Beach Area Checklist

BEACH1	Agency name:	
BEACH2	Total number of beach areas assessed:	_____ beach areas
BEACH3	Name/location of beach:	
BEACH4	Is there a continuous unobstructed route of travel from parking to the beach area?	☐ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a ☐ photo
BEACH5	Is the route of travel well-lit?	☐ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a ☐ photo
BEACH6	Describe the surface of the route of travel:	
BEACH7	Slope of route of travel (at its steepest incline):	_____ % (enter 0% if flat)
BEACH8	Width of route of travel (at its narrowest point):	_____ inches (at least 36")
BEACH9	What is the distance from the parking area to the beach? (if no accessible parking, measure distance from middle of parking lot/area to the beach)	_____ feet
BEACH10	Is there a permanent firm and stable access route to reach the water?	☐ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a ☐ photo
BEACH11	If not, is there a temporary or portable beach access route available, like a mat?	☐ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a ☐ photo
BEACH12	If yes, is the temporary beach access route on the beach during all swim times?	☐ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a ☐ photo
BEACH13	If yes, is a turning space provided at the water end of the route? (60" circle)	☐ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a ☐ photo
BEACH14	From the beach to the water, how long is the route of travel?	_____ feet
BEACH15	From the beach to the water, how wide is the access route?	_____ inches (at least 60")
BEACH16	From the beach to the water, what is the slope of the access route?	_____% (maximum 10%)
BEACH17	If a temporary access route is available but not on the beach, how does a person access the temporary structure (e.g. do they ask the lifeguard or request from the park manager before arrival)? Describe:	
BEACH18	Is there a beach access route for every ½ mile of shoreline?	☐ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a ☐ photo
BEACH20	Is a lifeguard available during all swim times?	☐ yes ☐ no ☐ n/a ☐ photo
BEACH21	Describe beach surface (check all that apply): ☐ grass ☐ pavement ☐ sand ☐ gravel ☐ pebbles ☐ other:	
BEACH22	Comments/additional information regarding beach area:	

Beach Accessibility Checklist Information

Definitions for beach facilities:

- A **beach access route** is a continuous unobstructed path intended for pedestrian use that crosses the surface of the beach. **Beach access routes** shall connect an entry point to the beach to the:
    1. High tide level at tidal beaches;
    2. Mean high water level at river beaches; or
    3. Normal recreation water level at lake, pond, and reservoir beaches.

- **Permanent access routes** are fixed routes of travel that provide a path that crosses the beach surface. Examples of permanent routes include paved or sidewalk surfaces, boardwalk or planks, and brick routes of travel leading to the edge of the water.

- **Temporary access** routes are also permitted. The Mobi-Mat, Beach Access Mat, and Mr. Boardwalk are examples of portable and removable rollout access pathways. See more information at: **http://www.ncaonline.org/products-directory/categories/beaches/index.shtml**

Beach access routes shall coincide with or be located in the same area as pedestrian access points to the beach.

A minimum of one accessible beach route every half mile of linear feet of beach is required. The beach access route is required to extend to the mean high tide level, mean river bed, or the normal recreation water level.

Beaches are grouped into three general types:

- Coastal beaches
- River beaches
- Lake, pond, or reservoir beaches

See more information at U.S. Access Board: **http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/recreation-facilities/outdoor-developed-areas/final-guidelines-for-outdoor-developed-areas**