

Cape Poge Breach – 1/5/11

There is a new breach out on Cape Poge. It is between the windmill house and the Gut. The breach is located about 200 yards south of the windmill house and is approximately 100 feet wide and is about three feet deep at high tide. This makes it impassable even at low tide. Water is now flowing through the break between Edgartown Harbor and Cape Poge Bay.

Some interesting history on this story... the posts you see in the pictures below are the ones that everyone has been driving around for years. These posts were actually put in 30+ years ago to close the last breach. The locals drove the posts in and then strung used fishing nets to catch the sand and trap it to help close the breach. The breach then slowly filled back in and was eventually closed off.

See photos below taken by Peter Johnson.

In addition to Peter's photos there is also an aerial view showing the Cape Poge breach.

In the photos, the windmill house would be behind you and to the right as you head south towards the Gut. If you were able to keep driving through the breach you would eventually reach the Gut with the stairs and boat house in front of you.

In the aerial view, the shot is taken as if you were flying north from the Gut back toward the windmill house which would then be on your left. The windmill house in the aerial view is after the break in the top right hand corner of the picture.









