. It has it all; water, beach, good food options, beautiful views, and we have rented the same house for 20+ years.
Healthy entertainment for kids low carbon footprint
There is something that draws you to the ocean. clean beaches and water. wild life. clean bathrooms and easily accessible. / Convenient parking. Easily accessible restaurants. walking and biking lanes.
both
I love the waves and the movement of the tides, the expanses of sand, the salt water, the wide open views
It relieves me of stress; I like swimming in the ocean; I can relax with friends and not have to find something else to do every day; I love reading books while sitting on the beach; I especially love that it's a place where the whole family can get together and enjoy the beach; I love the views - just watching the birds, the beach, the surfers - it's all good.
I like to visit the ocean because I grew up taking ocean beach vacations and now we bring our kids to the beach. I typically went on two-week vacations to Hampton Beach as a kid, but my wife grew up with camping vacations in Maine, and we have had a seasonal site at a Wells campground for more than 20 years. We live in Massachusetts, and it typically takes us less than 2 hours to get to Maine, so it's an easy ride to make every weekend.
it's peaceful
I look for a place where I can relax - where my family can swim and partake in activities on the beach - I also look for places to eat nearby. We often rent a condo on a month's basis, so we look for proximity to golf & tennis, as well as fitness facilities and a shopping area.
the ocean
Change of scenery from the mountains, and to sit and relax in the sun and swim in the ocean. Photograph the landscape
I surf so I look for good waves. Also I like to take my family to the beach.
Peacefulness, natural beauty, sound of the surf, cooling/refreshing water, walking the beach, sunbathing and people watching

Views, cleanliness of the water/beach, wide stretches of sandy beach, where my family has a home
visit a new environment with my children
For relaxing and enjoying the warm sun to relax and hear the ocean wave action and swim.
Swim, walk the beaches
It is safely off the road. Is free. And it keeps our 6 year old amused and busy. I like being in the presence of visitors and families.
Because the entire family can enjoy all that ocean beaches have to offer! Relaxing, playing beach games, surfing, just enjoying the scenery!
I enjoy the ocean more than freshwater
I love the beach.
recreate,relax
walking, biking, bringing grandchildren to the beach
The unspoiled land and seaside areas offer a relaxing and gods natural beauty experience.
sea air
I love the ocean, in all seasons. Watching it, swimming, the breezes, the natural beauty. I find it relaxing and soothing
I have been coming to Ocean Park, Maine since 1935. My dream was to have a summer place of my own. In 1955 while in the USAF I purchased land. In 1964 I had a cottage built. My family has spent its summers here all these years. "Ocean park is a state of mind." It is more than a place. Preserving its beauty and way of life is important to our whole family. To us it is home, even more so than where we live in the winter months. Choose to come here to renew the self- mentally, physically and spiritually.
Vacation and relax
Love of the ocean - grew up vacationing at the beach
Beautiful clean beaches / Beaches used to not be crowded but are increasingly becoming too crowded
Love Wallis Sands beach because of the wide, clean beach. It is also close to Portsmouth which is one of our favorite places in NH.
Love the Beach - Family residence in area
Just love everything about the coastal beaches /
The ocean is the life of our earth. It gives me great peace.
The beach is a relazing stress free place to spend time.
relax
I moved to the seacoast area a year and a half ago after visiting Maine for summer vacations for years. I love it here, especially in the fall and winter. I really enjoy going to the beaches during "off times". Evenings, spring, fall and winter.
The environment relaxes me and rejuvenates me
Relax and spend time with the family.
I love the sun and sand.
The atmosphere, the people, the fresh air and sound of the waves
relax
apart from tradition of going every summer, specifically to Ocean Park, Maine, we love the charm of renting a "home" in this small costal town, being steps from the beach. Yet, we also like that such things as the Maine Mall, grocery stores and outlet shopping at places like Kittery are at most an hour drive away. Our ocean beach allows us to eat fresh lobster, visit the Pier at night, and go on long walks, this makes for an enjoyable 1-2 week stay
the sea air, swimming opportunities, a place to read and relax, take walks, get some sun

I find the ocean the most relaxing place, the open vast space, rhythmic surf, birds, fish, boats. quality of the air. seashell hunting extremely relaxing. dog walking in evening.
i like to be near the ocean. it's beautiful to watch. i dont swim - too cold - but love the beauty of the ocean.
relax
We simply love relaxing at the Ocean, we have all our lives. Great to gather the family as well.
Scenery. ocean / sun.visiting with family
Ocean and a clean, sandy beach
Just plain love the ocean as opposed to lakes, the cleanliness for th most part.
love the sand waves and large area to walk in the water
It is the best way to relax and unwind.
There is nothing better than sitting on a sandy beach, listening and watching the waves crash against the shore and not having a care in the world.
Because the ocean is beautiful, the ocean air is invigorating, as is the Maine water, lying on the beach in the sun feels good
Family fun
I have a three seasons cottage in OOB but what I like best is all three!!! I take extra vacation time to spend in Maine and explore other beach towns. I stay at my home every weekend from mid-April to mid-Oct. I wish OOB had more to offer during the winter but it really shuts down.
We felt a need to be close to the sea.
Beautiful views, relaxing atmosphere
The surf. Seagulls
My family especially loves the ocean. Just being by it is a way for us to relax and refresh.
It's the only place I can relax.We could never live away from the ocean.
To play in the water and sand, relax with family
It's beautiful and calming when you need respite from the stresses of everyday life. It is fun and provides entertainment for all ages (crabbing, swimming, Paddle boarding, bocce, people watching, paddle ball, etc.). The ocean has a way of putting everything in perspective- you can feel so small and yet so connected. The ocean has the unique gift in making me feel alive and calm at the same time!
Recreate, relax, smell the ocean, meet with friends
Our family loves the ocean!
The peace the ocean brings while watching it draws us to it.
I choose to visit ocean beaches to enjoy the beauty of the coast and to partake in the amenities at the beach.
Suntanning
I like to be near water. A family cottage is 2 blocks from the beach.
My preferred destination for bacationing
Beach is driving distance from home, I can decide to go if the weather is nice, ocean and sand is clean and not the beaches are not too busy
peacefulness, tranquility
It is clean, close by and I enjoy being at the ocean
i find it very serene and relaxing, yet invigorating.
live at beach area for 7 months
Relax swim
We love the beauty and peacefulness of ME's shore.

The therapeutic nature of the ocean. / Peaceful, beauty of the ocean / Love to walk on the beach, enjoy being close to nature
Cleaner beach and water than lake. Lots of space.
The air is so special / It is such an escape
To breathe in the sea air and recharge and relax.
The beach sounds, waves, birds, walking are therapy to me.
Everything about the ocean puts me in a good mood. The air is amazing and the smell is wonderful, the ocean looks beautiful, my children can stay busy for hours playing in the sand and swimming, and keeping the kids entertained, doing something they love, for long periods of time is important to me! the option of food is convenient. Being on a warm beach with sand on my feet and watching the waves of the ocean is one of the most relaxing things in the world to me. I love getting a nice tan.
This ocean and beach provide a level of relaxation that is not found anywhere else.
mainly to relax and work on my tan
We have a second home there, we love to fish, enjoy the ocean to spend time as a family - being outdoors, playing outdoor games on the beach, walking the beach, reading, sunbathing, surfing/body surfing, something for all ages.
I love the smells...the sounds...the weather..all types of weather too. Its just very calming and relaxing and it allows me to center myself and recharge.
Close to home and enjoy salt water more than fresh water
relax
Beauty, openness, sand, sun, availability
Ever since my children were little we have always vacationed near the ocean. The ocean experience has always brought with it a sense of well-being and contentment. Now that my children are adults with children of their own we continue to vacation together for a week every year. The experience of being together in such a beautiful and scenic location touches all of us. / Wonderful memories.
Sun and fun
I like the salt water, waves, and overall atmosphere at the beach
very relaxing - good time to clear head of every day worries
Clean, family-friendly, access to parking, shopping areas
I love the ocean, the sand, the smells and sounds, the wildlife and the beauty of it.
Love the ocean and Maine coast
I feel at peace at the ocean
Sun and relaxation
simple attraction to a salt water beach
Live by the ocean and love the mix of power and tranquility being by the ocean delivers ...
We own a beach cottage in N.H. and love the ocean and beaches and share with family and friends
The beach and the ability to swim and enjoy sunrises sunsets and the community feeling of a coastal town
A day - or week - at the beach is vital to personal well-being, joy and peace and serenity. We feel extremely fortunate to have the beautiful beaches close by.
the beauty and expanse of the ocean
change of pace from lakes
relax
Family trip to Ogunquit / healing and meditative powers of less crowded rocky intertidal zones
Cleanest waters, smooth beaches
Nothing more relaxing than listening to the sound / of the waves and watching them /

Because there is nothing more beautiful, more powerful, than the ocean. Lakes cannot compare.
Its 45 minutes from primary residence and it has great views with great waves
We love the water and it's close to home.
peacefulness, away from home. relaxing.
Love, the sight, sounds, smell and feel of the ocean
The water, the calm, the scenery, the sound of waves, the wind
Inexpensive great family fun. The kids love it, it's outdoors and active.
The sound of the waves, walking the beach, family and / Memories
Vacation / relax
Recreate and relax
Family tradition and other family members who have homes in the area. I also just live the sound and look of the ocean.
Vacation, relax, scenery,
to be able to take advantage of ocean, beaches,vacation atmosphere
Not crowded, peaceful
Have a family house there
Provides opportunities to do a variety of water and beach related activities for the whole family to enjoy together. One of the unique place where this can occur for all ages of the family.
family tradition, we like the beaches
Relax
I love the water, the way it smells, the way it looks. I like walking on beaches. I love looking for shells. If the water is warm enough I love to swim. I feel at home at the beach.
We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch - we are going back from whence we came. / / John F. Kennedy / / /
All
Easy way to spend a day without high costs.
Relax, exercise
relax
to be close to nature, enjoying the beauty and peace of the ocean
Love the water, sense of serenity
It's a nice place to relax
relax
I love the sights and the outdoor activities.
Relax
The beauty, salty air, open spaces. Natures playground for the whole family. The ability to be active and outdoors.
It is our chosen vacation -- for many years! Relaxing, quietly social...unplugging and seeing the beauty of nature, God's creation...re-connecting to soul..
To relax and get away for a few days and enjoy the scenery and beach walking
I'm 75 and I been coming down to the beaches since 1953 with my parents. It's in my way of life. I need to see and feel the ocean more than once a year either her on the coast or on the west coast, on the Pacific, on the Islands all over the word including Polynesia
I enjoy the smell and the sound of the ocean. I find it peaceful to sit on the beach. It is a family tradition to go to the beach in Maine, my father and grand parent both did it.

Because we only have a lake and enjoy the power of the ocean.
We do this mostly to relax from work schedules and have fun with friends
I love the ocean--its the one place I am sure to relax.
Natural beauty, love the sound of the ocean
I chose to move to Portland, Maine to be closer to the ocean. I love it.
relax
The beauty of the ocean and surrounding coastline. The sound of the ocean. / The fun of the water for boogie boarding and swimming. / Building in the sand.
Because I like the sand, the sun and the beaches are so long that we could take some really long walk. And the water (most of the time is really clean).And the beaches are clean. /
just love the ocean
The sound of the waves, going into the ocean, the quiet in the early morning, people watching!
Love the sounds of the ocean, shelling and exploring habitat of the area.
Beach activities, restraaurants, shopping,relaxing
We love swimming in clean waters and riding the waves. We also enjoy lounging on a large sandy beach throughout the whole day.
Cleanliness, surf
Love the waves and the surf, riding rafts, and surf fishing.
Clean and beautiful
We go to Old Orchard Beach/surrounding area because it is the chosen destination for an extended family vacation. It has a great beach, other things for the kids to do, is nearby places to eat, and places for adults to kayak. We spend a week and there are many options for many people to do over the course of the week.
So my kids enjoy the neach
To vacation and have.quality family time.
we love the ocean
To play with kids
Ocean air and ambiance
Relax and recreate
I have always loved the beach more than any other place and my kids enjoy it as well.
I love the quiet, the natural beauty, to relax
swimming, clean water, recreational activities, surf, scenery
Sound of the ocean to relax
love watching the waves/ salty air.
Ocean beaches are generally relaxing and rejuvenating. The visits also bring back good memories of being a carefree child.
ALL OF THE ABOVE AND THE FRIENDLENESS OF PEOPLE
because of the water activities we enjoy and how being close to the ocean makes us feel, the relaxing sounds of the beach
I find the sound of the waves, the warm sandy beaches, and the beautiful scenery relaxing.
It's the most easiest and affordable way to get away from home and work
Relaxing
The ocean and teh seafood
relaxing

relax, enjoy seacoast, food
There is a lot to do with family members during an ocean beach trip.
Because we meet friends and family there Lots of pretty girls
It is the only time we go to the beach, doing something we can't do the rest of the year
Relax
I greatly prefer saltwater to fresh in general, plus the surf is desirable. Both in terms of physical enjoyment and the sound if you are nearby.
The ocean is a natural beautiful resource which allows me to relax and appreciate all of Mother Earth's bounty! All the shore is so delicate and sometime shows off it's great strength-it's this duality that brings great thoughts from my heart and inspiration -I release all stress as a breath it's air , hear it's waves roll in-so constant yet do unpredictable . I see way off till you can't beyond to the horizon and feel both the warm soft sand and salty sea at my feet. All the elements touch all the senses. It is these moments that you want to be lost with!
Walk on beach, swim, or kayak.
In order to connect with nature and relax.
love the ocean!
relax oceanswimming
Vacation and relax
Love the sound of the ocean, beauty of nature's waters, safe place to be with family- fun all day long
The ocean has a therapeutic quality that draws me to visit it every season.
Part of annual trip to visit family and friends. I enjoy it.



**Q13 Your answer to this question is important for understanding why visitors do not swim or engage in water activities. Why don't you swim or engage in other activities beyond wading during a typical ocean beach visit?**

My age and physical condition....comfort level about swimming my whole life weak
I am older now and can't handle the cold water as well as when i was younger. It has to be really hot. We have kayaks but we only use them on lakes in Maine. Hassle to bring them because i like to bring the convertible.
the water in NH and Maine is too cold. My husband has recently been researching a body board so perhaps next summer he will be enjoying the water more.
age
The water is very cold.
Depends on how cold the water is and the amount of seaweed in the water.
Cold. Not a swimmer.
no special reason except age...getting older limits activity
I have small children I need to watch and I don't have the gear.
Cold water
Older now. Would have learned to surf years ago if the opportunity had presented itself.
I prefer to just sit on the beach not much of a swimmer.
I enjoy looking out at the ocean, but I am not a great swimmer so I have never been very comfortable swimming in the ocean. Also, the water temperature has to be quite warm for me to attempt going in for a swim.
The water is usually too cold
i flunked beginner's swimming 3 years in a row when I was a kid; i hate getting my face wet, even in the shower; that's the problem; i really don't know how to swim much; the ocean is way too powerful for swimming; i hope to learn some boating and possibly paddleboarding; also rip tides
I do swim. I don't do paddle boarding or kayaking
I'm not interested in them.
I am just there to relax I enjoy some of these other activities at lakes.
ocean water is chilly for me. my children spend hours in the ocean.
Water is usually too cold to spend that much time in it. Waves are smaller and make for bad surfing, I tried one summer to surf but was unlucky.
Physical limitations, would swim or engage in activities otherwise. Family members swim and enjoy surf
Water temperature is too cold
Physical ability and the North Atlantic can be rather chilly. / Cost for boating etc.
The water is too cold.
I find the activities expensive. As I have to pay for campground, food, parking, I have to cut somewhere. But the main reason is the parking price
The oceans temperature determines my decision
I find relaxing in my beach chair more enjoyable. And the water is cold.
I am not a strong swimmer and I find the ocean a bit scary beyond wading.
not really a swimmer
n/a
Cold water
Not very physical
Difficult to learn

I am getting older
The water is too cold.
Im older and less tolerant of cold water
I am elderly and I do not want to
The water is too cold
I do swim
I do not enjoy water in my face, and while my children LOVE the water, they are too young for most of the other activities. I have 1 child learning the art of skim boarding, so I imagine that we will dabble in some of the more adventurous activities in the future.
Water is too cold
67 year old /
Because of my age but we do lots of beach walking.
Well, I learned to swim late in life so am more afraid of the water. I go in to cool off but that is it. Plus it is cold - we live in NE what are we going to do about that? I actually enjoy walking the beach and watching those brave ones on their paddle boards while they do their thing.
I like to just relax at the beach
No swimming if there is heavy weeds or dirt.
I like to enjoy the beach for the waves, not other activities, beside they are too expensive.
Sometime the water is too cold
I enjoy the beach but not the water. Too cold and I don't enjoy the way it feels.
When the water is too cold I stay on the Beach. If it somewhat warm(tolerable) I love to body surf. My wife will go in the water unless it is bone hurting cold. She has gone in the water in the middle of October. Brrrr
Because it costs money and swimming is free. On vacation, we pay attention to what we spend
I'm older - pure and simple - can't do all the things I use to .... I can't body surf like I use to - don't stay in the water for long periods of time like I use to - but I still enjoy swimming and jumping the waves.
The Atlantic Ocean is generally cold and I do have some fear of the ocean depth.
Lack of rinse off facility, lack of water sport devices, lack of ambition and temperature of water.
I just prefer relaxing in the water without bringing extra beach equipment for these activities.
I just like jumping in the waves.
not interested
no need to!
Sometime the water is polluted or dirty from ocean storms.
NH Ocean is COLD!!!!
I suffer from motion sickness
I prefer to do activities on the beach like fish, sun bath and walk the beach collecting shells.
The water is cold! I just can't seem to do go in as I get older.
Water is too cold for long periods.
water is too cold - i dont really like to swim - other activities are not available at the beach we frequent
I am unsteady on my feet due to a hip surgery
Age
I enjoy sitting and reading or enjoying the beautiful views. My children/husband do engage in water activities
I would engage in jet ski's, rental boating and fishing if I knew about where to go for this.
Cold water

My age. Senior. Water too cold.
water temperature
I don't swim or engage in other water activities because I am getting older and the water is too cold for me now, especially since I now have some physical limitations.
Water temperature toocold
age, water temperture
TOO COLD!!! Also, have a fear of waves after having a very severe ocean/wave accident 10 years ago.
Older now
Older age and cold water
I do not like swimming and I am afraid of sharks.
Im an ok swimmer but not a very strong one and ocean temperature plays a role in determining if I go in and how far I go in
Water is too cold or waves are too rough.
i am older
At almost 60 I enjoy simply walking and wading more then body surfing or swimming
We do swim and body surf and sit on the beach more now than ten years ago
Water too cold
water sometimes too cold
No reason
The water is too cold
Waters too cold
The water is too cold
56 years old!!
Access to equipment.
i can't swim
not why I'm there...
Sometimes swim but the water is too cold in Maine.
I'm not a good swimmer. I have always had a problem with water coming in my ears and therefore Watch myself, specially with big waves, so I don't get myself into a risky situation
the water is cold.
We are not the athletic type people
Water too cold
Physical limits, water too cold
Cold water
Cold water
I just enjoy the sand and the sun
Lack of interest, too old
water is too cold
Just enjoy using boogie boards and relaxing on beach- not used to huge waves
Child care issues, cost of rental. Not easily accessible in many areas
No interest - just want to relax as on the go always! Also not conveniently located

**Q17 Your answer to this question is important for understanding why visitors do not eat seafood. Why do you not eat seafood on typical visits to ocean beaches?**

I bring a picnic
Live local. Usually bjust go home to eat
Do not like seafood.
I PREFER FISH AND NOT SEAFOOD.. / I LIKE MY FISH FRESH AND NOT GREASY OR TO CRUMB..IN THE USA MOST OF THE TIME IT'S VERY CRUMB OR BAKES WITH ALOT OF GARLIC BUTTER TO FATNING.
It's generally not that healthy and it's expensive.
I pack my own lunches
I don't like seafood /
b/c I live at the beach; but we do go out for seafood once every week or every other week, so we do eat a lot of seafood
We usually pack a picnic lunch.
I do not usually eat seafood at the beach since my cottage is nearby
Its expensive, and mostly only deep fried. Don't enjoy eating hot food on hot summer beach days
I prefer to bring my own food
Not available
i don't like seafood
I live locally to the ocean beaches so my consumption of sea food has no relation to my ocean beach visits. I eat sea food without visiting the ocean beach.
Allergic.
We are just not seafood eaters. But we do feel guilty about it. :)
Cost and I don't like fried food. Plus I am allergic to shrimp and lobster.
Usually we just take our luncj.
Because of my budget. If I spend fifteen dollars getting in to a state park, I usually only have money for say, an ice cream. Also, I live one hour from the beach so I go home to eat,
Get sick. Bad past experiences
I'm a local, I can eat it whenever I want.
We pack in and pack out. Being "locals'" ourselves, the beach is just another summer day at home.
we only visit once a year for seafood. It's expensive and we try to keep our beach visits at low cost
I don't like it.
I bring my own lunch to the beach or eat at home
allergic
Seafood is widely available in our area so it is not a special treat when we visit the beach.
We eat picnic lunches. My grandchildren do not enjoy seafood. I eat local seafood at least one a week but not connected with going to the beach
a typical visit does not include a plan to eat "out"
Not my favorite
Bring food
We don't all ways visit a restaurant. Seafood is expensive during tourist season for appropriate reasons. They need to make a living.
bring food
I bring my own lunch, snacks when I visit the beaches.

If I am hungry. I do not typically go for seafood. once in a while. I do not like to eat a lot of fried food. I do like lobster though it is expensive. Steamed clams are also good.
we bring our own food to the beach
Sometimes we buy fish at the grocery store, but avoid restaurants largely due to cost. We are saving.
I typically bring food with me & don't purchase any food
I am a local and eat seafood regularly /
This series of questions is not clear. / I do not generally eat seafood on the beach. I might eat a sandwich or snack / I do eat seafood all year round at my house - property is beachfront
Cost
Food allergies and cost for a large family, we almost always bring our own food from home.
i live locally and typically just bring our own food. we do buy local seafood at other times though
There is not much seafood right near the beach. Often the seafood is prepared in unhealthy ways.
We usually bring a picnic lunch
Hard to find local product in Msine.
Unfortunately, I hate any seafood that I have ever tried, and I have tried it several times over the years!
I usually pack a lunch, or visit friends.
Usually pack a picnic
I have never liked seafood at all.
to expensive plus i enjoy cooking my own at home
Most of the family does not care for it, therefore we find other places to eat. Also, the cost is higher sometimes
I live close to the beach so I don't need to eat seafood every time
too crowded - and getting expensive to eat out
I don't like seafood
I live 3 miles from the beach, eat seafood often just not on the way to/from the beach
We usually use the out door grill and use typical cook out food. Only going out on occasion and eat sea food
Vegan
I don't like seafood
We typically bring our own lunch and if we get something to eat it's not seafood
I don't care much for seafood. My family does. It's honestly too expensive. We eat it rarely, on special occasions
Pack our own lunch.
Bring my own. Love eating on the beach.
During the summer I visit the beach once a week, I bring my own lunch
I prefer other food choices.
restaurants are too crowded and since I go so often, it would be too expensive
bring my own food
We live in Wells so local seafood is always available
High prices. My brother is a lobsterman

**Q23 Where do you get information about beach safety? (Please check all that apply);**

Other responses:

Surf shops
Internet
Harbor master
iPhone app

**Q26 Briefly, how would it affect your behavior at that beach or opinions of the beach?**

I wouldn't go to that beach
I would not go into the water if advised that quality was not good
Would probably choose a different beach
I would be concerned about animal and plant life in the environment. Would be less likely to eat local seafood or swim.
I would avoid the water if there was a warning.
Would not return
I would leave
would not go in the water...
I might not visit it again if I am not able to swim.
I wouldn't want to go swimming or let the kids play in the water. I would not want to return. I would feel that I wasted our vacation time traveling to such a destination.
Would t want to swim there
If there were warnings about water quality I would not let my family go in the ocean and may reconsider my vacation to that beach in the future
I'd stay out of the water and be concerned at how the local facilities were taking care if the beach
I would be cautious that day at the beach.
would seek alternate beach. Concern about returning.
Fearful and disappointed. I would think twice about visiting again until the water safety was secured.
I would have to tell my children that they couldn't go in the water and that would be very disappointing for them
I would want to know why, this is happening and how can I help to improve these conditions
Rip tides we wade in water. Strong surf we use caution. Bad water quality we stay out of water.
I would not go into the water if there was an advisory and I would hesitate to return to that beach
It would depend on what the water problemis.
I would not be very likely to visit this beach too often
won't go into water / may not come back to this beach for a while
It would gross me out, I wouldn't enjoy my stay
Would not want to waste a trip if I can't swim
I wouldn't go
I probably wouldn't go back
i would stay out of the water; and thereafter check before going to that same beach; either by calling or the internet
I would not go to that beach on that day. wading in the surf is a primary activity my family engages in while at the beach.

I would not swim
Duxbury beach had ecoli warnings so rarely go there anymore never had any warnings Maine or Glouster beaches
if the quality of the water is bad and we can not go in the water, it might get hot on the beach, the activities would be limited..... i could decide to go somewhere else... / but i appreciate the fact that i am advised about the conditions of the water....
I would go to a different beach, my opinion of that beach would be poor
I might choose another beach and I definitely wouldn't swim.
I would not go in the water at that time
I would thin less of it
Opinion would be based on if the limit ion was control or uncontrolled environmental issue.
Would lesve
I would probably choose another beach for my next trip
I wouldn't swim for as long as they warned water would be suspect. If it's a sign which would always be up, I would find another beach.
It would make it less likely for me to make a future visit.
Would not spend as much time there. Would chose to go somewhere else next visit.
If I can't swim, I don't go to the beach
If there was poor water quality, I'd be unlikely to visit because swimming is a large part of my family's beach experience.
Would stay out of water, and look for other beaches
We probably wouldn't stay there & go elsewhere. Definitely not swimming in ocean
I'd stay out of the water if water quality was poor; would not go to this beach if this situation became prominent.
If I couldn't swim I would think twice about returning
Wouldn't go in the water, and would probably leave.
I would be hesitant to revisit the beach and less comfortable while I was there
I would find another beach to visit.
Actually saw this for the first time this summer at North Hampton State beach...went north to enjoy our day at the beach...now avoid that particular beach after heavy rains...in general our beaches appear clean...weather brings turbidity and always makes us suspect!!
I would be worried about the quality of the water and the beach.
I may not return to that beach on the next visit.
Depends if there was, say, a one time event - sewer main break, for ex. Or if it were in regard to a frwquently occuring thing. Frequently occurring would cause me to go elsewhere.
I would not stay at a beach where the water quality was poor.
Would not go in water
i would probably decide to not go there for a few years and after would make sur to check out the quality of the water before
I would not want to bring my kids there to play.
I would not go to the beach as often and would not go in the water that day.
I would not allow my children in the water and I would likely find a beach with better conditions.
Discourage attending
Not much

Would affect my behavior not my opinion. Unless it were a regular occurrence.
I would not be able to swim and enjoy the water.
would swim , go in water less. / depending why / how long may effect repeat visits /
I would not swim or relax at the beach. Or let my dog walk there.
Wouldn't visit
I have always assumed ocean water quality was good. If a sign said it wasn't, I wouldn't swim. We've always obeyed warnings re riptides, etc.
I would not be able to swim so I would probably leave.
I would not swim and because I go to the beach to swim, I would be less likely to return
I'd choose a different beach and most probably will never come back to the one that has issues.
I wouldn't go in the water and it would be a less pleasant day. I wouldn't go to that beach again
No answer
Would see no point in going to the beach
Il would not go into the water
I wouldn't go
Wouldn't wat to come back
I would not stay at that beach
I,m not sure if I Will stil go to that beach
I would be concerned about swimming in water that is contaminated. I would probably stay at the beach but choose not to swim on that day.
May consider going to a different area
Pay attention and be thankful
I would go to another beach.
I would not go to this beach.
If the water was not safe, I would not go into the water.
I most likely will vacation somewhere else next time. I enjoy time in the water as well as the beach.
I would probably leave to find another beach. I respect the sharing of the info, but would definitely wait a couple of days while before heading back to that beach.
It wouldn't affect my opinion however it would affect my behavior. If the water were unsafe I wouldn't go in.
Affect my swimming.
I would not go in the water and that would affect my decision on whether to visit that beach again.
I wouldn't go in the water and I might not return
I would not go in water that is not healthy
Would not visit that beach until it was cleaned up for swimming safety.
I would be a bit apprehensive about getting the water
I wouldn't stay. I would go home
I don't want (or NEED) to go where the beach conditions are less than ideal.
I would be unhappy I couldn't swim or surf
We would go home and we probably would find it difficult (mentally) to return in the future.
we would leave. we don't want our kids to get sick
I would not stay
Would think twice about visitig there again without checking things out in advance.



I Will not return
If it was not safe, I would limit my swimming and wading which would lead me to go elsewhere.
I would be far less likely to swim in the water, and wouldn't allow the kids in my family to go in the water.
I would avoid the water, which, in the heat of summer, is not desirable.
Would not visit that beach
I would remain that instance but would most likely find another beach to go to from then on. Also depends on distance, if it is closer I wouldn't mind since I rarely go into the water.
Certainly, I would not go in the water. If the pollution was manmade, I would plan to only go to beaches with a good record of water quality. I live in Maryland and the main reason I travel over five hundred miles to Well for vacation is the quality of the water at the Beach and Webhannet River and the great surf conditions.
I would find another beach.
I might not remain at the beach
I would not let my children in the water to swim.
I am going at another beach
I would not go in the water and I would be sure to check that beach out before visiting there again
It would make me hesitant to swim or get close to the water.
I would be reluctant to choose that beach again.
would not want to go in the water and might try to find a different place to spend the day
I would most likely not visit this beach until the issue was resolved. While there I would not enter the water.
Go elsewhere
I would not visit a beach with poor water quality. I would go to another site
I would think twice about staying and enjoying the ocean.
would not use
IF THE WATER QUALITY WAS BAD AND LIMITED WATER ACCESS, I WOULD NOT FREQUENT THE BEACH.
I would stay out of the water, but enjoy the beach.
I would consider swimming less.
Would visit for shorter periods or maybe not at all. Grandchildren make day trips to visit us so water quality is important.
I would doubt I'd want to go back another time.
If the beach isn't safe and clean I probably wouldn't go there
I wouldn't swim there and probably wouldn't go there again.
I would probably not go in the water there. I might consider never going there again
I would probably not go swimming. I would look up on the internet the quality of the water and if it is not positive, I would look for another beach to go to
Would not swim
I would not stay at this beach
I'm glad they test. If it continues to experience poor quality I would go elsewhere
It would affect my behavior more as I would not come in contact with the water. My opinion of the beach wouldn't change as I would blame this on environmental pollution.
would stay out of water
I would stay away from the water and be more vigilant about checking water quality websites before returning.
I wouldn't be going into the water if the quality was not good - sitting on a beach all day without swimming is certainly not any fun, especially if I drove a long way and/or had to pay for parking. Having said that, it the

quality of the water was not a frequent occurrence, I guess it wouldn't change my opinion...but if it happened more than once, I wouldn't frequent that beach very often.
I usually like to go in the water when I visit the beach, but I would not do that (or let my kids do that) if I saw a sign advising against it.
I wouldn't stay
Depending on if I had planned on swimming, I might select another beach to visit that day - if it happened repeatedly, I would limit my visits to that beach.
I would leave and find another beach / / / /
Reluctant to go in the water even to wade
Behavior - I would not go in the water. Opinion - would not change unless the water issue was always an issue.
That would depend on what the problem was, was it man made or unavoidable weather related event and is this a first event or a repeat/persistent problem.
It would have a negative impact on my perception of said beach.
consider going to other beaches next time
Why would anyone go to a beach with filthy water?
How safe the water is for swimming in.
I would avoid beach.
We would not visit that beach. We would go elsewhere. Swimming is a primary reason that we frequent the beach.
I would be less likely to go back to a beach that had poor water quality.
I would not go into the water if water quality is an issue. May not go to the beach at all if the issue is severe enough.
Would not go to that particular beach
I would not stay, go to a different place
not cared for.
wouldnot go
i would not go in the water and would stay less time
You still have not addressed the most important question so I am entering my thought here. Public beaches are a 10% of the coast line and are asked to care for 90% of the people. In Hawaii all beaches are open to all people. You have to deal with access to beaches where private owners restrict access. That is the issue- not more parking lots at public beaches!
I would not go in water and would probably find another beach or go home
Poor water quality - if it were flagged as unhealthy would cause me to stay out of the water
If I saw signs that showed low water quality, I would be displeased. It happened once, to my knowledge at Wallis Sands and I was appalled that the city/town was not doing a better job about restricting polluted water run from the mainland onto the beach area.
stay out
I'd stay out of the water
If this were a beach that I went to often and it was a rare occurrence then my opinion wouldn't change. However if it were a constant occurrence then I wouldn't want to visit that beach any more.
I would hesitate to expose my children or myself to the water under these conditions.
If the water is dirty I would likely not go back before checking. I don't usually find that issue in Maine. Its mostly due to high surf or undertow warnings.
I would seek out another beach to avoid any health issues
I would limit the family water time. Might not come back.

I would likely avoid the beach.
I would be curious of the source of the poor water quality.
well low water quality would make me hesitant to go into the water, which i like to do at a beach, so i'd rather find another beach without this sign
i would probaby not go swimming, but I would appreciate information and it wouldn't keep me from going in the future if / conditions improved
would swim/go in water much less, would probably not visit often
I would probably not frequent that beach
We probably would not go to that beach if there were warning about the health of the water.
I would be cautious and I would check before I went the next time
Would probably leave early and not return
wouldnt want to swim at that beach
I would not allow my grandchildren to go in the water, and I would certainly not go in and most likely not even go to that beach.
would limit my stay and think twice before my next potential visit
I would not swim there that day, and would check water safety any time I was planning to go. Overall, I would be more worried about swimming there, and would probably seek out a beach without warnings.
I would obey the warnings.
I wouldn't go in the water. One of my children was very sick with cryptosporidium when they were little and I would never want to risk it again!
Would not go there
I would stay out of the water.
I would think twice about going there again.
if the water is dirty I would not swim in it.
I wouldn't return, want kids to swim and play where it is clean
I would be disappointed if it effected my access to the water or safety for my family. I would probably seek an alternative to that beach (maybe not a beach at all)
We need to make people aware of the human impact on water quality.
I would question staying at this particular beach.
I wouldn't likely go back there
I would not go in the water if the quality was poor or if there were riptides.
I would respect the signs and follow their advice.
I would probably not swim in it, or just walk in the shallow part.
would question coastal water environmental management
if the water quality was not good, I would stay on the beach. If the tide was rip I might just wade.
I woud not wade in the water.
I would not swim if not recommanded. I would appreciate a beach that gives recommandations about the water.
I probably would not swim there but would be glad that it was posted and making people aware of the conditions so they have choices.
wait until water quality was better
May not go in the water
Would not swim in water or continue to visit if problem not rectified.
I would not go in the water.
Visit less

Would stay out of the water
I wouldn't want to go there
Obviously it would depend on the warning, but we would not swim if it was not safe. We would find something else to do that day.
I would be reluctant to swim and would leave if the beach/sand was unclear.
I would not stay at that beach
I would stay out of the water
I would not enter the water. May not continue to use that beach.
I may not go in the water.
I would be less likely to go in the water
would probably check out water quality before next trip
It wouldn't really affect my behavior
I would not swim, probably look for another beach while that one recovers
i would not swim there, i would be hesitant about visiting there again
I would be less likely to visit
very reluctant to return
Would likely find another beach to visit ...
I would find another beach
if the water was dirty or unsafe due to currents i would not go in
I would most likely choose another beach in another area next time.
would not go back
I would not enter or spend very limited time in the water if contact with the water was not advised.
If the flags were common I would like stop going to that area
would not return
Maybe I wouldn't swim
I wouldn't touch the water or let my kids touch the water and would probably leave
I would not go in water
No change in Behavior. Opinion might change ...
I would not recommand, or go again
I would stay out of the water
If it was bacteria related to quality of water, I would not go in! If it was rip-tide, large waves, I would still go in!
We would not stay
I would stay on the sand
Would not go in ocean
We would do all other beach activities that didn't involve going into the ocean. We would consider other beaches to visit that don't experience this problem.
would not re visit
Yuck! Wouldn't go
I would follow the instructions/heed the warnings or go someplace else.
probably would avoid it if deemed unhealthy
Not come back
It would not be my first choice when deciding on a beach to visit in the future.

I wouldn't go back
i would probably leave
I would not visit that beach again
I would be concerned about getting in the water.
I wouldn't go in the water.
I would avoid the water.
I would stay out of the water on that visit.
I would be less likely to enjoy my overall visit and would not enjoy water activities
I wouldn't go in the water, and would sit above the high-tide line
I wouldn't stay at a beach with poor water quality. Warnings of surf would just keep me out of the water
I would feel sad. It would not be as relaxing
If I arrived at an ocean beach and saw signs and flags advising me to limit my contact with the ocean water because of poor ocean water quality, as much as I would appreciate the information I would not visit that beach unless it was deemed safe
I would be less likely to visit.
I would not go in the water though I might stay anyway
Probably wouldn't return. The water is so cold it better be clean! Ha.
Wouldn't go in the water, wouldn't go back to that beach.
I would leave and seek out a different beach
I would not go in the water, I would research prior to visiting again
I would not want to go in the water or swim there.
Would leave and not go back
Less likely to swim
I would not go in the water or let my kids go in the water. I may not visit that beach again.
I would follow the recommendations and not swim. I would look for another place.
Less going in the water but it can happen to any beach. Would stop visiting that beach if this becomes a recurrent issue.
I wouldn't swim
If the water was not "swimming quality" I wouldn't go back
I wouldn't go anymore if the water quality was poor. I would pick some other kind of recreation somewhere else.
I would pay attention to the posted warnings. May hesitate to visit in the future.
I just would not think beach is clean or water is safe to be in
JUST ASSEST AND UNDERstand and leave
yuck dirty water who would want to come back here to swim or play and is the beach clean?
i would tend to not go there if it wasn't clean or was deemed unsanitary
I would choose other beaches for my next visit.
Nevatively
Staying safe is important. Would still go and enjoy the day just stay out of the waterr
I would stay out of the water
just not go in water
I wouldn't go swimming, might not go back if jellyfish etc.

If it was unsafe for swimming, we would try a new beach.
I wouldn't swim in polluted water
Never go back
I would find another beach and might not go vack
I would be less inclined to drive 100 minutes again if I had just done it only to find there is a water closure.
If it was a recurring issue, I would not visit that beach again.
I would not swim
would not go in the water
Concerning for future - is this a one time thing or not
I would choose not to swim that day, but it wouldn't sway my opinion of the beach since a change in quality might be brought on by nature.
I would think twice before choosing to go to that beach again.

**Q28 Briefly, how would it affect your behavior at that beach or opinions of the beach?**

I would feel much better and at ease about swimming etc
I might go into the water more
I would look favorably on the beach as a good place to go. Wouldn't change my activity behavior like swimming more.
Would be more likely to swim longer than I might otherwise. Would be more likely to eat local seafood.
I would be more encouraged to get into the water
Would swim more
I would feel good about enjoying the wster
I would go to that beach all of the time.
Wouldn't have any concerns
Cleaner would make me want to go in the water more despite the temperature
Would make me feel better about sending my family into the water and have a better vacation experience.
I would enjoy the water.
Will encourage use and visits in future
Reassurance that local and state officials are on top of the water quality issues. More swimming, more relaxed, more trusting of government
I would be happy with the fact that the water was being kept clean and safe
This is a great place to be, and why can't all beaches be like this
If good water quality and reasonable surf issue we choose to swim and play in water.
I fell this is the case at NH and Maine beaches that is way I go there.
no change in behavior but better opinion of the beach / might recommend it to friends
It would make me more confident to go swimming, although if there was no sign I wouldn't be concerned
I would probably feel that the beach is better maintained by the township.
Whether I would go in the water.
Because I know its clean
I would swim
My behavior would not change, but I would feel that it is a safer and higher value place for me to bring my family.
no stress, enjoy !!!
I would probably go there more often
I would like that beach more
It would make me feel more positive to the beach in the future
I would go in!
I would probably come back on my next trip
Would visit again.
I would be much more likely to return.
Would plan return trips
Feel at ease. Swim. Makes day more enjoyable
Not interested in swimming in totally unsafe water.
Would go swimming and generally feel more secure and comfortable wading through the water
I would be more likely to enjoy my trip

I would be more likely to return to that beach.
would be a regular, recommend it and brag about it to friends not from here!!!
I would return more often.
I go to the beach to relax and swim. If the ocean quality is excellent, that's my kind of beach!
Enjoy the water
I would tell everyone to go there
It would make me feel safe and I would encourage my kids to play.
i would go in the water and most likely return to that beach.
I would feel very safe knowing that someone is monitoring water quality and have no qualms about anyone in my family playing in the water.
I would enter the water
Favorable impression of course.
make me feel more comfortable , aware
I would allow me to relax more and enjoy it more.
Something reminding one that it is safe and good would encourage entry into the water.
I would feel comfortable staying and being able to swim
I would frequent this beach more often
I'd favor this beach and come back
I would go into the water (of course depending on the temperature!) and return to the beach frequently
It let me think there is control on the waters quality
I would run even faster to jump in
Would be sure to tell others what a great beach I visited
I would be confident of the quality of the water
Feel great
I'd go in water
I would stay
I Will go back to That beach
I would listen to any warnings and follow directions
I would feel more comfortable and would stay / .
I would go to this beach.
I would go into the water.
I would feel safe knowing the water is clean for swimming.
More likely to swim
I would go into the water.
It would make my stay much more enjoyable and stress free and I would visit again.
I want to visit clean places however I make minimal contact with the water so signs of dirty water would not affect me
I would feel safe to go in
I would be happy and think the 10 hour drive to get there was worth it
I would visit that beach regularly.
I would feel comfortable getting in the water
I would feel safe staying and enjoying the beach



I'd wonder what wag has wasted my tax dollars to tell me the beach was fine.
I come to the beach so I can swim and surf
I would not hesitate to allow my children to play in the water.
feel great in the water
Feel free to swim or engage in other activities. Be more inclined to keep this beach on my preferred list of places to go.
I would feel safe to go from the beach to the water.
I would probably go in the water.
It would be peace of mind for me, and would encourage me to swim and have my kids play in the water.
I would access the water freely.
If water quality was poor, or rip tides existed, but weather permitted, I would still use the beach for sunbathing, walking.
Would stay and visit beach and return for more visits
I would jump right in! I also love that beachgoers at Wells are very protective of the Piping Plovers and are respectful not to venture into the dunes during breeding season. It makes one feel good that we can enjoy the beach without unreasonably disturbing the natural habitat of one of God's littlest creatures.
I would stay there and go swimming
I would feel assured that the water quality was safe for swim for myself and my children so more likely to swim and wade around in the water
We would go in the water to swim.
Maybe I stopped there have a look at the beach and stay there
WE would be in the water and visiting that beach often
I would feel relaxed and be in and out of the water
I would go there always
would want to stay, swim and have a good time.
I would frequent this beach and utilize access to the water without concern.
More likely to return. Would spend time swimming.
Before swimming there in the future I would look into the water quality conditions
I would be fine, I would stay and enjoy the beach for the day.
safe and healthy
I would consider swimming more.
I would think people are really taking care of the site. Gives me a sense of safety.
The beach is safe and ckean
I'd enjoy the crap out of it and want to come back.
I would be more likely to continue visiting that beach.
I would go swimming for sure. I would come back to that same beach on my next trips if the atmosphere at this beach was good
Positive
It would make me feel better knowing someone was actually checking on the quality of the beach; however, I can't say that it would affect my future decisions too much ... if I'm going to the beach, I'm going - the only thing that affects my behavior at that beach would be negative signs of poor quality.
I would feel safe going into the water, and I would be impressed that the local town was closely monitoring the water quality.
I would stay and swim longer

I would be encouraged to stay at that beach
I would likely spend more time in the water
More likely to enter the water and improve my outlook and favor ability of the beach, town and state.
It would have create a strongly positive perception of said beach - I would be likely to return/recommend to family and friends.
I would be encouraged to know this information for safety concerns.
Swimming. wading
We would take advantage of the water by swimming and wading.
probably go to that beach
locals have pride in their beaches.
feel safer
i would be more likely to stay longer and go in the water
It would be like having the Good Housekeeping stamp of approval!
I would feel good about swimming
More likely to go in the water
I would feel confident about my health & safety
The better the water quality the more likely I am to want to continue to visit that beach.
If I read a sign saying the water quality was very good I would be less worried about going in or letting my dog go in.
I would frequent this beach more often
Let kids swim as much as they wanted. Might stay longer and recommend the beach to others.
I would choose the beach for future visits.
Obviously The opposite is true that if i was encouraged to have contact with the water due to its cleanliness, then i'd feel encouraged to do so. Also I like that a beach would take pride in this and even boast about it to their guests
I would appreciate clearly stated information and would free me to relax and not worry if there were contaminants that had / been tested in water
I would be more likely to swim more/longer, and to recommend the beach to others, and return more often positively in terms of opinion - also would not be hesitant to bring family there
My opinion would be to recommend the beach to family and friends
Probably go in the water more and feel more comfortable coming back
I would feel safer
It would be a very favorable affect, very positive and likely to return.
It would take out any reservations I may have with facts and I would feel freer to participate.
I would feel happy to swim freely.
Would swim and enjoy the water
I would go in the water
It would be comforting to know that the water was being monitored and there were no reasons to stay out of the water.
I would want to swim in the clean water
Would feel good about swimming there
Nice clean water to pee in ;)
I would certainly stay and return

I would be more likely to enter the water if the quality was excellent.
I would be more inclined to enter the water /
I would swim 100% confident with no fear
I would feel more comfortable that mankind has not yet totally trashed this area.
I would stay on the shore
I would think that the city where the beach is located is very responsible.
They are proud of the conditions and the cleanliness of how they maintain their resources they want you to be part of it and contribute financially to their community through visiting their town.
I would return often and go in the water. /
Would go in the water and tell people what a great beach I visited
I would probably choose that beach more and go more
It would make me feel good knowing that that area and surrounding areas are taking care of their most valuable assets...the ocean.
I would not stay
I would go into the water
Would feel safe entering the water and using that beach.
It wouldn't
I might stay in the water longer and frequent the beach more often
i would be happy
I would be extra excited to go in the water
would instill confidence in the water quality
I'd tell others about how good it was ...
it would make me happy
I would be more apt to return to that beach again, and to recommend the beach to friends.
We drive 9 hours to come to the ocean ..... we would be very happy if we could swim. Very sad if the beaches were closed
I would visit more often
would return
I would feel very safe letting my kids swim and would return to that beach
I would go in water
Recommand and go again
I would feel positively about the way the beach was monitored
I would think the water was good enough to go in!
We would stay longer
I wouldn't worry about going in the water
In light of the previous question of poor water quality we would visit this beach more often. We would enjoy all available activities at the beach include swimming and boogey boarding in the ocean.
would revisit
Good news would stay
good beach lets stay here and come back
Would visit again.
Peace of mind for kids' exposure

i would stay
I would recommend the beach to others
I would be content that that I could get in water safely.
It would make me feel better about going into the water, it would give me pride in the area and further encourage me to take up permanent residence there.
It would help assure me that the water is safe to be in and I would be more likely to swim, surf or encourage my children to play in the water.
I would go in the water and sit wherever I wanted
I would feel more comfortable if I saw signs
I would enjoy the beach more
i would relax and enjoy with peace of mind
I would think that they were checking the conditions and really cared about the visitors
I would be more likely to visit.
I would not be afraid to go in the water
Much more likely to bring my kids.
Well, I would go in the water as much as usual and would return to that beach.
I would spend time in the water, I would likely visit this beach over another beach
I would be more likely to swim.
Would return
More likely to swim
I would go in the water and allow my kids to play in the water. I would be willing to visit that beach again.
Would take full advantage of all beach activities
I would swim and be happy about the cleanliness
I would want to go more and would tell my friends.
Take full advantage
More inclined to swim & repeat visits to the area
I would think what a great beach
let get in and have fun
i may swim more or not worry that the water was dirty if i touched it.
I would recommend that beach to other visitors
Positively
I would be more likely to go into the water
would feel better about beach
The water temperature is what hinders my swimming
It would improve my enjoyment in knowing it was high quality environment.
would go to that beach all the time
I would be more likely to swim and I would also appreciate the care put into preserving the quality of the water.
I would feel comfortable visiting that beach

**Q29 Your answer to this question is important for understanding what visitors want to know before and during their visits to ocean beaches. When visiting ocean beaches in Maine or New Hampshire, what information do you seek to improve your experience, and how would you prefer to get that information?**

More information on hiking, biking, Kayaking. Internet sites
Website and signs upon entering
I look for walking and hiking paths, forts, or other historical points of interest, fees and bathroom facilities; and nearby restaurants. I rarely eat at a beach snack bar, but love to eat at a restaurant with outdoor seating. I usually look in the Maine Gazateer or do a search online for the area. Would love to see more site maps of trails and parking and more pictures.
Check the weather report online. Look for restaurant reviews or trip reports on travel sites like TripAdvisor. On arriving at the beach, read any advisory signs that are posted but I don't decide whether or not to go to the beach based on advisories.
We always check the weather and tide on the internet.
Magazines and internet
Water quality / Bacteria levels / Dangers
water quality and safety. i would love to access a website or receive text message alerts
The last time we visited Laudholm Beach, there was a "red tide", or so we were told by other visitors. The water in the inlet was very brown/reddish. We weren't sure why. It would have been nice if there was information posted about what it was and if it was safe to swim in.
Tide charts and weather I go online
Time of high/low tide maybe on social media or text.
Any major improvements and email
Ask the locals. Sometimes the Chamber of Commerce
Only the weather. TV or internet.
From the lifeguards.
beach conditions, tides. Use web site to gain info.
MAYBE WITH A ELECTRONIC BOARD -WEBSITE SAYING THE TEMPURTURE OF THE WATER,THE QUALITY OF THE WATER ,THE LAST CHECK,WHEN THE SAND ADD BEEN CLEANS ECT..
One web portal where I could sign up for email and/or text updates on public health, environmental concerns, and a list of cultural events in an area I want to visit.
i look at the weather Channel app to find out what the weather will be and I either look at that app or I asked the lifeguard about the tide so I can gauge where we should sit
Tidal charts, web cams for surf evaluation, go early to beat crowds to get parking spot.
I look at the tide schedules and weather forecasts.
water temp. and Wind factor. get infos on easy acces sign
Just parking!
I would check for swimming conditions including rip tides and water cleanliness, I usually check on line.
activities available around / hotel frontdesk or park information center
I usually ask friends, but if I'm a tourist I use google. A comprehensive website with a beach map and parking map would be nice, along with the "feel" of the beach (mostly rocks, family beach, party beach)
I usually check out the Leader publication or go online to the town hall's website.
Through a website/media

To check things online
Nothing really it's always good
internet; or by calling some central no. to get that info
Temp of air and water posted on sign. No dog rule enforced
I am interested in access to restrooms since I have two young children. I also prioritize having ample parking and an easy walk to the beach from the parking area. For beaches I haven't visited before, I look on the Internet to find more information. I would prefer these sites show photos of the beach, facilities, parking and have reviews much like many other travel sites.
AS long as there is no red tide, I'm in the water
Maybe cleanliness of water but so cold don't think that will ever be an issue
If the water is fine I would like no information. If the water is no good I would like to see signs warning me.
no more than I currently receive
cleanliness, activities
I dont really seek information, I know where the get it if I want it. I mostly know everything I need to know at this point
Email
Water temp, water quality, parking availability, restrooms
Current events, local challenges with the "All season" communities, fisherman and merchants. Email, "What's happening this week/weekend" posts on news sites.
Weather, tides, water temp, surf. Web based is best.
Want to know about water quality (red tide, etc.), and any advisories (current, rip tide). Text alerts/interactive app, similar to weather or news apps.
Maybe an ap telling us about thick fog conditions or strong undertow
I check online usually for times of high/low tides. I also check the signs when arriving at the beach. I'm fine with getting the information this way.
water quality, surf conditions, state tourism website
high or low tides
Nothing as along time visitor to Maine beaches, I am generally well satisfied with my experiences.
Online calendar of events for various local towns close by to where I stay. Update on changes to local restaurants;
Water quality, tide times on the Internet
We usually use the opinion of our friends who live in the area. /
Internet sites and signing at the beach.
Weather conditions, water quality and conditions. Prefer to visit websites.
If we have had "weather" we try and determine before hand if there is a water quality problem...not a consistent way to know...other than that we travel prepared for a full day on the beach...all the necessary supplies to enjoy the day...
typically would do some research online or reach out to friends that may have visited in the past or go to social media.
My Maine beach visit is already awesome - it's understood.
Weather forecast
Web site
by mail
I check the tide chart and water quality. I prefer to get the information online.

As I went to Wells/Ogunquit numerous times, I know everything I need to know about the area so I'm not looking for any informations. But if I would, I would search the internet for commercial web sites (hotel, campground, restaurants) and on trip advisor. I would be also looking for pictures of the area on google images or google earth
Signs listing the tide schedule. This information is provided daily.
Water temperature and safety. The sign at the beach or website.
Daily tides using a tide app
I want to know e parking situations and whether or not there are bathrooms. I would also want to know how crowded the beach gets. I would like to access this info via a website or app.
local news and residents
Posted
Online possibly through an iPhone app would be nice.
None really
water conditions , tides posted ,
The weather forecast in the summer from tv or internet. Other times nothing.
Get information online
Signs / warnings posted on the beach.
Information about bad conditions of beach or quality of water I would like to hear about on the daily news. Other than an emergency situation of this kind having it posted at the parking lot entrances would be satisfactory.
water quality, weather, waves
I assume that because I don't see warnings about water quality it means the quality is safe. It would be great to get more info about water quality, but this is very sensitive information and needs to be interpreted the right way.
tide times and weather and water temperature. We check those on the internet
I want to be informed on the seaweed problem before renting a house near the beach at 2000\$ per week !
I think it would be nice to have an independent web site to access to see how crowded or if there are spaces left to park at the state parks. Also, if a lightning storm imminent.
Events. News Internet
The water temperture and quality
Not sure
I would like to have the water temperature available at the beach
Probably from info posted at a life guard stand. If the water is clean I don't think I would necessarily need to see a sign stating that. If there was no sign saying to stay out of water because of contamination I would assume everything was fine and I would enjoy swimming , walking and sun bathing for the day on the beach.
Water temp. Tide schedule
Signage at lifeguard station about saftey
None
Over the Web and posted at the beach area.
Cleanliness, activities, family oriented
Google
I would prefer to find that information posted upon entering the beach area.
Online state web sites or chamber of commerce
Attending new attractions, outdoor activities, such as tennis courts, basketball courts.

Safety - flags or signs
Water temperature , dangerous sea life, water conditions (rip tides, undertow,etc.).Signs at the beach and flags
more info about when the tide goes in and out
Parking, tides, others opinions, crowd size.
I seek information on water quality, high and low tides, and weather. I get my information online.
Tourism websites to see what other fun sightseeing or walking path activities there are
No
not sure
Parking spaces, cleanliness, bathroom. Radio, TV and newspaper.
There is no way to improve my experience because we stay at a lovely hotel/motel on the beach - I suppose if the prices were lower that may impact where I stay
What's the best section of the beach and where can I park?
Make sure beach is safe, clean, no rip tides, from locals or beach house posters or lifegaurds
By listening to the news I am able to determine the weather & water conditions, I dont seek out any other sources
I would like to have the resources to check the environmental and safety conditions before leaving home.
that the beach is safe
Weather forecasts and water "advisories"; via usual sources of media and internet plus some local input. Knowledge of any seasonal closures for amusment or dining; usually not easily known unless you're dealing with a specific known entity name.
If it's a different beach than I have never been to I would look up information about the beach and also through the local visitors center.
I think that the water quality issue is the most important for me, as well as water conditions (rip tide). It would be helpful for that information to be posted at the actual beaches, but I think also using social media is a great idea (for example, there's a Facebook page for Friends of Ocean Park, Maine, which might be a useful place for any announcements to be placed).
I get information about local happenings, tides, tourist attractions. I visit websites of towns that we are hoping to visit.
Generally I consult with the lifeguards, as a rule they are updated on conditions daily.
Website
Its usually personal experience and ease of getting there. It is difficult to convey the 'vibe' of the beach from pictures. Since I personally want a more relaxed-quieter vibe once I find it I pretty much stick to it.
Other than fully enforcing the noise abatement ordinances, I am happy with the experiences I have enjoyed at Wells Beach for over thirty years.
weather conditions, tide, computer
Water temp. Web site
If there was a flag to show water quality that would be very helpful at the lifeguard chairs.
That it is safe, there is no red tide and our vacation will not be curtailed due to adverse conditions - Probably via the internet or a call to the Chamber of Commerce in Maine and/or the hotel
The tide charts and water quality info.
On a board at the entry of the beach
I look up info about local kayak and other water stuff rentals and good hiking trails. It would be helpful if there was one website that had all the info.
Tides, weather conditions, sea conditions (surf, rip tides, etc.), water quality, traffic, parking availability.
Tides, water temperature, rip tides.



radio or Tv media warnings of riptides and water quality
Tides. Water quality
I check the weather, ocean currents and what day it its.
not sure
WEB SITES DEALING WITH THE LOCAL AREA (CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ETC), AAA INFORMATION, HOTEL STAFF, PARK STAFF, LIFE GUARDS
I like to find that information on line
Information on internet about prices.
Parking availability, restrooms, crowding. Online.
Find parking easily. Find healthy food easily. Get infos about tides easily.
Parking & fees, water conditions, overall beach condition, restrooms / Getting the info by text or email before going to the beach would be / Goid
At the beach and maybe online.
The weather forecast. The water quality. I would prefer to get that information online
I always read the panels near or on the beach. I also read the pamphlets about the beach. I also go on the internet. I also go to the tourist desk near the beach. I think they are the best ways to get information.
I prefer to use the internet
Information on the tides / E mail or text
surf/undertow conditions, signage
electronic bill boards with daily beach conditions and tourist info would work, placed on highways leading to the beach.
local news sighting events
I check tide times, water temperature, and surf conditions on line and on signs posted at the beach.
If a beach was going to be closed for swimming for more than a day, I would certainly want to know about it ahead of time - and the only way I would know that would be for it to be publicized on the news on TV and/or radio...and then I would probably find that somewhere on the internet ... unless that beach had a particular web site - then I would know for sure... the internet is always the quickest way to find something out.
I like to know if there are dangerous surf conditions, such as riptides, because I and my kids like to go in the water at the beach. I also like to know if there are any water quality issues that might make swimming unsafe. I would usually rely on local news reports or posted signs at the beach for this information.
water temp. and shark sightings. / signs at the beach
I usually look for information on the condition of the beach when entering the beach - information such as water temperature, surf conditions, water quality, air temp, snack bar hours, etc...
tides on my computer
Warm weather, local weather stations. / Good seafood restaurants, local recommendations
I look for good surf. I live less than a mile from the beach and usually just go look.
Tides, weather, beach problems/issues, new businesses since last visit, road/construction conditions, changes in beach facilities and associated fees.
Water cleanliness, tide conditions. I would seek this out on social media/at the beach (lifeguard stand/beach entrance)
facebook
Entrance of beach
Through websites and signs on the beach.
NA

I wouldn't be opposed to signage designating the water as safe or unsafe. Otherwise, we have everything as we live very close.
Surf safety, tide sched. And I get that info from lifeguard stand
Bad water quality through posted signs & website
my husband checks the water quality websites
high and low tides,weather,media
condition of the water, tides, weather
website.
email
tides, any unusual occurrences - news media
Word of mouth. There is no such thing as truth in advertising. I want to hear about the experiences of people I know and trust.
I usually just check the weather.
Availability of restrooms, parking, food
email
surf and fishing reports
Basic Information regarding the area via web pages /
Electronic billboards posting daily updates
As a mother of two small children, I look at the quality of the beach as far as the water quality and the beach cleanliness. How far do I have to travel from car to beach. Is parking easy. is it costly. Is there a working bathroom that flushes. These are all considerations that I have to make and the closer a beach comes to having all of these the more likely I am to travel there.
I would prefer large signs at popular beach access points with a water quality indicator and riptide warnings if present.
If there is ample parking, that is low cost, that it is safe to leave your car. Its important for me to know that bathrooms are available as well. I would like to read it online, maybe a section on Seacoast Online.
One central web page to get all info / / Tide surf info / Sandy beach or not / Place to park close or not / Nice sand / Good view
I check tides and weather. The internet.
I mostly watch the weather channel on internet
tide information, tide chart - mobile app, posted at the beach
Shopping and where to eat mostly nearby, Also perhaps signs posting the tides would be great aswell
a simple website would be easiest if it was up to date
Weather forecast, UV index, water quality, fishing report, tide chart / / get info online, or at beach from signs and locals
Go on line and check weather and tide conditions. Wonder if there is an app for parking conditions ?
On high surf days would want to know about riptides,etc and it would be good to get the information from a lifeguard.
Beach reports, Tide charts parking and traffic reports
Making sure the water quality is good and there are no factors such as jelly fish or "red tide" that would cause discomfort. I usually watch the local news, and also talk with the life guards or state park employees regarding info.
I want to know beach hours, when lifeguards are present, if any dangerous conditions are present, what the admission fee is, and what facilities are available. I like to get the info on the web.
Water quality, facilities and access. I would look online.

Water temperature posted online and at beach. / Tides and best places to sit on the beach posted at beach.
We usually get any information once we are there. We really don't think about it because we've never had a problem.
water safety and a sign / cleanliness of the water and a sign
Parking, restrooms, online information website would be best
Signage is important. Specifically related to trash disposal and recycling.
Internet or facebook
None - we love Footbridge Beach in OGT and we will continue to spend our beach days there.
I get much of my information from the local news (WMUR) in NH. I am unsure if there is a website to visit for local beach conditions. If there is, I am unaware and believe it should be publicized more. If not, maybe one should exist. If water quality is poor or there are riptides, I am less likely to visit.
Less seagulls... Do something about these, they steal food!
Internet
I get my info by talking to friends or locals who have visited the area.
water conditions by signage
The news or an app
none really. if there was information about the afternoon on-street parking available at Pirates Cove. I might go more often.
To be honest, i didn't know ocean water in Maine could be unfit for swimming. So I don't seek for special information when I go to the beach. But I would appreciate to be told if the water is onfit for swimming because of its quality or if the current's too strong. And if so, I would like to find these informations directly on the beach, on a board or something like that.
Go on line to get infor. from people who have actually been there and how their experience was, beach, shopping and eating experiences.
tv and email
Text or email
Water safety and quality. Lifeguard, local news, radio.
Tide, temperature and weather. Internet.
Don't really seek information about my experience. Just go and enjoy the ocean.
I go online to the beach's website and look to see how many parking spots are nearby, if they have bathrooms, and the cost of the parking or entrance fee.
If there were a specific website to visit on a daily basis for water quality information, that would be helpful.
Water quality would be helpful but because I am on vacation I usually do not watch TV or have computer access. I use a smartphone but I don't go looking for information on the water quality etc. Since we are second home owners, we are familiar with the area and the rules but if I have to look up something I would go to the Town of Scarborough website to check.
riptide info and clean water info by sinage
Water quality, tide, weather
Would want to know the quality and safety of the water I am going to swim in. If I am not familiar with a certain beach I / would like to know if there is a sudden drop off or rip tides. Have the information available at the beach entrance.
None
Signs
availability of parking
Weather and water conditions. I would like to get that information via newscasts

signs posted at the beach
Websites
If the water quality is not good, I would prob not stay
a map outlining all services and restaurants
Depend a lot on locals and previous vistors ...
Signs
info about the tides via email prior to arrival would be nice
Information regarding water quality and ability to swim are important. I look for that info online, often on municipal websites.
Check the surf/rides/sunrise report via government websites and local information.
social media
I could still enjoy the beach with out touching the water
Tides, I would like to have them on a board
General info. Hours, rules, water quality. A website for the beach
Signs
Weather
Thru the intrrnet
I prefer going on line to get information!
Tourist infor. I would like to use web site
I usually go early in morning to avoid crowds
?
The weather, surf and tides for locating ourselves relative to high tide. The information currently on the internet works fine.
look for good hotel values
I don't seek out that info
radio or news reports on crowds surf and and water water quality
We go based on convenience.
Weather, tides. Online resources /
I would prefer to get my information via email
restrooms, parking /
Weather
I would like to get info on water quality. It could either be posted at beach or by email.
Weather, tides from my smart phone and water quality and local events in the newspaper.
Weather conditions, surf conditions.
Maps of trails, amenities and parking, also water and surf conditions. Via a website
weather...availability of our rental
Tides and water quality. I check online.
I've never been concerned, considering that the goverment would certainly make sure that visitors are made aware of something going on of importance for visitors how might not know the region too weel. so I'm not realy worried and feel same at all times int these surroundings; nothing has ever happended to me or my family in the las t 50 years or so.
email or web sites
I seek quality of air, water, and amenities and would love to be on a e-mailing list.

If they have restrooms and parking
I only check the weather report
Is parking available, what's the cost, are there bathrooms, and how's the surf?
We generally just go, sometimes with a look at tidal info but it would be helpful to have weather info for just the beach...wind in particular on a website.
For myself if it could be possible to put a sign to tell people the quality of the water will be nice.
the weather, the surf conditions, get info mostly online
If fishing is allow from the shore and how populated is this beach. We like to fish and don't want to compete with other water sports that are popular at this location
Access and crowds. Mostly historical info
I like knowing the weather, water temperature and conditions, pest info, and tide information. I would like all information to be included on one website.
Weekly activities - computer
Are good hotels, bed and breakfasts, or other lodging available and affordable. Get info via web searches and mobile phone info.
We look for information on activities we can do with our kids that differ from previous years. We look online for information.
high and low tide...and weather conditions
Fee, parking, water quality. / On a website.
Water temperature and qualtiy. Beach cleanliness. Parking lot clerks have the info and so does the tourist info website.
Tide schedule and weather
Just want to know if it's safe to swim
lifeguard warnings about riptides / like lifeguards / like toilets available, either chemical or flush /
Water temperature, surf and tide conditions, weather forecasts
Traffic conditions, Radio/TV social media
what to know if there is some shaded areas/ get info through computer
Tide, water quality info available at one site on-line.
the information safe sights
web site / parking location and cost availability of rest rooms
the weather is a major factor
Water quality via website information
I don't seek any information
water quality by email
tide info
weather, would be nice to have radio with this info
I do not need any information. Been going for 10 years now. /
Water temperature. On a sign
Water quality and temperature
If water is dangerous
The water is invariably good, so further monitoring/reporting is not required by me anyway. Parking is a significant issue, not sure about any method to address communication though- just need more spots.
Air temp, water temp, wind speed and direction (on shore/off shore), wave height. / Web site or mobile app - mobile app preferred. /

We go to the beach as part of family vacations to visit relatives. We go to the beaches my wife grew up visiting and that are close to where we stay. As long as there are not warnings to stay out of the water, we go to the same and most convenient beaches.

**Q31 Your answer to this question is very important for understanding what will continue to bring individuals to coastal areas and ocean beaches in Maine and New Hampshire. Coastal management priorities affect the look, feel, and function of coastal areas (e.g., infrastructure, natural resources, economies, communities, tourist attractions, views). What will continue to bring you to coastal Maine and New Hampshire to vacation, recreate, or relax?**

For Ocean Park to stay the way it is
Parking, low coats, clean water, safety ...law enforcement nearby on busy beach areas
Keep it natural and unspoiled. What brings me is the view and the peace. The other stuff is a plus. Access to bathroom facility/outhouse is important. Finding a place to park after driving an hour to get there is important. (Popham Beach is the worst.) I love the variety we have in Maine -- the remoteness in Downeast Maine to the crowded beaches in Southern Maine...I love to go to Foty Popham on a rainy day and sit in the window at the fort and read a book. I love Wolfneck in winter and it is close (30 minutes). / So if looking for a place to put Wind Turbines, I don't want to hear them and i would be concerned about oil leaking into the water, but i think they are pretty to look at in the distance.
The beauty of the natural surroundings & the tasty clams! The seaside villages of Maine and New Hampshire. The cold ocean water.
As long as the beaches are kept clean and the weather cooperates we will always enjoy the beach
Proximity
I will always come
Clean and safe beaches
Access to beaches that aren't so crowded. There should be better parking available at the Laudholm and Drake's Island beaches. We have to walk quite a long way to get to the uncrowded section (about 20 mins). With our beach stuff and gear it's our least favorite part of the beach trip. We also don't like the way sometimes beaches get "roped off" to public access because of the priority of birds over people. People just walking on the beach or finding a place to sit is what we come for! Not to see sections off limits.
The no smoking rules in Maine are great
Great weather.
Yes
Tradition, beautiful beach and fun
Clean beaches. Ease of parking. Restroom facilities
Yes!
Good costal land management, clean beaches and facilities, parking, reasonable costs to park, cleanliness of sand, mitigation of seaweed accumulation
PEOPLE BEEN VERY NICE,FAMILY ACTIVITIES,THE BEACH OF COURSE,THE GREEN SPACE...
My love for the ocean
Maintain water quality, limit big box and high rise development, Higher environmental quality enforcement visibility
Going to the beach is probably our favorite thing to do, we love everything about it - playing in the sand and the water, meeting friends, relaxing in the sun, bringing our lunch etc.
All of the above
Lunch and sunscreen
Clean beaches, access and amenities.
I will continue to go to the beach if we have our cottage nearby, if the beach is wide and sandy at both high and low tide, if the surf is safe to swim in. If we did not have a cottage I would want bathrooms, food stands, and nearby parking.

aces to site for sea kayaking
Keeping the beaches as nice as they are.
As long as I own the vacation property I will continue to come and will if we sell it I would continue to use these beautiful beaches.
We like to spend some vacation time in Maine because of the proximity of sports activities (golf, hiking, surfing, etc.) and the beach. / We also appreciate spending some time in small villages where we can appreciate coastal living (shopping, restaurant, walking through residential areas, etc.).
It's close to home, that's why I go. Easier access to healthy, good food, fresh water and bars would be amazing
I enjoy my summer residence in Maine and will continue to keep it as a place for myself and family to visit.
Love going anyway, just to meditate in front of the ocean.
I love the beach, again its really relaxing!
House availability
Relax
same; I live there; and i like it
Water cleanliness and beach cleanliness
Scenic areas that do not require much time investment to reach and represent a good value to my family.
the sun
Beautiful beach and things to do walking distance never have to get in car!
clean and safe environment... the beach is not crowdedadn it still looks a little bit wild
I love the ocean, the only thing that would stop me is if the water or beaches where gross unhealthy unsafe.
cleanliness and water quality
I don't need anything to encourage me. I love the ocean . I guess cleanliness and bathrooms keep me coming to the beach
just keep it the way it is, I will keep coming
Great clean beaches, great facilities, great people (we always get warm welcome from locals in Maine and NH)
I'll always go, can't be away. I will repeat my prior statements about the seafood pricing close to the ocean as it's seems to be higher and higher every year and I feel as though I'm being taken advantage of. This as I can find the same food, I'm told from the same waters at VERY reasonable prices. I want to enjoy a seafood dinner, close to the sea without being HOOKED for more than I should be.
Clean beaches. Good water conditions. Proximity.
Family and coming home every summer to be spoiled by Maine's best beach.
It's perfect the way it is. I will stop going when it becomes too commercial
Upkeep of the area but also maintaining the same atmosphere without making drastic changes
Clean water and beaches
The area which provides my family with what they are looking for in a vacation-- a beach setting , a relax atmosphere shopping and great food.
Maintain current accommodation close to beach; beach cleanliness and walkability; ability to drive to Ocean Park from Toronto (don't believe there is much public local transport).
My love of the ocean
As long as we are passing through Maine, (we do it once a year, going and returning) and we have friends in the area, we'll be spending some time.
Scenic natural areas with good water quality and clean atmospheres
Good water quality, reasonable fees for parking.
I think we are pretty lucky...we look to avoid the crowds as much as possible...water quality, physical beauty of the place is of utmost importance...



Vacation & relax.
a fun, safe environment for my family. a place that has activities we would enjoy.
clean beaches
That it stays the way it has always been. Keep that water clean, too.
Clean, quiet beaches. Clean water. / / If aquaculture is water parks - I am not in favor. / / If aquaculture is science centers - I am in favor.
Weather forecast
Beaches
well like i said i love going to the beach to swimm and relax so maybe having more healty food and less fastfood would help a little but as for the rest i don't mind that much the beach is there!!!
The beautiful clean beaches
the beautiful beaches and waves, and Jake seafood!
How long my parents keep their property.
I absolutely love the beach and will continue to go as long as the beaches remain clean
Peaceful environment with easy access and clean water. I do not want to get stressed out by parking or offensive behaviors (i.e. Smoking, loud radios, etc) when trying to relax at the beach.
time, finances
It's less expensive then the caribbean
Keeping it clean.
Family from the area.
Remain vigilant at maintaining the beautiful coastal region.
clean , well kept beaches , clean bathroom , parking
No fees. Dog friendly beaches, clean water and sand.
Communities and attractions
Clean, safe beaches. Parking. Other activities to do. Biggest problem is traffic. Route 1 cannot handle increased traffic and it takes forever to get anywhere between I-95 exits.
Being able to go to the beaches and not allowing them to become privatized. Beaches should be open to all, not just to the rich and powerful people.
nice beaches, good water quality will keep us coming for invaluable family time
Affordable and well maintained lodging. Safety in town and on the beach.
Everything! We just love the beach and are enjoying introducing the beach to our grandchildren
The quality of the water and the beach
The coastline has remained or stayed the same pretty much since I was a kid. This is the BEST thing about nh coastlines. It should never change because it is this, that brings us back. Every time I go to the beach I have to drive in from Atlantic Ave and just come upon the ocean vista at the end of the road. Ahh! Now... if I can grab a parking spot to walk the walk or maybe find a free spot on Jenness Beach or...continue on to rocky rye or... maybe pay the piper at Wallis Sands... my day will be perfect.
Natural resources, attractions
The proximity of my home /
Clean water
Sun warm water and we don't move
The relatively unspoiled environment
It's very important to preserve those area for our kids

As a property owner close to the beach I am very concerned about coastal flooding, beach erosion etc. that is priority to me.
Traditiona. Cleanliness and beautiful water in ogunquit. Wish the beach was not washing away so much!
Clean water, limited parking
My RV home will bring me to Maine
Clean water small crowds sandy beaches
Maintaining and continuously improving the quality and environment, within reason.
It's unspoiled nature.
limited traffic congestion and variety of restaurants.
Clean beaches and attractive venues, clean hotels, and excellent/affordable restaurants.
Clean safe beaches
The cleanliness of the beaches.
the weather and family
Cleanliness, parking, facilities, moderate crowding.
the beach and the ocean and both must be clean.
Quiet white sandy beaches
Not to crowded and safe
The easy pace of life, the beautiful beach...the shopping / I am concerned about the red seaweed as it smells bad on the beach and I do not like it in the water
Positive advertising with video and photos of the beaches and facilities. Families and individuals enjoying the sun and surf on clean sunny sand.
The atmosphere and the easy access to the beach will bring us back every year - God willing
clean beaches reasonably priced tourist attractions, and most important SUNSHINE
Continued ownership of my family cottage on the beach or access to the same beach via the homes and hospitality of others.
sun, sand and fun
The weather!
I will continue to bring my family to Bay View Beach as long as the beach & water remain clean, the rest room remains open, and the beach goer turn out remains reasonable.
clean safe beach
I love it
Current conditions of clean and scenic beaches and surrounding areas, not too crowded, access to recreation and beaches, accessible to dining and lodging.
Dont change aneth inv /
clean public beaches , access , parking, protection of the environment and the viewscape surrounding the beach
Family
The general upkeep of the beach is very important--keeping the boardwalks clear and up-to-date, keeping the beach clean, making sure the water is free of toxins, making sure people in the those communities are not contributing to detrimental occurrences on the beach, keeping the small downtowns quaint and clean (these towns are an integral part of what makes coastal Maine so attractive and unique. Of course, on a personal note, my family in Belfast and Ocean Park is what drives my desire to go to Maine for short and extended trips.
Affordable lodging, good choices for dining out, easy access to beaches, clean beaches, safe water
Have owned a vacation home in Wells for the past 15 years. Prior my family stayed at seasonally at a campground for 24 years. / Wells has always been our first choice.
Clean spacious beaches and clean water ease of beach access

At the end of the day, it is a quiet sandy beach with restroom facilities and ease of parking adjacent to the sand.
A strong commitment by the federal gov't and states to continue to protect the coastal areas from water and air pollution. also, a commitment of continuing to protect coastal birds and aquatic life. I am not alone in my belief that protecting the coastal areas is necessary to protecting the planet. Maine already does a great job protecting the environment and I know of a number of families that, after spending a week on the Maine Coast, move to Coastal Maine to settle their and raise their families. This would not have happened except that Maine is perceived as being a very environment friendly state. However, they must continue the good work. / /
I'm used to the beach in Hampton and I have friends there.
Scenery. Clean beaches.
As long as there are clean beaches meaning sand and water I will continue to go!
the weather , nearest of Sherbrooke , good place to rest , the people where we rest , facilities of the town , peaceful .
Quiet, peacefulness of the ocean and the immediate vicinity where we stay - Less tourist attractions, less traffic on the roads, less people -like it used to be when we first started visiting Ogunquit in 1985. We left Cape Cod back in 1985 to get away from all that hectic atmosphere--
keeping the beach clean and protected from pollution. No new motels or construction on the beach.
Close from my home, hospitality, maine mentality
Beautiful beaches, close to necessities such as grocery stores, fun things to do besides beach.
Having the best beach that I ever visited.
The quality of the experience as described in this survey and easy access egress.
Coastline not changing
Continue to prevent overcrowding of beach areas with large commercial hotel facilities affecting beach conditions and hampering access through traffic
I will always enjoy days at the beach with multi generations of my family. Plan to always do this
Good weather, clean beaches, availability and room to visit, and parking.
access, cleanliness, scenery, etc.
CLEAN BEACHES, PARKS, AND ALL RECREATION AREAS. GOOD TO HAVE VISIBLE POLICE PARTOL UNITS AT THE SITES AS WELL
Clean beaches and less people
To see my family.
Quiet, lack of crowds (where we go), beach cleanliness (trash and seaweed picked up...especially trash).
If it remains easy to find information and to have access.
Clean beaches, activities for us to do, places to dine
Keeping human impact as little as possible, preserving costal communities, preserving wildland habitat and minimizing corporate development.
Parking availability, restrooms, close proximity to a selection of good food, beach and water cleanliness. Availability to scenic areas.
It is not too far from our home (about 6 hours), the beach is really clean, the restrooms are clean, there are shows and fireworks at night, the atmosphere is great at Hampton Beach!
Clean waters, boat and fishing opportunities and better parking
Keeping the beach environment similar to what it currently is, limit development
good health
The beaches will always be a place to vacation. reasonable rent during peak seasons. Restaurants with reasonable pricing. / Food and entertainment is a huge expense. Adequate parking and facilities.
both

beach conditions like quality of sand, beach access, natural environment, water, "unspoiled" atmosphere
Clean beaches; ability to access the beach easily from parking areas; monitoring of alcoholic beverages on beaches; protection of sanddunes & seagrass areas....
I plan to continue visiting coastal New Hampshire and especially Maine because we have a seasonal campsite there and we enjoy spending time there. However, I have noticed that the Wells area has become much more crowded in recent years. In particular, Drakes Island Beach used to be fairly quiet, but now parking on weekends can be very difficult, especially in the morning hours.
as long as I live in the area, I'll go to the beaches and enjoy the beauty surrounding it.
The quality of the beach, as well as how crowded and clean the beach is.
the OCEAN
Protection of the beaches from pollution, erosion and buildings.
Good surf and nice beaches
Clean beaches with adequate facilities and amenities and surrounding communities that provide a variety of locally owned small businesses, restaurants and arts and music possibilities.
Clean, uncrowded, sandy beaches with access to towns like Kennebunkport and Ogunquit.
I live here and it is NH's beach.
We love going to Maine, and will continue to vacation there as long as we can
Clean water and nice sand . / / / / / / /
Parking, clean water
Inexpensive and quick access to spacious beaches.
The coast is beautiful!
Clean beaches & water / Restroom facilities / Reasonable fees
clean beaches
natural resources
cleanliness of the area, parking, restrooms,
keep it the way it is, clean, friendly and less commercialization.
non crowded beaches
the cleanliness and easy access to the beaches
Intelligent planning. Unfortunately, Old Orchard is an example of poor management and planning. They are short sighted. There are too many examples but one tragic one is continuing to allow improper growth in flood plains. One whole village was built in wet lands. There has to be more environmental concern or the beauty of Maine will be destroyed. There are none so blind as those who will not see!
Family there
Family
n/a
opportunities to rent property that is ocean/beach front.
Family vacation home
My overall personal enjoyment of the area
Clean and environmentally stable coastal areas
The small town non commercial feel about the communities. The beaches are not over crowded and it is easy to travel around. The beaches are clean and I feel like the water is safe to swim.
clean beaches, adequate water quality, adequate parking and facilities, good restaurants and retail.
The overall cleanliness of Maine and New Hampshire. That includes the landscape, water and beach areas.
Healthy beautiful sandy beaches with good surf

Nothing. I love the ocean. Wish I lived closer so we could go more often. I have state park plates on my car and love them. It encourages us to come more often.
Clean beaches with good parking and close restrooms.
Keeping the area simple,, I go to Bayview because it is not very populated unlike Old Orchard. I like the quietness of the area and being with mostly local people that i now call friends
I live here so there would have to be something dramatic to keep me away. Pollution, industry
As I said before, so long as the beaches stay as I always remember them being and the shopping and restaurant choices nearby are always as plentiful as I remember it all comes down to can I book a house to rent for a week or two at a reasonable price, AND, at the time of the year that I want, such as I prefer July over August when it comes to visiting Maine beaches, just cause there's more people in July
beautiful, clean beaches, ease of parking, maintained roadways, commitment to ecology, more recycling bins available
clean beaches, fresh air, open spaces and not overcrowding of beaches. Access to the beach!
i live on the coast of Maine and love it here. Wouldnt want to live anywhere else
sandy beach, the sun, clean environment
Continue as things are today, improve facilities, keep cost reasonable
Beach quality, convenience
Family gatherings, clean, safe beaches and water
Cleanliness of beach and water,and most importantly, public access to ALL beaches.
Clean beaches, clean water, good parking and good weather
The clean water, sandy beaches and rocky coastline.
The beauty and lack of crowds.
I would like OOB to clean up their store choices in the downtown area. It still remains honky tonk compared to other local beach towns like Kennebunkport, Ogunquit, etc. Between t-shirt shops, tattoo parlors, weapons stores, junk stores, it is a big turn off. Local business owners need to be supported with growth opportunities including licensing and permits where it is difficult for them to obtain.
Difficult to say. We travel extensively and tend not to go back to the same places. We only visited Maine and New Hampshire as we had friends there.
Keeping beaches clean and free of litter. / Easy access to beaches.
Tourist attractions. Clean beaches, small coastal towns with great restaurants
We love the sand texture of the Maine beaches and the fact that so much of the coastline is not overdeveloped as in boardwalks with lots of businesses. We like the feel of the natural environment.
beautiful clean beaches
Clean beaches
I live here, so I will probably always recreate at my local beach. However, I feel that a greater emphasis must be placed on trash removal and recycling.
The ocean nor the human made crap that surrounds the beach.
Beautiful beaches.
The beautiful beach and clean water
clean beaches, a safe environment, beautiful scenery, inviting businesses, good restaurants, family events (i.e.: the yearly sandcastle competition)
Relax, shop in outlets
Access to the beach and family and friends.
Natural beauty
Quality of the water and its facilities around them

all of the above, but to relax
living in the area that I do. I live on Great Bay, with easy driving access to the ocean.
Clean beaches, posting of trash of beaches. People are very inconsiderate about leaving their stuff on the beach. Removing seaweed from roads where it has splashed over to reduce bugs while people are walking.
clean well run beaches
Parking cleanliness
Beaches that are clean and not crowded.
Keeping beaches clean.
Clean quiet few people affordable beachside place to stay
The view of the water the wind the sun the smell
I love the beach and my family loves the beach! It always puts me in a good mood to be on a beach, looking at the ocean and smelling the sea air. I feel lucky to live 45 mins from a beach!
Keeping safe, clean water and beaches.
The same beautiful, clean, wide beaches. Access to public launching spots for boating and fishing.
I just love the area..its got so much to offer and is always in good condition both the beach and the water.
proximity to home, cost, cleanliness of beaches
relax
Beauty, exercise, proximity
I love the quaint and coastal community feel of the areas at which I vacation. Would not like to see that change.
As long as the beach stays clean and I can find a place on the beach to stay.
Nice clean beaches
Access to parking, vibrant downtown shopping areas, access to restrooms
The beauty of the coast, the connection of residents to the coast, the warm air and cold water
keeping them clean
Natural beauty
I love the ocean! Even if I can only walk the beach. It is still Zen to me
Good value and close proximity
Continued good maintenance of our beautiful resources ...
Close by and family tradition
the ocean
nature, The ocean,
Continued family trips, the fact that Maine's rocky coast is about as close to the rocky coast of the Pacific Northwest as I can get.
weather
finances
Opportunities
Beautiful beaches, close by
Weather & good health
My car:)
Recreate
Tradition...love of the beach and ocean
I love the beach, & will continue to go!

clean enviroment, clean, motels,
I will always visit the beach
Family
As areas become more popular for beach visitors to manage and provide for the parking and reasonable access for all visitors.
Hotels and beaches
My family I love drakes island and have been lucky enough to have been going every summer for 46 years! My whole life
Tradition, close to home and family, scenery
relaxing atmosphere and good seafood.
Comfortable safe environment, clean, convenience, scenery.
Small crowds, clean water, clean beach
The scenic views
cleanliness, safety, parking and restrooms
Our investment in our home and ties to the community
AS long as beaches are safe and clean we would continue to visit
recreate and relax
Improve cell phone reception! Make parking free.
Continued care of the coastal areas, including wildlife.
The pristine beaches without a lot of commercial interference
maintaining the beach....even expanding it, as the crowds continue to grow (Ogunquit)
Improving and maintaining the quality and appearance of water and beaches. Slow the growth of stores and restaurants.
The Ocean itself. This is wy we come to the coast: to see the ocean, to smell it to walk the beaches, to breed the clean air. The Ocean brings a breath of clean air in your whole body, makes you feel good, relaxes you and makes you a better person. I brought my children (4) and now my grand children (8) and the souvenirs they gather always pop up in conversation we have with them. Maybe it'a because I was raised early with my parents on the coast of St-Marguerite's Bay in Nova Scotia when I was just a lad during the war, but I can't go through a year wihtout "seeing" the Ocean. I's a necessity for my peace of mind and equilibrium in life.
The beauty and peacefulness of the beach. The fresh seafood. It is affordable.
ease of access, cost of staying, cleanliness of beach and water
Clean beaches good dining walkways along the beach
Continued beautiful beaches
It's pretty great as it is. I wish the park pass included more beaches. I would pay a little more to have access to a few more beaches. It's a nice goal each year to try and hit all four beaches on the pass.
Clean beaches, clean water, not crowded beaches, beautiful views.
For me I will continue to go to the beach because I like the area and the sun,the sand. I go to Pine Point beaches and Old Orchard since 50 years and I like it very much.
being able to swim, walk the beach
I love the beach and live less than an hour away
Providing access to the clean, safe beaches, with restroom facilities, limited commercial establishments, fishing from shore
Clean beach with easy access and activities within 5-10 miles
Nice beaches and restaurants.

Natural resources, tourist attractions
Great towns like Ogunquit (charming, lots of unique things to do, great beaches).
Access to clean, sandy beaches with good swimming. Access to places for my kids to have fun when they are not on the beach that are not far away.
mostly weather
Beautiful beaches
Clean beaches that aren't too crowded. Clean bathrooms and available parking.
Clean, family friendly beaches
free parking for seniors / toilets / lifeguards / clean beaches /
Clean water, well-kept beaches, relaxed atmosphere, friendly people, scenic vistas, open spaces, reasonably priced accomodation
Clean water, clean beaches, awareness to public safety
weather
The safe, friendly atmosphere and proximity to the beach. Small, private area with limited overexposure from outsiders.
the love of the maine coast that we have enjoyed for over 40 years
not crowded beaching, being able to park, good water, restrooms, great weather
as long as the beach is clean, i will go. although, the beach has gotten too crowded!
Clean beaches and protection of the shoreline
Clean beaches and affordable vacations
Tradition
clean water, reasonable parking facilities and bathrooms
Family tradition and beautiful beaches. Would be great if the Ogunquit Beach was bigger on days when the tide is in. When that happens it is impossible for find a spot.
As long as I live here I will frequent our beaches
Short drive, godd weather
Better parking in Ocean Park Inns, black water, red bloom in Plne Point area
Parking is the only significant negative aspect, Ogunquit specifically. All beaches are tight in the summer, Ogunquit is essentially exclusive now due to lack of parking. I was born in Maine, been going to the beaches all my life. It's troublesome now.
Clean beaches and water, opportunities to swim and kayak, basic infrastructure for parking and bathroom facilities.
Overall quality of the natural resouces and amenities
relaxation
The beauty, convenience and tradition will keep me returning.
Family vacations to visit relatives



**Q36 Please tell us the name of the most recent beach you visited in Maine, and where it is located. (e.g. Beach Name, Town Name)**

Friends Live in Lebanon. The beach was about 20 min away from their home. That's the best I can do for you.
I can't remember!
Head Beach, phippsburg

**Q38 Please tell us the name of the most recent beach you visited in New Hampshire, and where it is located. (e.g. Beach Name, Town Name)**

Rye Beach
Pirate's Cove Beach. Just south of Wallis Sands Beach
Seabrook beach
Pirates Cove, Rye
Pirates Cove Rye, NH
Wallis Sands private beach

**Q76 Your answer to this question is important for understanding what brings individuals to beaches to vacation, relax or recreate. What changes would most increase the number of trips you take to ocean beaches in Maine and New Hampshire?**

you couldn't change anything...its about the time I have to get away
Would like to see the Town of Wells be more active in cleaning Drakes Island Beach. This beach has not been swept in many years, although they do have the equipment to clean. They seem to concentrate on Wells Beach proper.
Work schedule and gas prices.
work Schedule
wider footbridge
When I have more free time
Weather. Less people. Nice sand
Weather and water temperatures
We usually go whenever we wish. However if there is no parking available we leave.
We used to love to go to the Web Foot Inn in Ocean Park , just for the weekend, but they took away all the parking so we have had to pick a hotel that we do not like as much as the inn.
We live in the Midwest so we only get out to Maine/New Hampshire once a year. But we would certainly enjoy any improvements may to the beaches there.
We live in Texas and only come once a year.
We live at Pine Point. It would be difficult to increase our trips. Our situation may be unique.
WE have seasonal property so we would still be visiting
We have a cottage in Seabrook Beach area that is walking distance to the beach. So parking is not an issue for me or my family and friends. I am not aware of a water quality issue so that does not impact my decision making. / / The biggest issue is traffic to and from the beach - particularly leaving the beach to get back to rt

95. We would have more visitors if traffic was not such a problem. We would go to other areas of the coast on the weekend if traffic was not such a big problem.
We are now getting older and my wife has more difficulties in walking around, so we have to rent an accomodation without too many steps and a close walking distance for parking. Other that that we enjoy being with the croud along any beach on the the Atlantic coast from Bar Harbour to Miami
water temperature
Water temperature
Water quality in the Goose Fare Creek in Ocean Park is quite bad and filled with bacteria. Monitoring water quality and making changes to improve it would certainly impact my desire to swim there (though my actual trips to Ocean Park wouldn't really be impacted, as we have a vacation house there and spend lots of time there anyway).
Water quality and temperature
Water quality and sand quality
Water quality & parking fees
warmer ocean temperatures
Ward weather and ward waters
very little. My wife is from there, so I take the trips regardless
Very expensive to park at wells beach
unknown
unkempt beaches, cold, icky water that you can't swim in
Time traffic
time that I have for escaping to the beach
Time off work.
There is not much I would change except perhaps the parking
Their being closer to where I live.
The weather! I live in coastal Maine and go to the beach whenever the weather permits.
The water quality question is important...we have tried in the past to ascertain water quality reports sometime with luck sometimes not...we usually avoid North Hampton State Beach if it is within a few days of heavy summer rainfall...we head for Maine
The warmer weather brings me to the beach more frequently.
The value of the Canadian dollar and retirement
The quality of the sand and water.
The price of Gas!
THE PARKING
The only thing that would really impact how often I go would be if North Beach were dredged in such a way that low tide lasted longer. The only reason we ever leave the beach is when we are chased off by the tide, since we live across the street.
The only thing that would increase our number of trips would be time and money!
The money exchange (I'm from Quebec) sometime is pretty high and that make me go more in the eastern province in Canada. And the more important things for me it's the number of days holyday I have in the summer.
The last year there was full of seaweed in the water and on the beach so we are not planning to to back till this situation change
The cleanliness of the sand and ocean. This summer the Pine Point Beach had a lot of seaweed.
The changes could not be made by anyone else. It is a matter of time and money available to take more trips.

The amount of time I have available because of work schedules. Retirement!
the accessibility to a house near the beach
Summer traffic.
Some nice restaurants in the north hampton area as well other shopping or entertainment for kids
Smaller crowds and better or free parking.
Shopping (outlets)
Selling our other house
Sea water warmer
Retirement:)
Retirement
Retirement
Retirement
Restrooms
Really none, would take the same number of trips we do now.
Public access to more beaches
proximity to lodging, cost, local traffic, peak traffic
Probably none because this is where we spend our family vacation.
Probably marketing of additional things to do (i.e. rental bikes & biking, museums, places to explore) would increase the length of the trip but not necessarily the number of times we go.
Personally, it is about access. I would love to spend more time at the beach than I currently do. Its about bringing a 90 year old with me and she doesn't always want to go. I am restricted by my care giving duties. Once those are no longer then I would spend more time there.
Personal retirement.
personal opportunity
Personal changes, having more vacation time and disposable income to vacation more often.
Parking, more public restrooms
Parking, less crowding
Parking, beach bars
PARKING! Long and Short Sands Beaches in Maine have hardly any parking, we actually left without visiting the beach due to not finding parking. At Hampton Beach, in NH, finding a metered parking spot within reasonable walking distance with all of your heavy beach gear is impossible. And when you do find one, it is expensive. The beach state parks cost more than they should too, in my opinion.
Parking would be a tremendous help. I spend the summer in N.H. and Me. and the beach is the focal point. Love to go to Jenness and York. I grew up in N.H. and spent lots of tome at the beach growing up. I live inthe Atlanta are and am very happy that I am able to spend so much at the beach. / Parking is the only negative I ave for both Jenness and York (Long Sands).
Parking costs
Parking at Hampton Beach is not good on crowded days. keeping the beaches clean is helpful in either NH or Maine
parking and traffic
Parking and price.
parking access and no increase in to the parking fees.
parking prices
Parking

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Parking
Our retirement in a few years. we drive 16 hours from Ohio, so its a major expedition to get there and we use most of our vacation time for the 2 weeks we are there.
open a snack bar at Popham
nothing; i am a senior and have a handicap permit; parking is not really my problem; I live 1/2 mile from old orchard beach; I would like to see no smoking on OOB beaches, and more bathrooms in OOB
Nothing.
Nothing, for the last 13 years we have had a seasonal campsite at Stadig Campground in Wells. We enjoy the area very much
Nothing! Its great at the present time and is dependent of replenshing of washed away beach sand.
Nothing would change - we would visit Maine & New Hampshire because we love that area - no matter the water & parking
Nothing really. My family has vacationed for the last 31 years in Ocean Park, Maine and hopefully for many more years to come.
Nothing really. I come to Maine to vist family several times a year and typically spend a week in summer at Ocean Park. I live out if state so I get to Maine as often as possible. Water and beach quality is better than in NJ and NYC. I stay at beach so parking is not a big deal.
Nothing I would still come
Nothing
nothing
Nothing
Nothing
nothing
nothihng
NOt sure if it begins with the fishermen however the price/cost of fresh seafood seems to be higher for me at the beaches lately. I can get FRESH delicious seafood dinners close to home I know are from local waters for a fraction of the prices closer to the beach. I understand part is you are getting the whole package, fresh food where it was caught including scenery however, I tend to avoid eating seafood now close to the beach or even buy fresh food to cook at home for the prices at my local merchants are extremely more affordable and again, taste/are just as fresh
Not much...hampton has nice restrooms and parking
NOT APPLICABLE, I WOULD TAKE THE SAME NUMBER OF TRIPS. OTHER LOCATIONS CALL ME AS WELL.
North Beach - suggest offshore sand dredging like in FL to raise height of beach and get some sandy beach . Also, current boulders on beach need to be reset as was done 10+ yrs ago, resulting in small jetty type set ups every several hundred feet.
None. We visit Maine always while passing through to another destination. Having said this, let me add if my career were to ever allow me to locate in Maine, I would move there in a heartbeat and then use the beaches much more.
None. I just love going to the beach
None. I already love the beaches

None. I have been a beach goer for over 50 years and plan to continue to go to the beach as often as possible.
None
None
None
None
None
None
none
none
Noise abatement in the evening makes a big difference for young families with children. For example, Wells Beach prohibits fireworks, but it is poorly enforced resulting in Cherry bombs being fired in the middle of the night with no law enforcement action. it is a very congested area of cottages at Wells Beach, so the explosions sound like they are going off in your bedroom. I have had a few bad experiences recently at Wells Beach about this which makes me think if it happens again on my next three week visit in July 2015 , I will head to Cape Hatteras, NC for my next beach vacation.
NO SMOKING, NO PETS, MORE POLICE
No changes would increase my trips
No changes needed
No changes
No change. Please don't change a thing.
Nice weather
My retirement / if we lived closer / if Parking costs were reduced / if hotels didn't cost so much / if the water were warmer
My family would visit the beaches more often if parking was more convenient.
My decision is solely based on weather. i do like beach with good swimming and body surfing can be enjoyed. Easy parking makes sense too.
Move rocks off of Drakes Island Beach
mostly it is just the amount of time we have from work that dictates how often we are able to visit the beach.
More vacation time for me and family
more vacation time
More vacation time
More time off! But really the parking is a real bonus. If I drive 1 1/2 hours - 3 to get to the beach I don't want to have to worry about getting there early to get a parking spot.
More time off of work
More time off from work. If I could get away more often, I would happily take more trips to ocean beaches in Maine & New Hampshire!
more time off from work and the price of lodging
more time off from work
more time off , better weather,
More time off
more time off
More time available to be on the beaches ...
More sun/warmth / cheaper parking
More rental properties available near the ocean

more reasonably priced motels within walking distance to beach or free parking close to beach
More reasonable room/ house rental rates
more public restrooms near beach
More parking. On busy summer days, a lot of beaches are out of adequate parking by 7am.
More parking, one set fee instead of meters!
More parking reasonable hotel prices
more parking at a reasonable rate
More parking and reasonable cost for parking. Way too expensive.
More good waves
More free time.
more free time more disposable income
more free time
More free parking.
More free parking options and better water quality.
More family time and children wanting to visit beach
More discretionary time to be there!
More clean public restrooms, outdoor showers to rinse off sand, and lockers close to beach to store valuable items such as cell phones, kindles, digital cameras.
More campground choice. No RV's but cheaper tent site. Campground owner are like the Grinch they don't want young adults and families. Less car and people. More state parks.
More and free parking!
More affordable housing
More affordable beach rentals.
More activities
More access to beachfront lodging.
Maine should improve its toll road into Maine. They should have a system similar to NH to prevent traffic problems. The current system is a complete failure!
Lower rental prices
Lower gasoline prices & lower food prices
Love NH beaches :)
Local parking, bathrooms and changing rooms including showers
Live closer
Lifeguards who don't text and sleep while on duty.
Less trash on beaches.
Less traffic to get to the beaches
less traffic - its a deterrent to the day trips
Less expensive parking prices. 7-8 years ago, it was about 7-10\$ fait all day parking, now it's more than 20\$ and even more during weekend. This is ridiculous. I prefer packing up my bicycle and ride to the beach myself. In 2013, I wend to Wildwoods, and I parked all day for 5\$ in front of the beach. Also, more places for people camping in tents. It seems that RV's are rulling the world... I would love to take a hotel, but again this is soo expensive, and the prices going up during weekends... 60\$-70\$ a night places would be nice and I would surely take more weekends trips to Maine, even during fall with that
Less crowding of Drakes Island Beach, improved cleanliness of the public areas of the beach.

Less crowding , better traffic control
Less crowded
less beach erosion....the Ogunquit beach at high tide is getting really too small, and scary!
less people
it's all good
It all depends on the weather
inexpensive parking
In the summer it would be available parking / In the off season having rest room facilities still open / easy access to boat/kayak launch
In Maine, I would like the lobster permits to be available at a resident rate if someone owns property/real estate. I pay taxes to OOB although it is not my primary residents. I would visit Maine more often if I could lobster trap for personal catch. / / I would visit NH beaches if I felt the water, beaches were cleaner. I see a lot of trash wash up on the beach line.
improvement of parking and traffic, better water quality
Improved restrooms.
Improved parking, lower parking fees, and shorter walks to the beach
Improved parking at Footbridge Beach in Ogunquit. The fee has risen astronomically, competitive to downtown Boston. Unless you are there at 10:30 am, you will probably wait for 30 to 45 minutes for someone to go shopping before you can even get a spot.
improved parking
Improve parking.
I'm very satisfied with the conditions of the beaches at Pine Point. Jokingly I would say ban male thongs on the beach
If we lived closer to Maine, as we drive up from Connecticut.
If we had more vacation time
If they had no smoking sections....but that's not gonna happen.....also if the birds would stay away and not steal food right out of my husbands hand....that's not gonna happen either...parking could be better but they all seem to do the best they can.
If there was something that could be done to minimize the red seaweed. There are times in the summer this is so bad you can't go in the water.
if the prices to stay in a motel or hotel would be less expensive
If the driving wasn't so far, it takes about 3 1/2 hours on the highway. We would take more trips if it were affordable to do so.
If the canadian dollar was more often at parity with US dollar!
if Maine would improve parking and facilities like the state beaches in New Hampshire.
if I worked less
If I was living closer.
If I made a lot more money and had a lot more vacation/time off
If I lived closer to Maine, I would visit their beaches more frequently. I currently live in the Southeast region of the U.S. so naturally we just visit in the summer. Cheaper parking at beach lots would be good though.
If I had more vacation time.
If I had more time off, if travel time could be reduced, more knowledge of where to go for quieter trips.
If i had more time off from work!
If I had more time off from work ;-)/
If I had more time off at work, I would increase the number of trips I take to ocean beaches in ME and NH.

If I had more time and more money, I'd spend a lot more time there, but I live and work in Vermont and it's a 3.5 hour drive. / / I can't think of anything that Maine could do that would make me increase the number of trips I take to Maine.
If I had more money to travel.
If I had more money
If I had more free time I would frequent more beaches
If I didn't have to work, I would spend all my summer time off at our second home Pine Point, ME. Beach clean up more than once a week would be wonderful but this beach is very well taken care of and somethings like the seaweed you just can't control.
I would visitore frequently of I worked less.
I would need to retire
I would love to visit beaches in Maine and New Hampshire more frequently. However our travel time to / the areas we prefer is approximately 4-5 hours. Either we need to move closer to the ocean or the ocean needs to / move closer to us.
I would like to see the erosion stopped and hopefully reversed.
I wish there was something, but it's a 6 hour drive from our home so unless it is closer, nothing will increase this
I visit the beach, weather permitting, once a week. I don't think I would increase my visits...I have other things I need to do!
I retire
I really only got to Pine Point. I've visited other beaches and used to live near Willard Beach but never went there. / I think crowding and parking is a problem. But again, I am lucky enough to have a family home at Pine Point so I've never really spent that much time at other beaches.
I really enjoyed Pine Point but the water quality was horrible, that would increase if I was able to swim. There was too much seaweed.
I pretty much spend all of July & August at the beach - the only thing that would increase this is if the weather were warmer!
I presently go to the beach as much as possible. I love being by the ocean. I find it very relaxing and rejuvenating.
I mostly vacation & relax at the Maine beaches. I think I would actually visit more frequently in the OOB & Ocean Park area if there were more year-round restaurants open and cleaner beaches. I would like to see more monitoring and cleaning of beaches prior to and following summer months. Many people let their dogs run freely on the beach (especially pre- summer months) which is okay, but many don't pick up after their pets during these off-season months....it's not very enjoyable walking on the beach with poop in the sand - and/or loose trash. The beach sand is very unclean during the months of April, May & June.
I love the beach and in the summer, we are there every day the weather allows. I go to the beach as often as possible, so I'm not sure that any changes would increase the number of times I go, but I would love to see parking improvements at Drakes Island. Also addressing the seaweed problem that has happened several times over the past couple of years and the washing away of the beaches would make for a better experience!
I live far away from the Maine coast so I would have to relocate in order to travel to Maine more offer.
I like it the way it is.
I go to the beaches about as much as I can now, so I don't think our number of trips would increase or decrease with any of these changes.
I can't think of anything in particular. We were visiting friends and they took us to the beach.
I am sixty one. It is expensive to park at the State Parks and with the cost of fuel to get there, I sometimes just cant swing it. When I have four weeks off in the summer I would love to go most every day but can't afford. At the beach, just beyond the marina in Rye there is usually a spot to park if I get there very early, but depending on the tides, it sometimes limits the time you can spend there. And it can be very rocky. Not conducive to boogy boarding. Reduced fees to Wallis Sands would be nice.



I am retired and I am able to pick optimum times to visit the beach, which means I go on nice days during the week that allows me to avoid crowds and parking problems. Parking would probably be a consideration if I went on weekends, as well as where to eat and what beach to choose.
I am delighted to have such a wonderful natural resource to enjoy. I think that the authorities do a marvelous job at preserving the beauty of these resources.
I am currently a summer resident. I plan on moving to Maine when I retire, so in the future I will increase the number of beach trips and places I visit.
I already take all the trips I can take and nothing but time would make me go more. With that said I would be much happier if the quality of the water was improved, it would make everything more enjoyable.
Hotels make 3 and 4 night minimum
Hitting the lottery and being able to quit my job, in other words, if we had more free time we would visit more often. Our family loves the southern maine area and visits as often as is reasonably practical now.
Having more time and money to spend there. I'd live on or near a beach if I could afford to.
Have all the beaches be No Smoking or only special areas for smokers, Especially cigar smokers! Also having to have a sticker or pay for parking after 6 p.m. is ridiculous. People should be able to walk the beach for awhile without having to have a sticker or pay an arm and a leg for parking.
Get rid of the rocks on Drakes Island beach
General weather
Frequent raking
free parking for seniors at other beaches
Free parking
Finding available housing at fair prices has always been our Number 1 issue being a family of 8 trying to find housing in Ocean Park. Every year the prices go up with the demand. Being from Quebec, Canada, its a 6 hour drive down to Maine, one we are glad to make, but unless you book with the local realtor, for which their are only 1-3 for the entire town, who reserves houses for past families, leaving new families stranded to find housing in the coastal town, before January, your chances of finding a house is dismal and if you can't find a house, then we simply would prefer not to go at all.
Extending Lifeguard hours
enjoy Maine and NH just the way they are: maintain the water quality, maintain the access only
Easy parking access / The prince of the parking / Quality and beauty of the beach
Easier parking. Inexpensive/free parking
Easier parking for day trips.
Easier parking at all of the beaches except for cable beach, we have no problem parking at cable Beach which is one of the reasons why we go there and most of our friends go there.
Easier parking as suggested in the previous question.
Easier parking - some beaches we have tried in the past require stickers. Also, most beaches do not allow dogs, which often keeps us closer to home at a lake where we can bring our dog along.
Ease of road access from my home.
Ease of renting a small cottage in the area in which I desire
Ease of parking and cleanliness
Ease of access and clean restrooms/showers
Cost of overnight stays
Cost of lodging, days available in my schedule to relax
Cost and availability of parking
Cost
Close parking at reasonable rate

Cleanliness of the water and of the beach would make the most difference.
cleanliness of the area
Cleanliness of sand and water.
Cleaner, bigger bathrooms, better & cheaper parking and better water quality
Cleaner water
Cleaner beaches. The beach I frequent is often loaded with seaweed which in turn breeds flies and a horrific odor
Clean beaches, no smoking or drinking,
Clean and more sand
Cheaper quality places to stay ON the water.
Cheaper gas
cheaper accommodations.
Changes in my lifestyle, nothing to do with the beach itself.
Can you make the water a little warmer?!
Better weather, parking and more shopping options
Better weather and warmer water.
Better weather and more vacation time ;-)
Better weather : ), less seaweed on the sand
Better water quality. Cheaper Maine Resident access passes.
Better quality motels in Hampton Beach
better parking, restroom/bathroom facilities, festivals at the beach
Better parking, more bathrooms.
Better parking, ease of beach access with small children
better parking,
Better parking! Even though we usually rent a house, I would come for a day trip if I knew parking would be available
Better parking free parking and more public faculties
better parking and accessibility to the beach area. warmer water!!
Better parking ,cleaner water.
Better parking
better parking
better parking
Better parking
Better cheaper parking /
Better and less expensive parking.
Better access to parking for people who do not live on that community
better access to parking
Being from Canada, the exchange rate has more impact on me. But the more I get older, the more I go for short and long trips
Because my family now owns a home in Ogunquit (purchased in 2014) after many years of day trips, we spent most summer weekends at the beach. The number of trips would probably not increase as we take so many trips already.
Beautiful weather all summer long.

Beach visitor population density
Beach Access to New Hampshire beaches, improved parking. Maine beaches are better but again access and parking are issues in southern Maine as well.
Bathroom facilities at Northside Beach, Hampton
Availability/affordability of accommodations
availability of good accomadations ie fair price not too fsr from the beach
Availability and rates of cottages renting
Amount of vac as tion time I have from work.
Alleviate ridiculous traffic jams on 1-a and 286
Affordable lodgings; Other reasons to be there, e.g. events, plays, presentations, etc.
accessibility, convienence and cost
Access to good parking close to beaches
A longer summer.

**Q88 What type of water and waste system does your household use? (please choose all that apply). Answered 'other':**

City water and septic
town water and septic system
Town water/ septic system
private well and county sewer system
Private water company (not municipal) and septic
Town water with private septic system.
Town water, private septic
town water and septic system
Town water, septic system
We have two houses; one uses town water/sewer and the other is private
Community water, private septic
Town water/ private septic
Town water. Private septic
town water - septic system
town water and septic system
town water, private septic
town water, private septic
Town water /private sewer system
town water, septic system

**Q90 Thank you for taking the time to tell us about your visits, opinions and preferences. In the space below, please feel free to share any additional comments you might have.**

<p>We have always loved Hampton Beach in NH and Beach for over 25 years, but lately have found the southern ME beaches to be quieter, not as busy and less noisy. We are willing to walk a ways to get to a spot that isn't as noisy/crowded. While some people want to be at a beach without lifeguards, we actually prefer not to be, because those areas tend to be more crowded and we can't stand listening to a lifeguard whistle. We are bothered with crowded beaches also because of loud music playing and smoking. We wish that all beaches would NOT allow smoking, and reinforce this rule somehow. Smelling someone's cigarette smoke while trying to enjoy life at the beach is annoying. While trying to improve birds' nesting grounds is admirable, it kind of ruins the beach atmosphere and limits our enjoyment of the beach if there are ropes and fencing up preventing people from using the beach area, not to mention it is ugly. Can't you simply post notices? In the Wells beach area, the general public should be allowed a drop off/pick up spot instead of all of these signs that make it seem illegal to go to the beach around the cottages. The beach isn't just for people who own or rent cottages, but for everyone. Yet, there often isn't a spot to be able to get there</p>
<p>I find Maine to be a special place where families from every ethnicity and culture can enjoy over and over again. Maine needs to vigorously fight to keep what remains of open spaces and coastal beauty.</p>
<p>We would go to the beach in Hampton with the surfing wall more often if it weren't for all of the rocks, when it's high tide there's nowhere for children to play or us to sit</p>
<p>Good luck with the survey!</p>
<p>We love the maine and NH beaches</p>
<p>One thing to improve that wasn't ask for is recycling facilities. / As a Quebec residents, we are used to do a lot of recycling but when going down to Maine, it is difficult to find the same facilities (in hotels or cottages).</p>
<p>I cannot go more than once a year to the coastel aeria, I live in Québec...</p>
<p>Wish they would clean the seaweed from Drakes Island beach a couple times during the summer.</p>
<p>People, facilities and beaches are what brings us to Maine and NH</p>
<p>We were able to visit Maine this summer and greatly enjoyed the many public spaces, beaches, museums, and parks. Thank you for your commitment to keeping these spaces available and accessible and maintained. What a fantastic service and what wonderful commitment to civic engagement and common good. Congratulations on wonderful work!</p>
<p>As I am getting on in years, transportation becomes more of an issue. Shuttle buses between the various beach towns would be a great asset ... especially to get to restaurants and shopping.</p>
<p>I enjoy our time in Maine, both the beaches and the communities we have visited. We have friends who live there and like to spend a few days with them while we travel. I do find the beaches crowded but am biased to the beaches in Eastern Canada where the population is much less.</p>
<p>Thanks for the opportunity to take part in this survey. The New Hampshire and Maine beaches are an important part of my family's life and have been for many years.</p>
<p>Be interested to see the results of this project! We love the ocean, feel fortunate to have access to the beaches we have and generally feel that we're in better shape than many places we have been...any efforts to maintain and improve what we have all the better! Thank you!</p>
<p>Anything you can do to help keep the NH and Maine coast and oceans clean is encouraged and appreciated. Thank-you.</p>
<p>I think the trolley should be also considered for amelioration. I tried to take it one last summer, after an hour of waiting, decided to take my car instead. And the fact that you have to switch trolet between Wells and Ogunquit is anoying. In Ogunquit village, there should be a traffic light</p>
<p>Living on Lake Michigan, where the water is now too polluted to swim in, I love being on the ocean and actually enjoying the water.</p>
<p>Veteran mariner</p>
<p>We love Maine and the local beaches.</p>

Please keep the beaches accessible to families and keep the fees reasonable for them. Everyone should be able to experience the beaches, fishing, and the beauty of the ocean. Our water supply around the world is becoming critical and I hope this survey helps with this overall problem. Thank you for the work you do and devotion to this overall problem.
thank you for all your efforts to keep our beaches clean and beautiful!
It was a big deception to See the beach with all the seaweed and it's seem nobody care ! / The information about this problem was good in new Jersey but not in the Maine / All our family is going to Pine point for many years but we are not going next year / All together we spend around 35000 \$ for 2 weeks and i spoke to a lot of people on the beach and they are not / Planning to to back / You should do something !!!
Thanks for research
I hope at some point i hope we will receive some feedback from you on your findings and work that you have done. Thank you
We live in Illinois but my extended family...parents sibilings..live in Maine so we visit the coast esp old orchard beach, portland etc ever other summer for a weeklong visit (since it is pricey to fly). We stay in a cottage aT the ocean with my sister and her family and my parents. My parents usually stay for two weeks. Hope this clarification helps...since the answers offered didnt apply to me.
I love seabrook beacg
Considering that I've been going to (and enjoying) the same ocean beach for 64 years, and am convinced there is no better (that I've seen) in the Atlantic, Pacific or Indian oceans, I'd say the standard is well vetted and pretty high.
It's really great that you are conducting this survey--good questions!
My family has always enjoyed Wells for the past 39 years. My adult children and families return to Wells for their vacations.
I was very impressed with the gentleman that conducted the interview while I was sitting on the beach at Wells last Summer. He was very knowledgeable on Maine coastal issues and we had a great chat. I applaud the work you are doing to protect the Maine environment and wish you all the very best as you continue your great work. / / Good Luck!
We have been to Maine for 20 straight years--renting the same cottage at Pine Point. It is the highlight of our year. Our children grew up going to Pine Point each summer, and my daughter ended up graduating from the University of New England in Biddeford--which we could see from our beach! / The Maine Coast is a huge part of our Family's life and memories. The Ocean is in our blood.
Pine Point has been a family tradition for over forty years. Even in years when my children were born (all summer babies) or we visited the Outer Banks for vacation we managed a visit to Pine Point even for just an overnight trip.
hope survey is useful
ALWAYS NICE TO VISIT YOUR AREA.
Last summer there appeared to be a larger amount of beach trash (and stuff washed in) than in past years. We know this is not easy to contain. We wish the town had swept the beach more thoroughly. We love Wells Beach for its width, lack of crowds, and friendly atmposphere.
We love Maine.
My comments are more of an example. Hampton Beach restaured the areas near the beach and the restrooms. It is really cleaner and it looks great. We really appreciate it and we tell everybody about how great are the ameliorations. So, the property and the look are important, because it contributes to have a great trip and enjoy our stay.
Thank you. keep up the good work
I liked the cleanliness of beaches
Having traveled extensively to Florida, Maine beaches far surpass anything that I have seen down there - no comparison...

PLEASE DO NOT ENLARGE AREAS OF PARKING . OUR BEACHES ARE CROWDED ENOUGH NOW . / TRASH CAN BE SEEN ON MOST BEACES . THEFT IS ON THE RISE AT SOME STATE PARKS . / KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN AND SAFE BY LIMITING CROWDS . IF I CAN'T FIND PARKING I CAN COME BACK LATER OR ANOTHER DAY. /
Good Luck!
I think it's great what you guys are doing. I love Maine's coastal areas, and think it's important to protect access both for coastal residents and visitors to the state.
When asked about beaches in other states visited in the last 10 years, a list was provided; it did not include Georgia. I chose South Carolina, because it is probably most similar, but the beaches we went to were at SSI, Georgia. / /
I love Hampton Beach.
I hope you will help to shape a better future. It will take creative thinking and hard work. Good luck!
I hope my partisapating helps . I have been travleing to Maine & new Hampshire beaches for all 63 years of my life . And will continue to do so !
Some of my favorite beaches in Maine and New Hampshire are the non-commercial beaches. Keep it simple. Parking, bathrooms or outhouses, clean and maintained and little to no restaurants. What you bring in, you bring out.
I do hope it will help you. I, along with my family, have been coming to Maine for the past 40+ years. For the last 5 years, I have rented a beach house for a full month. Since i am not american, i cannot live full time in the us, but if i could, maine would be my destination. I just hope they don't go to wild on expansions...
good luck!
We love the Coast and hope it is always as beautiful
The beach at Old Orchard was full of seaweed in the sand. It use to be raked and nicer to enjoy.
Plz more preservation less consumerism bullshit.
Maine has wonderful natural beaches and waterways
i found it was difficult to answer some parts of the survey. This is because, I live in the Seacoast area. the survey did a realatively good job of trying to address the issue.
The beaches are well maintained, I feel its the beach goers that sometimes abuse their privileges and do not pick up after themselves.
My family and I enjoyed our vacation in Maine and hope to go back again this year. The beaches are wonderful and lots of fun for the grandchildren and ourselves.
Best of luck with your survey and thank you for caring about the Maine Coastal Area. It is an area that is close to my heart. I have vacationed there since I was 6 months old.
My family and I always enjoy our visits to Old Orchard Beach. It is a fun and relaxing vacation that we take just about every summer.
Hopefully the old orchard township can continue to offer a great new england coastal setting without the additional hi rise hotels.
Thank you for sending me this survey. Have a Merry Christmas :)
Peace
The ocean front beaches in Maine and New Hampshire are great places to visit. With some preplanning and foresight of future concerns such as increased crowds this can continue. Focusing on improving the beaches that are not as attractive provides more options to spread out the beach visitors.
Rye was amazing Booth Bay was great loved going on the Puffin expedition.
Erosion is a major concern on Pine Pt Beach. We are losing our protective dunes from storms, some of this is due to manmade structures, such as breakwaters. We realize that the beach is always shifting, but soon we will not have a beach at all. / Also, beach raking by the town in the summer should be stopped.
Improve cell phone reception in Hampton!
We have enjoyed the Maine beaches with clear blue water compared to beaches in the Hilton Head SC area. Just wish you could warm it up a bit.

<p>Thanks for asking. I suppose you know I'm a Canadian by now. We love the Atlantic Coast for a number of reasons, mainly because of the proximity to our home. We can get in the car and be on the beach after a 4 hours drive, which is great. so if we have just a weekend we stay up north, if we have a week, we move down anywhere towards Augougit even to Cape Cod. / We love a "clean" lodging space, good food, not too many unnecessary police tickets. We are joyous people and like the idea of a good price/quality deal. In the winter days, we drive down to Florida (2-½ days) and spend usually two weeks on the East coast or on the Gulf side for the sunsets.</p>
<p>I hope the beaches in Maine continue to be available for people to enjoy for years to come.</p>
<p>Thank you for including me in this survey.</p>
<p>Sounds like you all are doing great work, thanks!</p>
<p>I would have liked a "neither of these beaches" option in the choose beach a or b, c or d questions.</p>
<p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Love Ogunguit. Would eventually like to visit other Maine beaches further up the coast.</p>
<p>Please have chemical toilets during the spring and fall because there are many nice days even if it's too cold to swim.</p>
<p>Visiting the same location for 45 years. Looking forward to summer 2015</p>
<p>Restrict smoking on all public beaches. Limit animal entry to beaches and, where allowed, supervise.....</p>
<p>I love the Maine beaches and feel it is a big asset to our state so treating them right to keep them for generations to come should be a priority. I strongly feel that you can live near the beach but no one can ever own the beach or access to the beach.</p>
<p>We do love going to Maine</p>
<p>I honestly appreciate your doing this project, and hope the outcome is positive- regardless of my input. The beaches are beautiful, and I am actually glad that they are busy, as people are enjoying them. I just wish it wasn't such an undertaking to try and get there before the small lot is full.</p>
<p>Thank you for caring for our Maine beaches.</p>