

Fire Island

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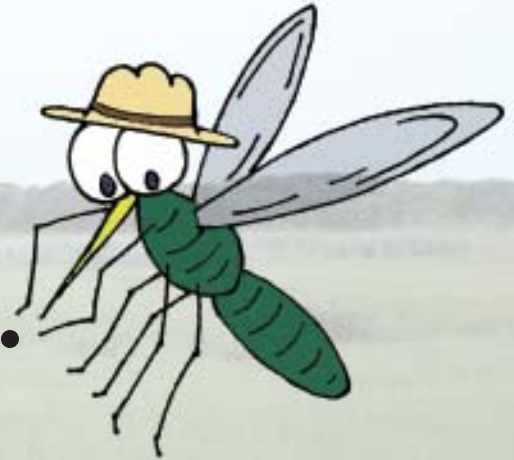
Fire Island National Seashore
Long Island, New York



Summer 2007

Summer BUZZ.

Fire Island Program Schedule



A Message from the Superintendent:

Summer is often when Fire Island seems most alive. The beaches are busy, the communities on the island have opened the shuttered doors and windows, and everyone is out to play. Fire Island National Seashore is a great place to relax and enjoy the summer months. Fire Island also, as one of 391 units of the National Park System, is an important place that preserves a vast "Great Beach" on a fragile barrier island and all of its associated natural and cultural resources. At Fire Island you will find a 300-year-old holly forest, the home and associated collections of a signer of the Declaration of Independence at the William Floyd Estate, nesting areas and habitat for some of the earth's rare and endangered species, and other resources worthy of the nation's care and preservation.

The National Park Service, who administers Fire Island National Seashore, employs rangers, maintenance, and other personnel to help make your visit safe, educational, and practical. We also have some great partners that work with us through Friends groups, or cooperative agreements that host you at the historic Fire Island Lighthouse, or host you at the marinas providing high quality visitor services as concessionaires.

In addition, Fire Island has a lot of private communities nestled within the park's boundary. These for the most part are private homes and quiet neighborhoods with the exception of a few that offer bars, restaurants and other services year round. They are all accessible by ferry boats from Bayshore, Sayville or Patchogue. Boating is the only way to get to Fire Island unless you take long walks from either Smith Point County Park or Robert Moses State Park as there are no roads or public routes for vehicles.

Please enjoy Fire Island and we ask you to help us by taking a few, but important, safety precautions. Wear appropriate footwear, avoid grassy and brushy areas which have poison ivy and high tick populations, bring water and sunscreen with you, and swim only at our lifeguarded beaches or with others in safe conditions.

Catch a ranger program, take a hike, relax and get to know one of the nation's best beaches and national seashores. We're glad to have you with us.

Michael T. Reynolds

Superintendent

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Fire Island
National Seashore
was established in
September 1964



"for the purpose of conserving and preserving for the use of future generations certain relatively unspoiled and undeveloped beaches, dunes, and other natural features within Suffolk County, New York, which possess high values to the Nation."

How Do I Get There?

Ferry Schedule 2007

Fire Island Lighthouse

By car via the Robert Moses Causeway

Fire Island Ferries
631-665-3600 or 666-3600
www.fireislandferries.com

Bayshore to:

Kismet*
 Saltaire
 Fair Harbor
 Dunewood*
 Atlantique*
 Ocean Beach
 Seaview*
 Ocean Bay Park*
**Seasonal Only*

Cross-bay and lateral water taxi

Fire Island Water Taxi
631-665-8885
www.fireislandwatertaxi.com
Seasonal Only



Fire Island Lighthouse

Directions

Located at the southern terminus of the Robert Moses Causeway, just east of Robert Moses State Park. Parking available at Robert Moses State Park Field #5. **(Fee for parking)**

1-mile walk from Kismet.

Sailors Haven

By ferry via the Sayville Ferry Service
631-589-8980
www.sayvilleferry.com

Lv. Sayville

Lv. Sailors Haven

June 22 thru September 3
Monday thru Friday, inclusive

*9:00am	*9:30am
10:30am	11:00am
11:45am	12:15pm
1:15pm	1:45pm
2:15pm	2:45pm
*3:30pm	*4:00pm
5:00pm	5:30pm

Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays

*9:00am	*9:30am
10:30am	11:00am
11:45am	12:15pm
1:15pm	1:45pm
2:15pm	2:45pm
*3:30pm	*4:00pm
5:00pm	5:30pm
6:00pm	6:40pm

Trips marked * run rain or shine.
 Others may be canceled in inclement weather.
 Call for weather update if in doubt
(631) 589-8980.



Sailors Haven

Directions

LIE (I-495) or Sunrise Hwy. (Rt.27) to Nicholls Rd. (Rt.97) South. Approx. 5.5 miles to third light, Montauk Hwy. (Rt. 85), make right. Go under R.R. overpass, make left at first light, Foster Ave. in Sayville. Follow green & white "Fire Island Ferry" signs to terminal.
(Fee for parking)

Barrett Beach

By ferry via the Davis Park Ferry Company, Inc. **631-475-1665**
www.davisparkferry.com

Lv. Patchogue

Lv. Barrett Beach

July 21, 22 and August 18, 19
 9:15am 3:30pm

Two special weekend excursions only.
Trips are weather permitting.



Talisman/Barrett Beach

Directions

Access by private boat to Barrett Beach or by chartered ferry from Patchogue.

Fire Island Map

Watch Hill

By ferry via the Davis Park Ferry Company, Inc. **631-475-1665**
www.davisparkferry.com

Lv. Patchogue Lv. Watch Hill

June 23 thru September 3

Monday thru Friday

8:45am	
10:15am	11:00am
11:45am	12:30pm
1:30pm	2:30pm
3:30pm	4:30pm
5:30pm	6:15pm
7:00pm	8:15pm

Saturday & Sunday
 7/4 and 9/3 Labor Day

8:45am	9:15am
10:20am	11:00am
12:15pm	1:00pm
1:45pm	2:30pm
3:30pm	4:30pm
5:30pm	6:15pm
7:30pm	8:15pm

Saturday Only 10:00pm

Weather permitting. Please call Watch Hill Restaurant to see if this boat will run. 631-597-9060.

Fire Island Wilderness

By car or bus via the William Floyd Parkway **631-281-3010**

William Floyd Estate

By car via the William Floyd Parkway **631-399-2030**



Watch Hill

Directions

Located on West Ave. Patchogue, NY. From LIE (I-495) to Exit 61 South (County Rd 19) or Sunrise Hwy (Rt 27) to Exit 52 South (County Rd. 19). About 1 mile down, bear left, cross Main Street.

Fire Island Wilderness

Directions

Located at the southern terminus of William Floyd Parkway. Parking available at Smith Point County Park. **(Fee for parking)**

William Floyd Estate

Directions

LIE (I-495) or Sunrise Hwy (Rt.27) to William Floyd Parkway (2 miles) south. Cross over R.R., and make left onto Neighborhood Rd. (Mastic Business District), to end of road, follow William Floyd Estate signs to main parking lot. Follow boardwalk to the house.

Sailors Haven Summer Programs 2007

Fire Island
National Seashore



Daily Schedule: July 1 - September 3, 2007

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 a.m.	Visitor Center 10:00-6:30	Visitor Center 10:00-5:00	Visitor Center 10:00-5:00	Visitor Center 10:00-5:00	Visitor Center 10:00-5:00	Visitor Center 10:00-5:00	Visitor Center 10:00-6:30
10:30 a.m.							Art In The Park
11:00 a.m.	Sunken Forest Tour			Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour
2:00 p.m.	Catch of Day /Horse Demo <i>(Dates listed below)</i>					Jr. Ranger: Path to Discovery	Seaside Stories & Crafts
2:30 p.m.	Sunken Forest Tour						Sunken Forest Tour
Evening Program			Enchanted Evening Tour <i>(group reservations only)</i>				
Lifeguards on duty Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.							

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
631-597-6183

Ranger-Conducted Programs

Sunken Forest Tour

Wednesday - Friday 11:00 a.m.
Saturday & Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Meet at Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Explore the unique wonders of the crown jewel of Fire Island—the Sunken Forest. 1½ hour.

Junior Ranger: Path to Discovery Program

Friday 2:00 p.m.
Meet at Sailors Haven Visitor Center
(Children 8-12 years)

Be a part of the Junior Ranger program at Fire Island. Our Junior Ranger team presents a different program each week to help kids learn about the special places and things protected by Fire Island National Seashore. 1½ hour.

Art In The Park

Saturday 10:30 a.m.
Meet at Sailors Haven Visitor Center
(All ages and levels welcome)

Enjoy some leisure time working with different forms of art to assist you in capturing the beauty of Sailors Haven. Basic supplies provided *(Feel free to bring own)*. 1½ hour.

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Children's Hour: Seaside Stories & Crafts

Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Meet at Sailors Haven Visitor Center
(Children 5-7 years)

Come listen to stories of the seashore environment. Whether it's whales, horseshoe crabs, turtles, birds, deer, trees or stars, children will be entertained while learning all about our natural world. Create a craft you can take home. 1 hour.

Catch of the Day

Sunday 2:00 p.m. *(July 1, 15, 22, 29, Aug 12, 19, 26)*
Meet at Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Discover the common marine life in the Great South Bay using a seine net and dip nets. Participants must wear water shoes. Plan to walk about ½ mile. 1½ hours.

NPS Patrol Horse Demonstration

Sunday 2:00 p.m. *(July 8, Aug 5)*

Meet at Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Be escorted to the horse and meet the ranger who takes care of this magnificent animal. They will demonstrate their skills and explain how the animal is cared for. 1 hour.

Enchanted Evening in the Sunken Forest

Tuesday Evenings *(minimum group size of 50)*
Meet at Sailors Haven Ferry Terminal in Sayville

Reservations required. **Fee charged.**

Enjoy a leisurely ferry ride across the Great South Bay at sunset. Call the Sayville Company for information and reservations; 631-589-8980.

Watch Hill Summer Programs 2007

Fire Island
National Seashore



Daily Schedule: July 1 - September 3, 2007

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 a.m.	Visitor Center 9:00-6:30	Visitor Center 9:00-5:00	Visitor Center 9:00-5:00	Visitor Center 9:00-5:00	Visitor Center 9:00-5:00	Visitor Center 9:00-6:30	Visitor Center 9:00-6:30
10:00 a.m.	Canoe sign up					Canoe sign up	Canoe sign up
11:00 a.m.	Guided Canoe Tour					Guided Canoe Tour	Guided Canoe Tour
2:00 p.m.	Catch of Day/ Horse Demo <i>(Alternating Sundays)</i>					Jr.Ranger: Path to Discovery	Seaside Stories & Crafts
Lifeguards on duty Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wilderness backcountry camping registration available during visitor center hours							

Watch Hill Visitor Center

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
631-597-6455

Ranger-Conducted Programs

Junior Ranger: Path to Discovery Program

Friday 2:00 p.m.
 Meet at Watch Hill Visitor Center
(Children 8-12 years)

Be a part of the Junior Ranger program at Fire Island. Our Junior Ranger team presents a different program each week to help kids learn about the special places and things protected by Fire Island National Seashore. **1½ hour.**

Guided Canoe Tour

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday 11 a.m.
Children under the age of 6 not permitted on trip
(Reservations start @ 10:00 a.m. the day of the program in person at the visitor center; limit 24 paddlers)
 Explore the Watch Hill salt marsh, some of nature's most productive real estate. Canoes, paddles, & life jackets provided, participants must be able to swim. **2 hours.**



Children's Hour: Seaside Stories & Crafts

Saturday 2:00 p.m.
 Meet at Watch Hill Visitor Center
(Children 5-7 years)

Come listen to stories of the seashore environment. Whether it's whales, horseshoe crabs, turtles, birds, deer, trees or stars, children will be entertained while learning all about our natural world. Create a craft you can take home. **1 hour.**

Catch of the Day

Sunday 2:00 p.m. (July 8, 22, Aug 5, 19)
 Meet at Watch Hill Visitor Center

Discover the common marine life in the Great South Bay using a seine net and dip nets. Participants must wear water shoes. Plan to walk about ½ mile. **1½ hours.**

NPS Patrol Horse Demonstration

Sunday 2:00 p.m.
 (July 1, 15, 29, Aug 12, 26)
 Meet at Watch Hill Visitor Center

Be escorted to the horse and meet the ranger who takes care of this magnificent animal. They will demonstrate their skills and explain how the animal is cared for. **1 hour.**



Wilderness Visitor Center Summer Programs 2007

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National Seashore



Daily Schedule: July 1 - September 3, 2007

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 a.m.	Visitor Center 9:00-6:00	Closed	Closed	Visitor Center 9:00-4:30	Visitor Center 9:00-4:30	Visitor Center 9:00-6:00	Visitor Center 9:00-6:00
10:00 a.m.							Mid-Morning Stroll
10:30 a.m.	Art In The Park						
2:00 p.m.	Ranger's Choice					Jr. Ranger: Path to Discovery	Seaside Stories & Crafts
4:00 p.m.							Ranger's Choice
Parking is available at Smith Point County Park <i>(Fee Charged)</i> Wilderness backcountry camping registration available during visitor center hours							

Otis Pike Wilderness Visitor Center

Wednesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

631-281-3010

Ranger-Conducted Programs

Junior Ranger: Path to Discovery Program

Friday 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Wilderness Visitor Center

(Children 8-12 years)

Be a part of the Junior Ranger program at Fire Island. Our Junior Ranger team presents a different program each week to help kids learn about the special places and things protected by Fire Island National Seashore. **1½ hour.**

Mid-Morning Stroll

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

Meet at Wilderness Visitor Center

Explore the wonders of the beach or the mystique of New York's only federal wilderness area on this guided nature walk. You must be able to walk on sand. Bring water, hat, and sunscreen. **1½ hour.**

Children's Hour: Seaside Stories & Crafts

Saturday 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Wilderness Visitor Center

(Children 5-7 years)

Come listen to stories of the seashore environment. Whether it's whales, horseshoe crabs, turtles, birds, deer, trees or stars, children will be entertained while learning all about our natural world. Create a craft you can take home. **1 hour.**



Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness in spring.

Rangers Choice

Saturday 4:00 p.m. & Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Wilderness Visitor Center

Our knowledgeable park ranger-naturalist will share the many secrets of the seashore. Programs vary each week, and may include a stroll along the beach, seining in the bay, or a talk at the visitor center to discover horseshoe crabs, whales, or the history of Fire Island. **1 hour.**

Art In The Park

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Meet at Wilderness Visitor Center

(All ages and levels welcome)

Enjoy some leisure time working with different forms of art to assist you in capturing the beauty of the Wilderness. Basic supplies provided *(Feel free to bring own)*. **1½ hour.**

Fire Island National Seashore 2007 Special Events

Patchogue SeaFair 2007

**June 8, 9, 10 at the
Watch Hill Ferry Terminal**

The Patchogue Riverfront Committee is sponsoring a 3-day riverfront festival to celebrate Patchogue's nautical heritage and promote future use and enjoyment of the river and the Great South Bay. For more information please call 631-804-0595 or visit: www.seafair.us

Fire Island Trek

June 27-29, 2007

September 5-7, 2007

(reservations required)

Fire Island National Seashore is conducting its Fire Island Trek twice this year. The 3-day excursions start at the Wilderness Visitor Center at Smith Point and ends at the Fire Island Lighthouse, a distance of more than 20 miles. Special programs are incorporated along the way. A limited number of participants can stay overnight in bunk-style accommodations (*fees are charged for some services*). Limited logistical support is available, but you must provide for your own transportation and parking, pay for your own meals along the way, and you must be able to hike from 3-10 miles per day in deep sand and uneven surfaces. Backpacks are recommended for carrying your personal gear.

For more information or reservations call 631-687-4765 or visit:

www.nps.gov/fjis/FireIslandTrek.htm

Photo Contest

August 12 through Labor Day

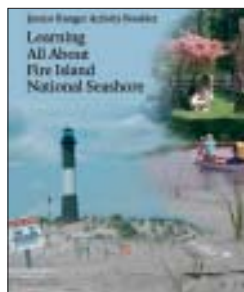
Sailors Haven will be hosting its annual Photograph Contest. Do you think you take a great picture and are you willing to give it a chance? All entries will be on display at the Sailors Haven Visitor Center through Labor Day.

For more information please call 631-687-4765 or 631-597-6183.

Become a Junior Ranger

For kids ages 8 - 12. Pick up a free Junior Ranger activity booklet at any visitor center. As you explore the park, complete the required activities and return to a visitor center information desk to receive your official Junior Ranger badge or patch. For more information, inquire at the visitor center information desk or call any of the visitor centers.

\For even more fun, become a WebRanger. Visit: www.nps.gov/webranger



Pick up a Junior Ranger Activity Booklet at any Fire Island Visitor Center

Junior Ranger: Path to Discovery Program

July 6 - August 31 Fridays 2:00

Become a Junior Ranger. Our team of rangers will be presenting a different program each week at our Wilderness, Watch Hill and Sailors Haven Visitors Centers to help kids ages 8-12 learn about special places called National Parks.

For more information, inquire at the visitor center information desk or call any of the visitor centers.



Fire Island Lighthouse: Jr. Lighthouse Keeper

July 11 - August 15 10:00

Tuesdays & Wednesdays - *(reservations required) Fee charged.*

For more information or reservations please call 631-687-4765

Annual Labor Day Sand Creation Contest

September 3 at

Watch Hill & Sailors Haven

Put your creativity and building skills into action at the annual sand creation contest to celebrate the end of the summer season. All ages are welcome.

For more information call:

Watch Hill @ 631-597-6455

Sailors Haven @ 631-597-6183



Sand Creation Contest 2006

International Coastal Beach Clean-up 10/6/07 & Public Lands Day 9/29/07

Fire Island National Seashore will participate in the International Coastal Clean-up. Work sites will be throughout the seashore.

For more information call 631-687-4765.



Beach Clean-up Crew 2006

Fire Island National Seashore's Educator Workshop

Spring of 2008

Learn how to enhance your students field trip experience with activities designed to provide background knowledge in basic natural, cultural & historical resources at Fire Island National Seashore.

For more information call 631-687-4765.

William Floyd Estate Summer Programs 2007

Fire Island
National Seashore



William Floyd Estate

May 26 - October 8, 2007

Friday - Sunday & Holidays

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(Wednesday July 4: 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

631-399-2030

Free self-guiding pamphlets for the outbuilding area and family cemetery are available at the Old Mastic House until 4:30 p.m.

Plan to spend at least 2 hours at the William Floyd Estate to see the house, grounds and family cemetery.

Ranger-Conducted Programs

Old Mastic House Tour

May 26 - October 8, 2007

11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday - Sunday & Holidays

Visit the historic home of William Floyd and be guided through multiple generations of change from the 1720s to the 1970s. This free 1 hour guided tour of the furnished 25-room house is offered every half-hour. Last tour leaves at 4:30 p.m.

Starting May 25, 2007 call 631-399-2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 11:00am and 1:00pm to make your reservations for any special programs.

The Park's Collections

June 1, 22, 24, July 13, 22, August 5, 10 1:00pm

Reservations required.

Take an inside look at the park's museum collections. Over 15,000 objects are cataloged and stored in the Curatorial Storage Facility. Visitors will see christening dresses, 18th century ceramics, Native American indentures, cartes-de-visite and much more.

Trees, Wood and Tools:

The Colonial Uses of Wood

June 2, July 29 10:00am Reservations required.

This is a unique introduction to the trees, tools and woods of the Colonial Period in New York. The Floyd Family used the pristine forests to build their beloved "Old Mastic House" and all of their barns and outbuildings. Samples of wood and tools used by the Floyds and their carpenters will be shown and explained. Weather permitting; a walk will be conducted to view specific types of trees that were used for various purposes by the Floyd Family.



"Old Mastic House" as seen across the pightle in summer.

Three Centuries of Floyd Furniture

June 3 & 30, July 15, Aug 26 10:00am

Reservations required.

An introduction to the styles and characteristics of the large variety of furniture on exhibit in the "Old Mastic House". See William Floyd's mid-18th century Chippendale secretary and learn about other pieces. The Old Mastic House furniture dates from the late 1600s to the 1950s and nearly every period furniture style is represented.

Old Mastic House: A Simple Architectural Study

June 16, July 14, August 11 10:00am Reservations required.

Visitors will be given a simple architectural review of the Old Mastic House. Colonial, Victorian and Greek Revival architecture, among other styles, are all represented here and each will be seen and explained. Eighteenth century doors, post and beam framing and 12 over 12 windows are just some of the details to be examined.

Cradle to Grave:

The Life and Times of John G. Floyd, Jr.

June 17, July 28, August 25 10:00am Reservations required.

John G. Floyd, Jr. — a story of real people living in the Old Mastic House. He was a publisher, a lawyer, a Civil War veteran, a father, a widower and a European traveler. Follow his life through the Old Mastic House and finish in the family cemetery with a grave stone rubbing.

Documents in Stone

July 1, August 12 10:00am Reservations required.

It's a unique introduction to genealogical research. Visitors are shown a variety of ways to learn about grave markers from the materials they were made of to foot stones to kinship to burial characteristics. Learn about the origins of the "Deaths Head" and take a grave stone rubbing home.

Fire Island Lighthouse Summer Programs 2007

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Fire Island Lighthouse

Year-round, Daily
Check their website;
www.fireislandlighthouse.com
or call for hours of operation.
631-661-4876

For more information about programs and fee schedule call the *Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society* at **631-661-4876** or visit www.fireislandlighthouse.com

April

Lighthouse Tract Trek

Reservations required.
Join us for a guided walk around the historic surrounding area of the Fire Island Lighthouse.

May

Bird Walk

May 26 10am
Reservations required.
Fee charged. Limit 25 people.
Meet at the Keepers Quarters for a guided birdwalk around the lighthouse tract.

Light Keepers Behind the Scenes Tour

May 12 9am *Reservations required.*
Fee charged. Limit 12 people.
Follow one of our present day Lighthouse Keepers on his rounds. This top to bottom tour takes you from the beacon in the lantern room of the lighthouse to the auxiliary generator in the basement of the Keeper's Quarters.

3rd Annual Long Island Lighthouse Challenge

May 19 & 20
Challenge yourself to visit 12 Long Island Lighthouses including Fire Island's. For more information visit: www.longislandlighthouses.com



Tents being set up in preparation of an annual "Barefoot Black Tie" fundraising event.

June

AM Car Meet

June 3 7am - 1pm
Fee charged.

A non judged show.

6th Annual Art Show

June 29 - July 22
Local artists display their artwork in the Keepers Quarters at the Lighthouse.
Opening reception will be held on June 28th, 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Artwork is for sale.

Horseshoe Crab Program

June 30 7pm *Reservations required.*
Fee charged.
Learn about horseshoe crabs and watch them come ashore to lay their eggs.

The Lighthouse will be open on Thursday evenings until 8:30 pm during the months of July and August. Come and watch the volunteers practice the Beach Apparatus Drill on the third Thursday of July and August.

July

Jr. Lighthouse Keepers Summer Program

July 10/11 - August 15 10am - noon.
Call for application. Fee charged.
Scheduled activities one day a week for six weeks. Tuesday is for Jr. High children (begins July 10) and Wednesday is for elementary children 7-12 years old (begins July 11). Last day will be August 15th.

August

21th Annual "Barefoot Black Tie Dinner Dance"

August 4 6:30pm - 11:00pm
Reservations required. Fee charged.
For more information or tickets call: **631-321-7028.**

Amateur Radio Lighthouse Weekend

August 18, 19
Ham radio operators set up on the terrace and Keeper's Quarters to talk with other operators from around the world.

Special Evening Lighthouse Tower Tours are offered throughout the year. Call the lighthouse for more information and dates.

Fire Island Lighthouse Fall Schedule

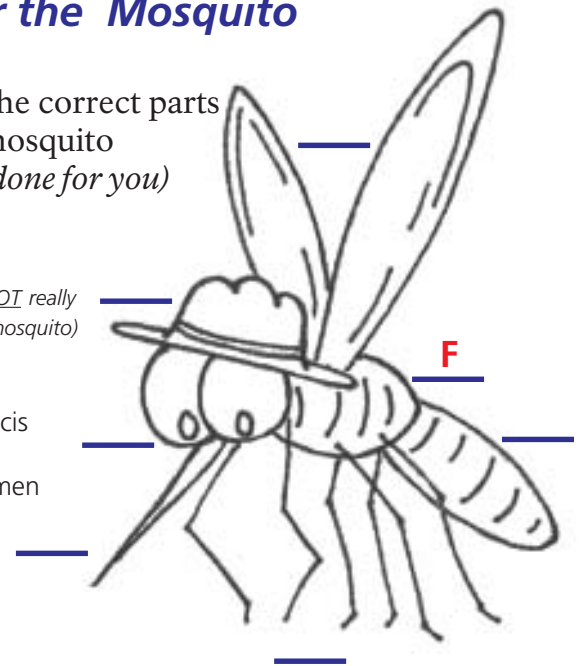
September 8	Light Keepers Behind the Scenes Tour
September 23	6th Annual Auto Show
September 18	Day on the Bay
September 29	Lantern Light Tour
October 27	Ghost Stories and Legends of Fire Island Lighthouse
November 3	Happy 149th Birthday to the Fire Island Lighthouse
November 10	Light Keepers Behind the Scenes Tour
December 8	5th Annual Re-Enactment of the Flying Santa



Skeeter the Mosquito

1. Label the correct parts of the mosquito
(One is done for you)

- A. Wings
- B. Hat
(A hat is NOT really part of a mosquito)
- C. Eyes
- D. Legs
- E. Proboscis
- F. Thorax
- G. Abdomen



2. Color.

Exploring the Swale and the Ocean:

Visit a Fire Island National Seashore Visitor Center, attend a park program, go online or even explore on your own and then answer the following questions?

1. Learn about the some of the beach animals.
Find signs of a horseshoe crab and scallop shell on the beach. Learn something new about the animals.
Do they live in the water or on the land?
What do they eat?
Describe and sketch the animals:

2. Learn to recognize the following plants that live in the swale: beach grass, pitch pine, false heather. Sketch them.

3. What makes the swale so hot and the plants so short?

Park Rules and Safety

- *Please keep off the dunes.
- *Do not feed or touch wildlife.
- *Avoid grassy areas and check yourself for ticks.
- *Do not litter.
- *Stay on the boardwalk to avoid poison ivy.
- *Wear a life jacket when on a boat.
- *Swim in lifeguarded areas.
- *Wear shoes on boardwalks to avoid splinters.
- *Use sunscreen and insect repellent as needed.

Word Search

Can you find the underlined words from the Fire Island Park Rules & Safety message?

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Volunteer Spotlight

Fire Island National Seashore would like to thank all the volunteers whose hard work and dedication have assisted park staff in a variety of jobs. The efforts of the Volunteer Senior Ranger Corps have included the building of boardwalks and seating areas for those visitors who may have difficulty walking long distances, or just want to sit and enjoy their surroundings. They have also assisted in presenting educational programs and working on natural and cultural resource management projects. At the Wilderness Visitor Center, volunteers are working on updating displays, and assisting in the presentation of educational programs on sea life and New York's only federally designated wilderness area. At Watch Hill and Sailors Haven, they assist with Sunken Forest walks and children's programs including Junior Ranger workshops and Seaside Stories and Crafts. Volunteers have also been working at Fire Island's two historical sites: the Fire Island Lighthouse and the William Floyd Estate. Here they study the history of the area and then present tower tours of the Lighthouse and house tours at the estate. All of the park's volunteers are an important part of the operations here at Fire Island National Seashore.

Interested in Volunteering?

Fire Island National Seashore is one of 391 national parks in the system. Visitor center operation, environmental education and children's programs are just a small part of what is done at Fire Island. Many schools, organizations, scouts and the general public come to the park for educational programs and to experience the beauty of a national seashore.

If you enjoy working with children or people in general and have a few hours to spare, we could use your help.

Interested in volunteering?
Call Fire Island National Seashore's
Volunteer Coordinator
@ 631-687-4765

What's New & Exciting?

There's something new and exciting at the Sayville Ferry Terminal this summer. Senior Girl Scout, Gabrielle Misatano, from Troop 2147 of Oceanside, NY has created an educational mural as her Gold Award Project. This 4'x8' painting depicts Gabrielle's artistic representation of an island cross-section at Sailors Haven, Fire Island. Some of Fire Island's diverse wildlife, plants and ecosystems can be seen in the mural as well, including the Piping Plover, Red Fox, White-tailed Deer, Great Blue Heron, Box Turtle, Seabeach Amaranth, Beach Grass, Swale and Maritime Forest. Gabrielle put in a lot of hard work and time researching her subject matter and hopes that her impression of the Fire Island cross-section will help to educate others as well as add to their enjoyment of visiting Sailors Haven.



Gabrielle working on her mural.



Gabrielle's completed mural will be on display at the Sayville Ferry Terminal, spring 2007.

Interested in Participating?

If you're interested in creating a mural for Fire Island National Seashore, are a member of an organized group, such as the Girl or Boy Scouts or an art club at school, and would like to learn and help teach others about this national park, please contact Fire Island National Seashore, Division of Interpretation at 631-687-4765. If your mural meets all guidelines and is selected it will be displayed in the park for up to one year.



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Fire Island National Seashore Visitor Centers

Fire Island Lighthouse

631-661-4876
Open all year

Sailors Haven

631-597-6183
Open mid-May to mid-October

Watch Hill

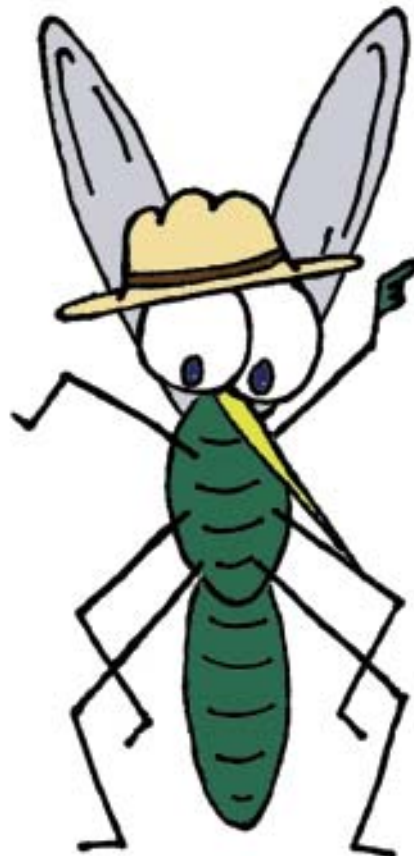
631-597-6455
Open mid-May to mid-October

Fire Island Wilderness

631-281-3010
*Open May to December
Weekends to April*

William Floyd Estate

631-399-2030
*Open Memorial Day
to early October.*



Did You Know?

- * There are 800,000 bricks in the Fire Island Lighthouse Tower. When it was built in 1858, the bricks cost \$.01 each.
- * There are 391 National Parks in the system. Fire Island National Seashore is one of ten national seashores.
- * Only the female mosquito will bite.

