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So Much Seaweed

Who hasn't come home from a New England beach with seaweed in their bathing suit? It is inevitable. Usually, I find myself walking along the shore trying to find that spot where the seaweed seems thinner to actually go swimming in (when I do actually swim; see previous cold water complaint) and then always come back out again so far away from my blanket set up.

Seaweed, usually thick red seaweed, is unavoidable all along the shore no matter what time of year you hit the ocean.

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More Rocks Than Sand

Hitting the beach on the SouthCoast often means wearing shoes when you go. Or doing the whole weird arms out, try to step lightly while making the "this really hurts" face.

That's because we often have more rocks than sand, especially the further north you go.

Of course, the really rocky beaches have their perks. Usually there are less people, so if you prepare for the rocky ground you could come away with a much quieter beach day.

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Tick Check, Anyone?

Sure, those sand dunes look lovely, but what about the stuff that may be living in them? A walk through the tall grass on a sandy beach means ending your beach day with a tick check – or at least it should.

Sure, no one thinks about checking for ticks after the beach because of all the sand they supposedly hate, but sand dunes can be the tricky spot. And if your kids are playing in them, you should check them before you head home.

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Super Dead Zone

If you were hitting the beach in Florida or California, chances are you'd have enough businesses around you to snag some free WiFi while you soak up the sun.

No such luck on the SouthCoast.

Many beaches can get so remote even you phone service gets spotty, forget about picking up someone else' WiFi signal.

Still, the beach should be a place to unplug and relax if you ask me, so maybe the WiFi thing isn't so bad after all.

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