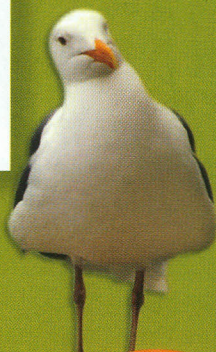


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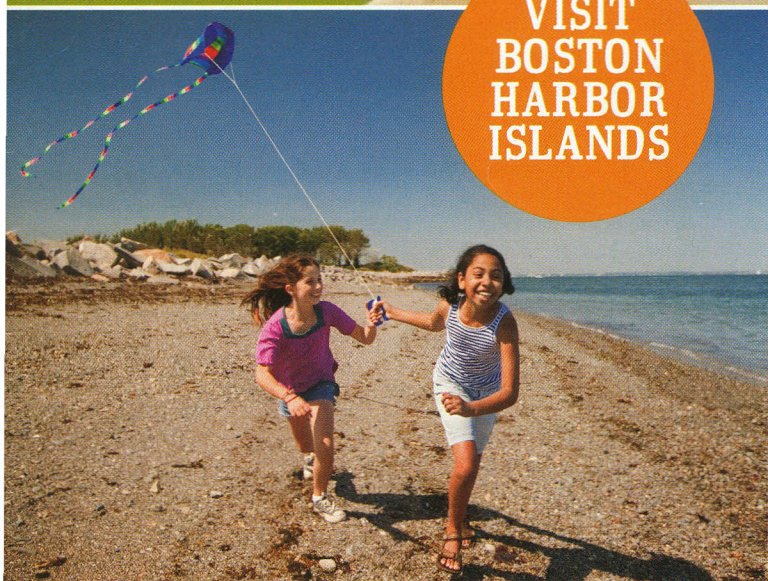
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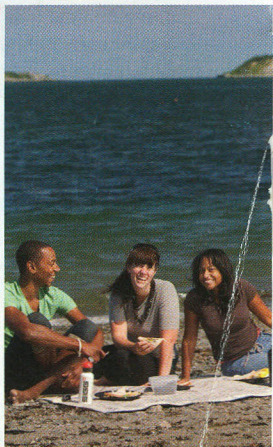
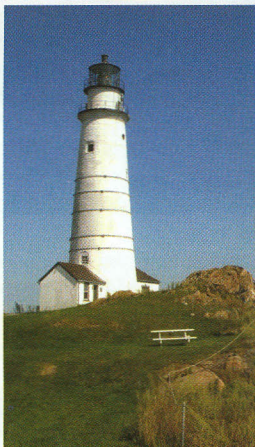


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# ISLAND ADVENTURES

## Georges Island

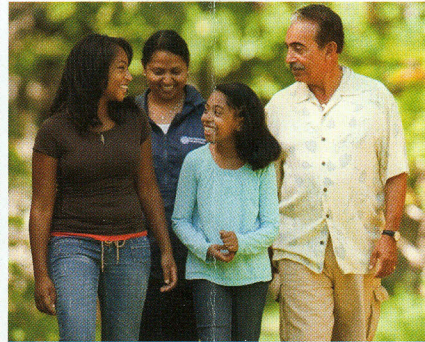
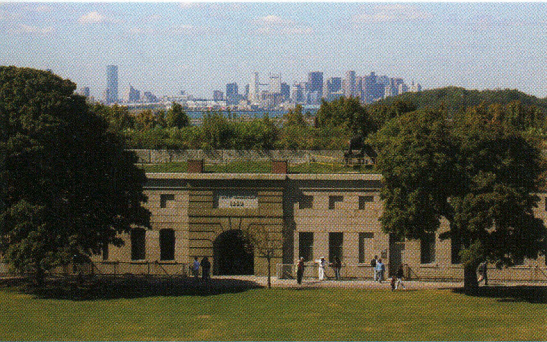
Take the ferry to this popular island and tour the National Historic Landmark Fort Warren, a 19<sup>th</sup> century granite stronghold used during the Civil War. Explore the ramparts or walk on the rocky shore. Large grassy fields and tables welcome picnickers. New for 2010 - stop by **the new visitor center** or **children's playground**, and eat at Jasper White's Summer Shack, which offers food and refreshments seven days a week. See the daily schedule for free ranger fort tours, performances, activities, and programs.

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## Spectacle Island

Swim on a sandy, life-guarded beach with rinse station and changing facilities, or hike the five miles of gravel paths to view the panoramic Boston skyline from the tallest point in the harbor. Check out our "green" visitor center to learn about the island history and nature. Jasper White's Summer Shack offers food and refreshments seven days a week. See the daily schedule for free ranger tours, performances, activities, and programs. Don't miss the Thursday night clambakes, reservations required.





# MORE ISLANDS TO EXPLORE

**Bumpkin Island** Roam shell-filled beaches, wander through open fields, and hike trails leading to ruins of a farmhouse and old hospital. Camping available.

**Grape Island** Explore the grassy trails and lush greenery that offer tranquility and birdwatching on this woody camping isle.

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

• To camp on Bumpkin, Grape and Lovells Islands, plan your trip at [bostonharborislands.org](http://bostonharborislands.org) or call 617-223-8666 and speak to a ranger. Reserve your camping site at [ReserveAmerica.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com) or call 877-422-6762.

## Little Brewster Island – Boston Light Tour

**Fridays-Sundays (June-Sept) Times vary**

Climb the first and oldest lighthouse in the United States, meet the Coast Guard light keeper, and view Boston Harbor. A National Park Service ranger provides a narrated tour on this unforgettable three hour boat cruise. Buy tickets at [bostonharborislands.org](http://bostonharborislands.org)

**Thompson Island** Explore the island's rolling hills, meadows, beaches, and salt marsh on Sundays. This ferry departs from South Boston, EDIC Pier #10, and from Spectacle Island.

## Islands to reach by car.

Webb Memorial Park      World's End  
Deer Island              Nut Island

## Private Boaters

Anchorage, overnight moorings, and slips at Spectacle Island Marina with a reservation. For boater info, visit [bostonharborislands.org/goboating](http://bostonharborislands.org/goboating)

## Summer Shack Clambake & Sunset Cruise

**Thursday evenings (June 17 - Sept 2)**

Savor an authentic New England clambake on the porch of Spectacle Island. Jasper White's Summer Shack offers lobster, steamers, and corn on the cob to enjoy as you watch the sun set over Boston. \$56-\$75 per person, reservations required at [spectacleclambake.com](http://spectacleclambake.com)



**Groups** Customized tour packages are available for any type of group. Plan your group trip at [bostonharborislands.org](http://bostonharborislands.org), or call 617-223-8666. Reserve group ferry seats at 617-222-6999.

## Volunteer - Various Islands

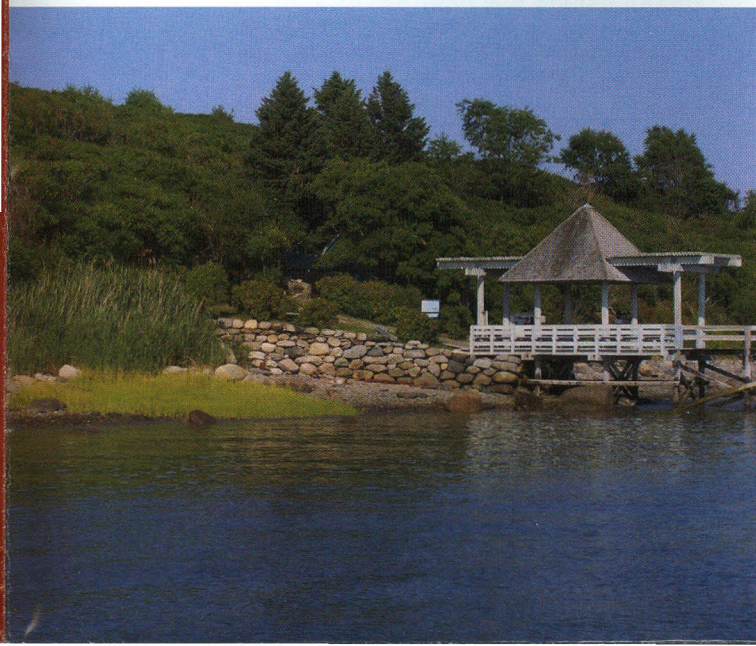
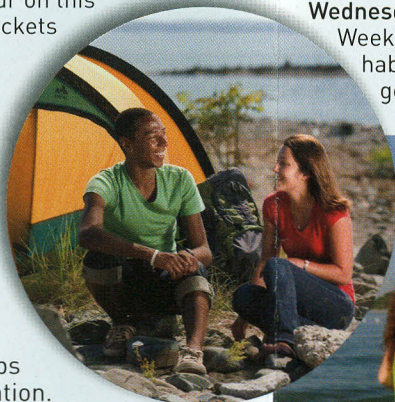
**Stewardship Saturdays**

**(May 1 - Oct 16) 9:00 am-2:00 pm**

**Become a Park Guardian**

**Wednesdays (July 7 - Sept 29) 9:00 am-3:00 pm**

Weekly volunteer opportunities for hands-on learning and habitat restoration on the islands. To make reservations go to [bostonharborislands.org/volunteer](http://bostonharborislands.org/volunteer)





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# Boston Harbor 2010 Calendar

## JUNE

**Saturday, June 5**

**Pride Family Fun Day**

**Spectacle Island**

Celebrate Boston Pride week with a family day on the islands!

**Sunday, June 6**

**Stories of the Islands: Snow in Summer**

**Georges Island · 1:00 pm–2:00 pm**

Hear Edward Rowe Snow's famous tales of the Boston Harbor Islands. Co-produced by Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands

**Sunday, June 13**

**Vintage Base Ball**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm**

Step into the 1860's and watch Civil War-era baseball games played at historic Fort Warren with original rules and uniforms.

**Saturday, June 19**

**Berklee Rock Concert:**

**Take No Prisoners I**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm–3:00 pm**

Be held captive at the fort, listening and dancing to some of Berklee College of Music's best rock bands.

**Sunday, June 20**

**Take Your Dad on an Adventure**

**Georges and Spectacle Islands**

Explore historic sites, watch wildlife, hike, picnic, fish, and swim on the islands.

**Discover the World of Camping**

**Lovells and Bumpkin Islands ·**

**11:00 am–1:00 pm**

Learn and explore the basic skills and tools of camping outdoors in preparation of the Great American Backyard Campout.

Co-produced with the Boston Children's Museum

**Summer Shack's Hot Dog**

**Eating Contest**

**Spectacle Island · 2:00 pm**

Chow down at Summer Shack's hot dog eating contest. Free to watch, nominal fee to enter.

**Saturday, June 26**

**Costumed Civil War Storytelling**

**Georges Island · 12:15 pm and 2:00 pm**

Meet Dr. Charles Macgill, as he reminisces about his confinement as a Confederate political prisoner during the Civil War.

**Haitian Music with Zili Misik**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm**

A cultural afternoon of Haitian, Brazilian, and West African music and dance.

**Sunday, June 27**

**Celebrate Island Birds**

**Spectacle and Thompson Islands ·**

**11:00 am–3:00 pm**

Bird experts will identify shore birds of the Boston Harbor Islands. Bring your own binoculars!

**Fishing Clinic**

**Spectacle Island · 12:00 pm–2:00 pm**

No guarantee to catch a striper, but join a park ranger to fish off the pier.

\*Poles and bait provided. First come, first serve.

**Stories of the Islands:**

**Snow in Summer**

**Georges Island 1:00 pm–2:00 pm** (See June 6)

## JULY

**Sunday, July 4**

**Stories of the Islands:**

**Snow in Summer**

**Georges Island · 1:00 pm** (See June 6)

**Saturday, July 10**

**Dorchester Symphony Orchestra**

**Georges Island · 1:00 pm–2:30 pm**

Pack a picnic and enjoy a classical seaside pops concert.

**Summer Shack's Hot Dog Eating Contest**

**Spectacle Island · 2:00 pm** (See June 20)

**Sunday, July 11**

**Vintage Base Ball**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm**

(See June 13)

**Costumed Civil War Storytelling**

**Georges Island · 12:15 pm and 2:00 pm**

(See June 26)

**Fishing Clinic**

**Spectacle Island · 12:00 pm–2:00 pm**

(See June 27)

**Wednesday, July 14**

**Catch the Science Bug**

**Spectacle Island · 11:00 am–2:00 pm**

Hands-on environmental activities for children of all ages.

**Friday, July 16**

**Free Ferry Day**

**Spectacle and Georges Islands**

Come to the islands for FREE. Thanks to the support of Highland Street Foundation.



**Make a Spectacle of Yourself**

**Spectacle Island and Long Wharf Pier ·**

**11:00 pm–2:00 pm**

Elaborate face-painting for adults and kids.

**Sunday, July 18**

**Orienteering on the Islands**

**Thompson Island · 12:45 pm–3:15 pm**

Learn the basics of navigation with a map, compass or GPS. Meet at the Spectacle Island Visitor Center at 12:45 pm. Bring your own GPS.

**Boston Bhangra Dancers**

**Georges Island 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**

Join South Asian Indian dancers for a dance workshop following their performance.

**"PEAK" in Your Park: Promoting**

**Environmental Awareness**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm–2:00 pm**

Learn to have fun outdoors while keeping your environmental impact to a minimum.

Co-sponsored by REI

**Stories of the Islands: Snow in Summer**

**Georges Island · 1:00 pm–2:00 pm** (See June 6)

**Friday, July 23**

**Painting by the Sea**

**Spectacle Island · 11:00 am–3:00 pm**

Watch artists paint the seascape views of the islands. Bring your own materials to join in.

Co-produced by Hull Lifesaving Museum and Artists for Humanity

**Saturday, July 24**

**Berklee Rock Concert: Take No Prisoners II**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm–3:00 pm**

(See June 19)



## Summer Shack's Iron Chef

Spectacle Island · 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Calling all Foodies! Watch Summer Shack chefs square off in a competition using island edibles.



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**Sunday, July 25**

### **Climate Friendly Park**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm**

Explore Georges new green facility and learn how Boston Harbor Islands is becoming a Climate Friendly Park.

### **Sail on Spectacle**

**Spectacle Island · 11:00 am–3:00 pm**

View classic antique boats of Massachusetts visiting Spectacle Island Marina.

Co-produced by Spectacle Marina and Antique and Classic Boat Festival

**Wednesday, July 28**

### **ReadBoston Storymobile**

**Spectacle Island · 12:30 pm–1:30 pm**

Pack a picnic and open your ears for a captivating story. Every child receives a FREE book. Sponsored by the City of Boston

**Friday, July 30**

### **Annual Art Encampment**

**Bumpkin Island · 10:00 am– 5:00 pm**

Come and experience art in nature as nearly 40 artists colonize Bumpkin to create amazing art installations with only the materials they carry on their backs. Co-produced by Studio Soto and Berwick Research Institute

**Saturday, July 31**

### **Annual Art Encampment**

**Bumpkin Island · 10:00 am– 5:00 pm**

### **Island Yoga**

**Bumpkin Island · 10:30 am–11:30 am**

A gentle hatha yoga class appropriate for all ages and abilities. Bring a mat or towel.

### **Geology Rocks**

**Spectacle Island · 11:00 am–2:00 pm**

Discover how geology “rocks” with hands-on activities and demonstrations.

## AUGUST

**Sunday August 1**

### **Annual Art Encampment**

**Bumpkin Island · 10:00 am–5:00 pm**

### **Toe Jam Puppet Band: The Green Show**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm**

Through music, song, and puppetry children will learn about the importance of recycling and how everyone must keep the earth clean.

**Saturday, August 7**

### **A Bug's Life**

**Spectacle Island · 12:15 pm–2:00 pm**

Join scientist Jessica Rykken in collecting and examining bugs native to the Boston Harbor islands. Recommended for ages 10 and up (and the non-squeamish).



**Picnic with the John and Abigail Adams**

**Grape Island · 12:00 pm–1:30 pm**

Take a boat ride and bring a picnic lunch to Grape Island where John and Abigail Adams will read their fascinating letters to each other. Take the 11:40 am public ferry from the Hingham Shipyard. Co-produced by Adams National Historical Park

**Sunday, August 22**

### **Snow in Summer Celebration**

**Georges Island · 11:00 pm–3:00 pm**

Celebrate the birthday of famed Boston Island storyteller Edward Rowe Snow with storytelling and a special visit from Santa. Co-produced by Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands and Friends of the Flying Santa

### **Costumed Civil War Storytelling**

**Georges Island · 12:15 pm and 2:00 pm**

(See June 26)

**Saturday, August 28**

### **Summer Shack's Hot Dog Eating Contest**

**Spectacle Island · 2:00 pm** (See June 20)

### **Vintage Base Ball**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm**

Watch and join Civil War-era base ball games between Boston Harbor Island park rangers and Essex vintage base ball club.

## SEPTEMBER

**Friday, September 17**



### **Anikai Dance**

**Georges Island · 1:00 pm**

Enjoy this internationally acclaimed contemporary dance troop who uses inspiration from around the globe and the environment.

### **Sunday, August 8**

#### **Vintage Base Ball**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm**

(See June 13)

### **Friday, August 13**

#### **Painting by the Sea**

**Spectacle Island · 11:00 am–3:00 pm**

(See July 23)

### **Saturday, August 14**

#### **Native American Summer Festival**

**Georges Island · 10:00 am–5:00 pm**

Celebration of traditional & contemporary cultures of Northeastern Native American peoples, including games, music and dance, crafts, storytelling and children's activities.

#### **Bee Monitoring**

**Spectacle Island · 1:00 pm–2:00 pm**

See how the busy bees of the islands are helping rangers monitor climate change.

### **Sunday, August 15**

#### **Native American Summer Festival**

**Georges Island · 10:00 am–5:00 pm**

### **Wednesday, August 18**

#### **ReadBoston Storymobile**

**Spectacle Island · 12:30 pm–1:30 pm**

(See July 28)

### **Friday, August 20**

#### **"PEAK" in Your Park: Promoting Environmental Awareness in Kids**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm–2:00 pm**

(See July 18)

### **Saturday, August 21**

#### **Berklee Rock Concert:**

#### **Take No Prisoners III**

**Georges Island · 12:00 pm–3:00 pm**

(See June 19)

### **Friday, September 17**

#### **Painting by the Sea**

**Spectacle Islands · 11:00 am–3:00 pm**

(See July 23)

### **Saturday, September 18**

#### **Summer Shack's Hot Dog Eating Contest**

**Spectacle Island · 2:00 pm**

(See June 20)

### **Saturday, September 25**

#### **Sixth Annual Boston Harbor Islands Regatta**

**Georges and Spectacle Islands ·**

**10:00 am–4:00 pm**

The largest sailing race in Boston Harbor with 100 boats of all sizes. Special visit from the *Friendship* of Salem.

### **Sunday, September 26**

#### **Celebrate Island Birds**

**World's End · 11:00 am–3:00 pm**

Bird experts will guide walking tours over two islands. Bring your binoculars!

## **OCTOBER**

### **Saturday, October 2**

#### **Harbor Fall Fest**

**Webb Memorial Park · 12:00 pm–4:00 pm**

Celebrate autumn with a variety of harvest activities for all ages.

### **Summer Shack's Chowder Cook Off**

**Spectacle Island · 12:00 pm–2:00 pm**

Sample and vote on Boston's best New England-style chowders.

### **Sunday, October 3**

#### **Summer Shack's Oyster Shucking Contest**

**Spectacle Island · 12:00 pm**

Watch the experts compete to see who's the fastest oyster shucker in Boston.

### **Saturday, October 9**

#### **Summer Shack's Hot Dog Eating Contest**

**Spectacle Island · 2:00 pm**

(See June 20)



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# Ongoing Activities



## PERFORMANCES

**Plays in the Park at the Fort Warren Stage**

**Fridays (June 25 - August 27)**

**Georges Island**

Performances at 11:30 am and 1:00 pm (45 min.) Audience participation welcome among the young and young at heart! Generously Sponsored by Dominion Resources



**The History and Adventures of Tom Thumb presented by City Stage**

**Friday, June 25, July 9, 23, August 6**

Hear the story of a boy who was "no bigger than his father's thumb."

**Folktales Near & Far presented by City Stage**

**Friday, July 2, 16, 30, August 27**

Five folktales from around the world, Grandfather Sun; The Tale of the Three Little Pigs; Why Rat Came First; The Wings of the Butterfly.

**Pirates of Pencils by Kidstock**

**"The Adventures of Captain Blackboard"**

**Friday, August 13 and 20**

Learn the "academics" of becoming a pirate in this "back to school" themed interactive parody on THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.

**Music in the Park on Spectacle featuring ensembles from Berklee College of Music and guitarist David Ehle**

**Sundays (June 27 - September 17) • 12:00 pm-4:00 pm**

**Spectacle Island**

Relax on the Spectacle Island porch to the sounds of big bands, folk music, swing, and jazz ensembles.

## RANGER TOURS & PROGRAMS

**Georges Island Tours**

**Mon-Thurs 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm**

**Fri-Sun 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm**

Take a guided tour of Fort Warren. Come out to Georges Island and re-live history and have a chance to meet Confederate and Union soldiers.

**Spectacle Island Tours**

**Mon-Thurs 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm**

**Fri-Sun 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm**

Take a guided tour of the island. Common program themes include renewable energy and green technology, social and industrial history of the island, plant identification, and bird spotting.





## **Thompson Island Treks: Salt Marsh Walk**

**Sundays (June 21–September 6), 12:45 pm–3:15 pm**

**(via Spectacle Island)**

Explore the salt marshes and natural beauty of Thompson Island on a guided walking tour. Tour meets at the Spectacle Island Visitor Center.

## **Kayaking at Spectacle Island**

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (July and August)**

Join a ranger for a half-hour spin in the Boston Harbor.

\*First come, first serve - weather permitting, determined by island ranger. Space limited. Ages 12 and up.

## **Kayaking at Grape Island**

**Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays**

Paddle around Grape and Slate Islands with an experienced park ranger. \*First come, first serve - weather permitting, determined by island ranger. Space limited. Ages 12 and up.

## **Camping Island Tours**

**Grape, Bumpkin and Lovells Islands**

Park rangers give guided and themed tours such as Tidepooling, Wild Edibles, Wake Up and Bird-Watch, or MicroWilderness Explorers and evening programs such as Star Gazing and Dots, Dashes, Dits and Dahs: Morse Code on the camping islands. See daily listing on islands.

## **Fishing Clinic**

**Thursdays (July and August) 1:00 pm–2:00 pm**

**Spectacle Island**

No guarantee to catch a striper, but join a park ranger and fish off the pier. \*Poles and bait provided. First come, first serve - weather permitting, determined by island staff.

## **Toddler Tuesdays**

**Tuesdays (June 22 – Sept 1) Times Vary**

**Spectacle and Grape Islands**

Meet up with other moms, dads, and caretakers for a Stroller Stride on Spectacle, or Groovin' on Grape fitness activities with a guide. \*See [bostonharborislands.org](http://bostonharborislands.org) for details.

## **Island Yoga**

**Every other Saturday (June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21) - 10:30 am–11:30 am**

**Spectacle Island**

A gentle hatha yoga class appropriate for all ages and abilities. Bring a mat or towel. Meet at Spectacle Island Visitor Center. First come, first serve.

## **SELF GUIDED ISLAND EXPLORATION**

Stop by ranger stations to pickup trail maps, field and nature activity guides, and Junior Ranger materials.

## **Island Cache**

**Ongoing all summer**

Discover the islands with your GPS. This activity will guide you to some of the park's cultural, historical and natural resources. GPS available at visitor center.

## **Go Fly a Kite**

**Spectacle Island**

**Saturdays (1:30pm–2:30pm)**

One of the city's best kite flying destinations!

Bring or make your own. Materials provided. First come, first serve. One kite per family.



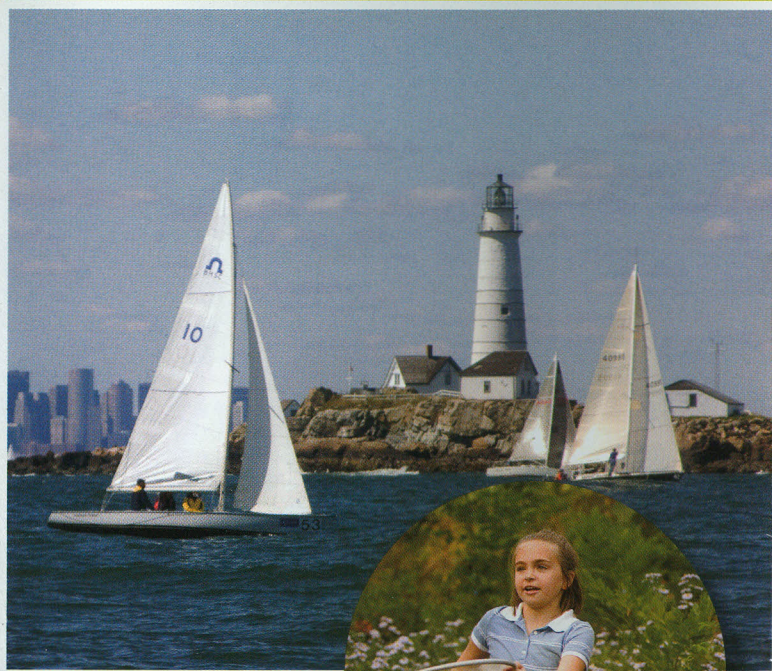
Get your Department of Conservation and Recreation, and National Park Service Park Passport stamped at Georges and Spectacle Visitor Centers.



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## WELCOME TO BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK AREA

The Boston Harbor Islands national park area features 34 islands encompassing 1,600 acres and 35 miles of undeveloped coastline 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 and explore the beauty, tranquility, history and outdoor activities awaiting you on the Boston Harbor Islands.



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## FERRY SCHEDULES

### BOSTON ROUTE

**Summer: June 19 – September 6**

• **Mondays through Thursdays**

Ferries depart Long Wharf North for Georges and Spectacle Islands every hour from 9am until 5pm. Return trips start at Georges Island every hour on the half hour.

• **Fridays through Sundays**

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

**Spring and Fall: May 8 - June 18**

**& September 7 - October 11**

Ferries depart Long Wharf North daily for Georges and Spectacle Islands every hour from 10am to 4pm.



### HINGHAM AND QUINCY ROUTES

**Summer: June 18 – September 6**

- Ferries depart from Hingham, stopping in Hull, to go to Georges, Bumpkin, Grape, and Lovells Islands.
- Ferries depart from Quincy for Georges Island.

## FERRY FARES

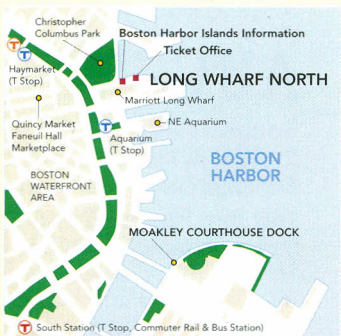
Adult \$14, Senior \$10, Child \$8, Children under 3 – Free  
Family Four Pack \$39

Groups of 10 or more Adult \$12.50, Senior \$9, Child \$7

**Buy tickets online or at the Long Wharf North Ticket Office.**

**Visit [bostonharborislands.org](http://bostonharborislands.org) or call 617-223-8666.**

Boston ferries depart from Long Wharf North, near the Blue Line Aquarium "T" station, or Orange and Green Lines Haymarket "T" station. Inexpensive parking is available at the nearby Fan Pier and Courthouse area. Hingham ferries depart from Hingham Shipyard, and Quincy ferries depart from Fore River Shipyard. Inexpensive parking is available at both locations.



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