

Welcome to the Boston Harbor Islands

The Boston Harbor Islands national park area features 34 islands encompassing 1,600 acres and 35 miles of underdeveloped coastline all within 10 miles of downtown Boston. Hiking trails, beaches, ranger-led tours, camping, kayaking, nature walks, historic sites and daily programs are just minutes away on the ferry. Join visitors of every age from around the world and explore the beauty, tranquility, history and outdoor activities that await you on the Boston Harbor Islands.

a national park area



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2009 HARBOR ISLANDS FERRY SCHEDULES

Departures from Boston

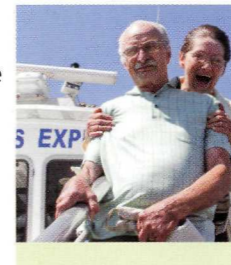
SUMMER: June 19 - September 7

- **Mondays through Thursday**
Ferries depart Long Wharf for Georges and Spectacle Islands every hour from 9am until 5pm. Return trips from Georges Island are every half hour.



- **Fridays through Sundays**

Ferries depart Long Wharf for Georges and Spectacle Islands every half-hour from 9am until 6pm. Return trips from both Georges and Spectacle Island run hourly. Ferry tickets include an inter-island shuttle connecting both islands.



SPRING: May 9 - June 18

FALL: September 8 - October 12

- Ferries depart Long Wharf daily for Georges and Spectacle Islands every hour from 10:00am-3:00pm and at 4:15pm.

Departures from Hingham, Quincy and Hull

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- Ferries depart from Hingham, Hull and Quincy to go to Georges, Bumpkin, Grape, Lovells, and Peddocks Islands.



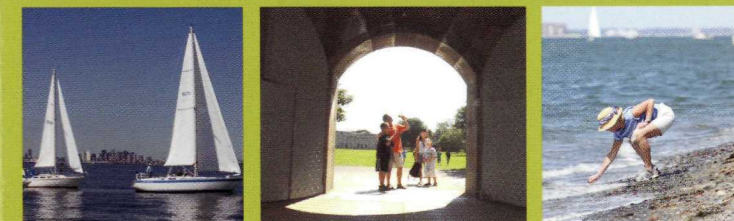
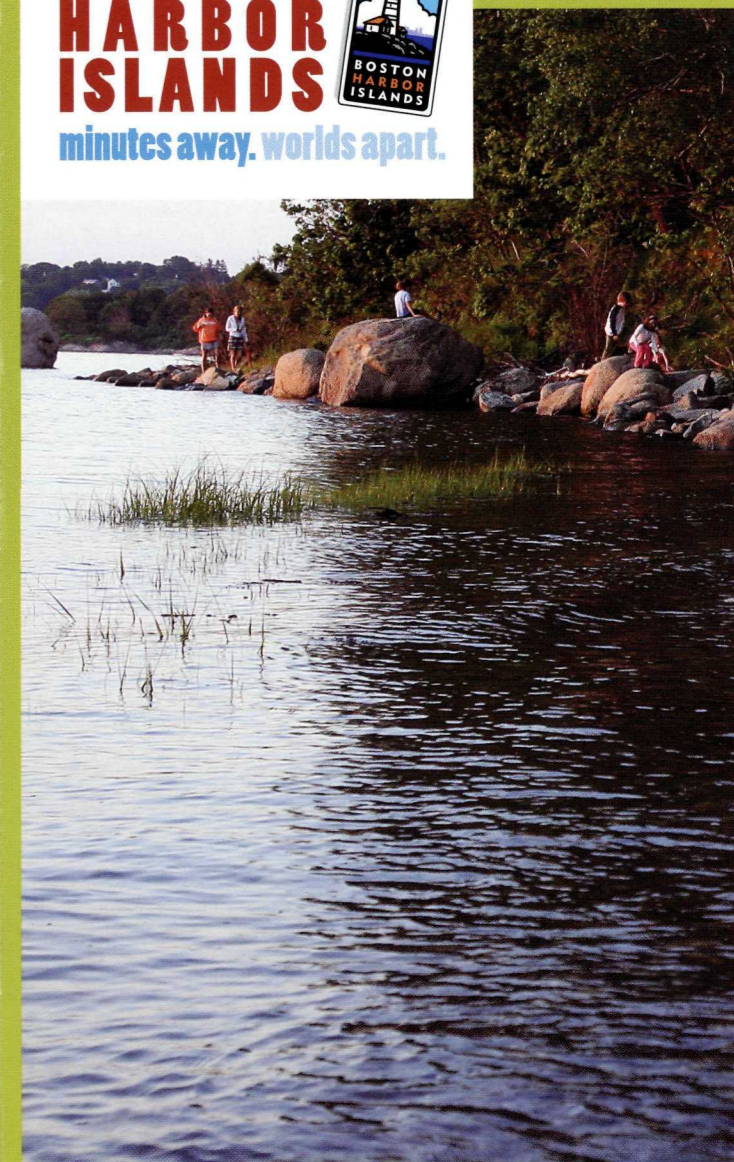
For more information

- Check bostonharborislands.org for the ferry schedules and to buy tickets.
- Buy ferry tickets at the Harbor Island ticket office at Boston's Long Wharf, adjacent to Christopher Columbus Park, next to the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel.
- Any questions, call 617-223-8666 and speak to a ranger.

Ferry Fare

- Adult.....\$14
- Senior.....\$10
- Child.....\$8
- Children under 3...Free
- Family Four Pack....\$39
- Groups of 10 or more:**
- Adult.....\$12.50
- Senior.....\$9
- Child.....\$7

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BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS
minutes away. worlds apart.



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Bringing the Islands to Life



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Two island adventure

Georges Island

Visit the National Historic Landmark, Fort Warren, a 19th century granite strong-hold used in the Civil War. Explore the ramparts or head down to the rocky shore. Large grassy fields and tables welcome picnickers. Enjoy a hot dog or ice cream. See the daily schedule for free ranger fort tours, performances, activities and programs.



Spectacle Island

Swim on a sandy life-guarded beach, or hike on five miles of gravel paths and view the panoramic Boston skyline from the tallest point in the harbor. Check out our "green" visitor center to learn the island history and ecology. New in 2009, Jasper White's **Summer Shack**, will offer food and refreshments 7 days a week. See the daily schedule for free ranger tours, performances, activities and programs.



More to explore...

Thompson Island

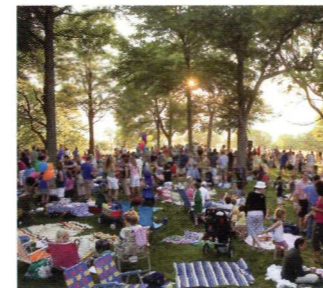
Explore the island's rolling hills, meadows, beaches and pristine salt marsh on Sundays. Thompson Island Outward Bound offers year-round team building programs and a conference center for groups and events. This summer-only ferry departs from South Boston, EDIC Pier #10 and from Spectacle Island.



Groups

Customized tour packages are available for any type of group.

- Plan and book your tour online bostonharborislands.org, or call 617-223-8666.
- Reserve group ferry seats at 617-222-6999.



Guided Tours

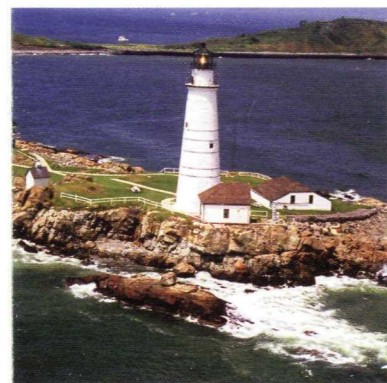
Boston Light on Little Brewster Island
Enjoy a three-hour adventure on a narrated boat cruise through Boston Harbor Islands, where you will learn about the geology and rich maritime history of the islands with a National Park Service ranger. Disembark at Little Brewster to visit the first and oldest lighthouse station in the United States, and the last to retain a Coast Guard keeper. Enjoy this unforgettable view of Boston Harbor from its most recognized gateway.

- Plan your trip and reserve online at bostonlighttours.com

Private Boaters

Attention boaters and sailors! Cruise the islands and find day anchorages and overnight moorings at several islands, and slips at the Spectacle Island marina with a reservation.

- Plan your trip and make reservations, check online constitutionmarina.com or call Constitution Marina at 617-241-9640.



- Passenger ferry gateways
- Georges Island & Spectacle Island
- Camping islands
- Lighthouse
- Additional Islands that comprise the Boston Harbor Islands national park area
- Dedicated route
- Boat Access
- Marina
- Accessible
- Ranger led tour
- Picnic area
- Food
- Historic site
- Life-guarded swimming area
- Restrooms

Islands that you can reach by land are: Deer Island, World End, Webb Memorial Park, and Nut Island.



Multi-island adventures

These rustic islands are great for day trips and camping. All have free ranger tours, picnicking and walking trails. For camping, reservations are required.



- Plan your trip and call 617-223-8666 and speak to a ranger.
- Reserve your camping spots at 617-223-8666 or online at ReserveAmerica.com

Bumpkin Island

Roam shell-filled beaches, wander through open fields, and hike trails that lead to ruins of a farmhouse and old hospital.

Grape Island

Explore the grassy trails and lush greenery that offer tranquility and bird watching on this woody isle.

Lovells Island

Visit this camping favorite which features peaceful tidal pools, curved beaches and dunes, picnic areas and the remains of Fort Standish. Lovells features spring and fall camping.

Peddocks Island

Explore this large and varied island which includes salt marshes, a pond, mature woodlands, cobble beaches and historic Fort Andrews. (No camping in 2009.)



Your easy trip planner

1. What can I do on the islands?

So many choices...

- Free-ranger guided tours
- Stroll the beach
- Hike on trails
- Picnic
- Go boating, kayaking & fishing
- Relax & enjoy the view
- Family programs like theater & jazz concerts

2. What should I bring?

Gear for your island adventure...

- Friends & family
- Swim gear
- Picnic blanket or towel
- Water
- Kites & balls
- Hat & sunscreen

3. How do I get there?

Easy and fast...

- For information on the ferry schedules and to buy tickets online, check bostonharborislands.org
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4. How do I get to the ferry?

- Boston ferries depart from Long Wharf, near the Blue Line Aquarium T station.
- Inexpensive parking is available at the nearby Fan Pier & Courthouse area.
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