

Refuge Beach Cleanup

Among the many maintenance projects that the Friends of Parker River undertake each year is the spring beach cleanup. On March 27, the Saturday before the beaches were closed to protect nesting Least Terns and Piping Plovers, volunteers combed the beaches, parking lots, and salt marshes collecting trash of all sizes and descriptions: bottles, styrofoam, fishing gear, discarded lawn chairs - almost anything you can imagine.

Volunteers included long-term refuge supporters - dedicated volunteers with years of beach cleaning experience, young families eager to do their part to help the refuge, and students from the River Valley Charter School in Newburyport. In addition to cleaning the beaches, many students developed colorful posters with messages announcing the event and encouraging everyone to help.



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