



Planning Your Visit

Something for Everyone

Assateague offers opportunities to experience wilderness solitude, nature exploration and wildlife viewing. For more information:

- Barrier Island Visitor Center, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD 21811, (410) 641-1441
- Toms Cove Visitor Center, P.O. Box 38, Chincoteague, VA 23336, (757) 336-6577
- www.nps.gov/asis

Maryland District

Camping

National Seashore campgrounds and offices are open year round.

- www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/marylandcamping.htm or (410) 641-3030.

Reservations are recommended April 15 through October 15 and sites are \$20 per night. October 16 through April 14 sites are first come first served and \$16 per night. Organizations may reserve group campsites year round for \$30 per night.

- www.recreation.gov or (877) 444-6777 for reservations

Backcountry Camping

Hike-in sites and paddle-in sites are available on a first come first served basis. A backcountry camping permit (and \$5 registration fee) are required and several restrictions apply.

- www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/backcountry-camping.htm or (410) 641-3030

Area Campgrounds

Assateague State Park, open April-October, (410) 641-2120 or (410) 641-2918
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/assateague.asp>
Private and state

- www.gocampingamerica.com
- www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/campinginfo.asp or (888) 432-2267

Area Lodging

Ocean City Chamber of Commerce

- www.oceancity.org or (410) 213-0552

Worcester County, Maryland tourism office

- www.visitworcester.org or (800) 852-0335

Virginia District

National Park Service

The National Park Service assists the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in managing recreation and education in the Toms Cove portion of Assateague Island.

- www.nps.gov/asis or (757) 336-6577

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Nearly all of the land area of the Virginia portion of Assateague Island is managed as a National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is open year round.

- www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco/ or (757) 336-6122

Chincoteague, Virginia

Located near Assateague Island, Chincoteague offers shopping, restaurants, camping and lodging.

- www.chincoteaguechamber.com or (757) 336-6161
- www.virginia.org or (800) 847-4882

For Your Information

In the Virginia portion of Assateague Island:

- Pets are **prohibited** even in your car.
- There is no camping. Accommodations are available in nearby Chincoteague, VA.

Wildlife

Your actions have consequences long after you leave. Feeding or touching wildlife is illegal. Assateague Island is an oasis of habitat in this world of ever-shrinking natural places. Respect wildlife. Observe them from a distance. Assateague's wild horses are special because they are wild. Your decisions and actions will make the difference.

Pets

Pets are **permitted** only in specific areas of the Maryland portion of the National Seashore. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times! Please pick up after your pet.

Pets are **prohibited** in the following areas:

- All backcountry campsites
 - Nature trails
 - Lifeguard-protected beach
 - North of the State Park to the Ocean City inlet
 - The entire Virginia portion of Assateague Island
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Entrance Fees and Permits

Most passes and permits are valid at both Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia. Bicycles and pedestrians are free in Maryland and Virginia.

Type of pass	Where valid	Where to purchase	cost
Assateague 7 day motorcycle pass	In MD and VA	MD	\$10
Assateague 7 day vehicle pass	In MD and VA	MD	\$15
Assateague Annual Entrance Pass (valid January 1 – December 31)	In MD and VA	MD	\$30
Interagency Annual Pass (valid 1 year from purchase)	Federal recreation lands	MD and VA	\$80
Interagency Senior Pass (valid for a lifetime)	Federal recreation lands	MD and VA	\$10
Interagency Access Pass (valid for a lifetime)	Federal recreation lands	MD and VA	Free
Chincoteague NWR 1 day pass	In Virginia	VA	\$ 8
Chincoteague NWR 7 day pass	In VA and MD	VA	\$15
Chincoteague NWR Annual Pass (valid 1 year from purchase)	In VA and MD	VA	\$30

Over Sand Permits	When valid	Where to purchase	cost
VA Only Oversand Vehicle Day Use Permit	1 year from purchase, Refuge hours, No summer access	MD and VA	\$70
Island-wide (MD & VA) Oversand Vehicle Day Use Permit	1 year from purchase 5 AM – Midnight only	MD and VA	\$90
Overnight Oversand Vehicle Permit (Includes Island-wide Day Use) Must be awake/no camping	1 year from purchase 24hrs/day except in Refuge	MD and VA	\$110
Bull Pen Overnight Parking Permit (Includes Island-wide Day Use and Overnight)	1 year from purchase 24hrs/day except in Refuge	MD	\$150

Over Sand Vehicle Use

For more information and regulations contact the Sinepuxent District Ranger Station in Maryland at (410) 641-3030, the Toms Cove Visitor Center in Virginia at (757) 336-6577 or visit www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/osv.htm.
