
Causeway access rules explained

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FROM CITY OF SANIBEL:

The Sanibel Causeway is now open for public access. Beginning at **11 am Wednesday, Oct. 19**, the emergency re-entry plan established by the City of Sanibel will become effective.

How inbound Causeway traffic will be handled:

- Two Inbound Lanes
- Right Lane — Emergency vehicles & Emergency government contractors only
- Left Lane -- Sanibel residents, businesses, property owners and private contractors.
- A VALID 2021 OR 2022 SANIBEL RE-ENTRY PERMIT MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED WHEN APPROACHING THE CHECKPOINT

[Please click here](#) to view detailed maps for checkpoints and traffic patterns to access Sanibel via the causeway and bridge.

Until further notice, vehicular traffic over the causeway and bridge will be allowed as follows:

Now through Oct. 30:

- Inbound access 8 am to 5 pm for all – residents, private contractors and emergency contractors
- Outbound access 6 am to 9 pm for all. There is one Outbound Lane from Sanibel and the causeway; there are two Outbound Lanes on McGregor Boulevard.
- Emergency contractors only can access the Causeway 9 pm to 6 am (aligns with new Sanibel curfew and existing Captiva curfew).
- A curfew is in effect between 9 pm–6 am. No vehicle, bicycle, or pedestrian movement is permitted, except for essential response personnel

Nov. 1 onward:**MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK:
ESSENTIAL RESPONSE PERSONNEL ONLY**

- Emergency vehicles
- Debris management
- Electric providers
- Water and sewer utility providers

NO RESIDENT, BUSINESS OWNER, PROPERTY OWNER, PRIVATE CONTRACTOR ACCESS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK

WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY OF EACH WEEK:

RESIDENT, BUSINESS OWNER, PROPERTY OWNER, PRIVATE CONTRACTOR ACCESS

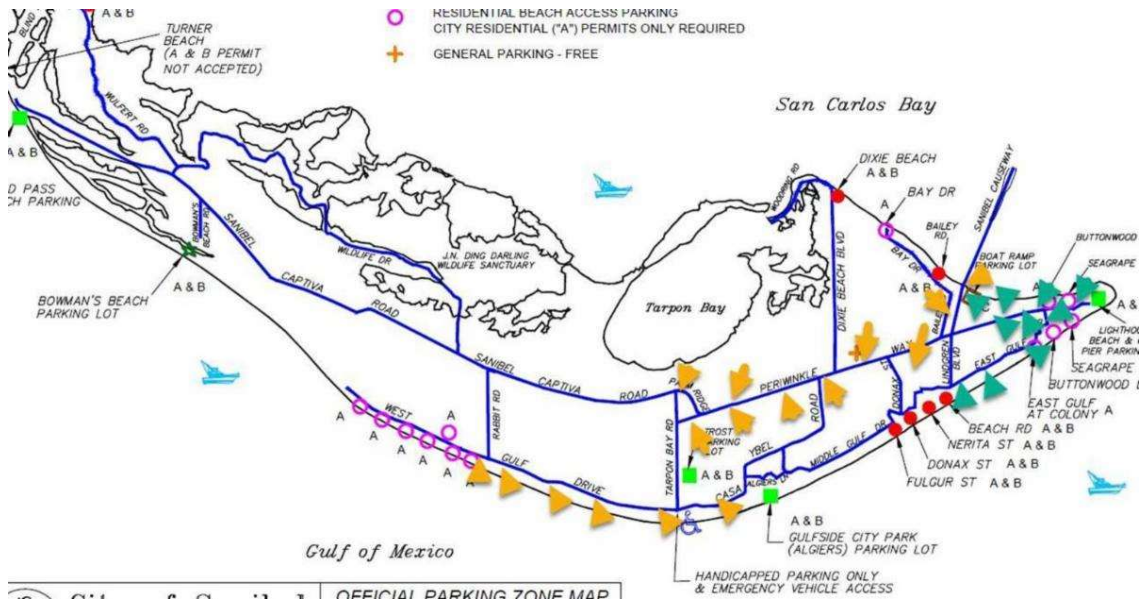
- Inbound access between 8 am–5 pm

WHAT TO EXPECT ON SANIBEL:

- Law enforcement presence
- Large construction vehicles traveling throughout island
- LCEC bucket trucks restoring power poles and powerlines
- 20 mph speed limit
- Traffic congestion throughout Sanibel
- Slow speeds through areas where essential personnel are working
- Yield to emergency crews
- Debris throughout the island
- Bicyclists, low-speed vehicles, and pedestrians in roadway

- No food services
- No gasoline stations
- Displaced wildlife
- Curfew 9 pm–6 am
- ATVs, UTVs, side-by-sides, and golf carts that are not legally registered to operate on City streets are prohibited.

Portable toilets have been placed around the island. Please refer to the following map for locations.



The City of Sanibel asks residents, property owners, businesses, and private contractors to strictly adhere to the established reentry procedures, including re-entry passes, inbound traffic patterns, and all traffic laws, and to obey all law enforcement directives.

NOTE: Do not allow unauthorized people to use your re-entry pass. You can bring people with you, but you as the pass holder must accompany them.

Debris removal: Here's a useful [graphic](https://www.crowdergulf.com/files/ugd/346889_e70f01c343e946bda02038ecb46da100.pdf) from CrowderGulf (the county's debris removal contractor) on how to manage your storm debris to meet FEMA guidelines.

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It's also important to manage your debris to expedite removal from your property. Right now, vegetation and C&D debris is all that the contractors are removing... so keeping those separate from anything else (and each other) makes it easier for the big truck to haul it off.

Finally, with all of the C&D debris comes a lot of loose pieces of metal... not a good mix for auto and bike tires. If you're driving, watch out... if you're disposing of C&D, pick up any possible puncture problems if you can.



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