



NO WALKING / DRIVING IN THE DUNES

Driving in the dunes may sound like fun, but operating any type of vehicle in the sand dunes seaward of the dune protection line is prohibited under Texas law because it severely damages protected sand dunes and dune vegetation.

Texas Natural Resource Code

Sec. 63.093. PROHIBITED OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

No person may operate a recreational vehicle on a sand dune seaward of the dune protection line

Sec. 63.0191 CONDUCT PROHIBITED

Unless a permit is properly issued authorizing the conduct, no person may damage, destroy, or remove a sand dune or portion of a sand dune seaward of a dune protection line or within a critical dune area, or kill, destroy, or remove in any manner any vegetation growing on a sand dune seaward of a dune protection line or within a critical dune area.

Texas Transportation Code

Sec. 750.003. OPERATION OF VEHICLE ON DUNE SEAWARD OF DUNE PROTECTION LINE PROHIBITED.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person operates a vehicle on a sand dune seaward of the dune protection line as defined in Section 63.012, Natural Resources Code

(c) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

Setting up beach gear or walking through or on top of sand dunes may trample dune vegetation or create breaches in the dune system, and is also prohibited. **The dune system is the first line of defense against wave and wind action from storms, and destroying dunes and dune vegetation can put lives and property at risk.** The dune system is also an important habitat for a diverse array of plants and wildlife, including nesting sea turtles. Rattlesnakes also use the dune system as their home, making it dangerous to walk through.

