Fire Island

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Fire Island National Seashore Long Island, New York



Visitor Programs and Events—April 2014



Celebrate National Park Week at Fire Island National Seashore April 19–27, 2014



Come visit! Explore the park on your own, or join in on one of our many exciting programs. Take a history tour through the Fire Island Lighthouse Tract and climb the Lighthouse tower; join a ranger on a guided hike to the dynamic breach in the Fire Island Wilderness; or explore spring botany at the historic William Floyd Estate.

National Junior Ranger Day 2014

Explore, Learn, Protect, Be a Junior Ranger!

When: Saturday, April 26, 2014

Time: 11 am–3 pm

Where: Fire Island Lighthouse,

Fire Island National Seashore

Children ages 7–15, along with their care-givers, are invited to a day of free, fun-filled activities at your favorite national park! This year's exciting line-up includes:

"Keeping Wildlife Wild" Photography Workshop,

"Wild Bird ID" IPAD Junior Ranger,

"Wild About Habitats Hike" a Let's Move Outside Hike.

"Go Wrack Wild!" Beach Discovery Walk

Jr. Ranger Booklets and Hands-on Activities and Crafts



Fire Island Lighthouse

Call for reservations and information: 631-661-4876 Parking is available at Robert Moses State Park, Field #5.

Easter Morning Early Morning Tower Tour

Sunday, April 20 6:30 am-8:30 am

Reservations Required. Fee.

Enjoy the scenery from the top of the tower as the sun rises. Tour includes a light breakfast. Bring a flashlight for your walk to the lighthouse. Moonset 6:45 am/ Sunrise 7:03 am.

History Hike of the Fire Island Lighthouse Area

Saturday, April 26 8 am–10 am Reservations Required. Fee. Meet at Robert Moses Park, Field #5.

This guided tour will take you through the Lighthouse Tract—the historically rich area between Robert Moses State Park and the community of Kismet. Discover the historic significance of the area and see remnants of days gone by including those of the Surf Hotel, the Western Union Telegraph Station, US Life Saving Station and Navy Radio Station. Enjoy light refreshments at the conclusion of the tour at the iconic Fire Island Lighthouse.



For more information and updates: https://twitter.com/FireIslandNPS, www.facebook.com/FireIslandNPS, www.nps.gov/fiis or or email: fiis_information@nps.gov

Wilderness Visitor Center

Call for information: 631-281-3010 (weekends) 631-687-4780 (weekdays) Parking is available at Smith Point County Park.

Beach to Breach Hike Saturday, April 19 10 am-1 pm

Kick off National Park Week 2014 with this 3 mile round-trip hike to the dynamic breach at Old Inlet. Explore the wild beach and the only federal wilderness in New York State. Bring a snack and drinking water, and wear footwear for walking in soft sand.

Wrack Line Discovery Sunday, April 27

1 pm-2:30 pm

Walk the beach with a park ranger and explore seaweeds and seashells, mermaid purses and beach glass, and other natural treasures washed upon the shore. All are welcome.

William Floyd Estate

Call for information: 631-399-2030 Parking is available on site.

Old Mastic Botany Walk Saturday, April 5

10 am–11:30 am

Join this spring botany ramble around the historic William Floyd Estate. Discover spring signs in the trees and beneath your feet. Explore tree buds and flowering catkins, basal rosettes and the last winter's seeds.

Old Mastic Bird Walk

Sunday, April 6 9 am-11:30 am

Search for early spring migrants and year-round birds at the William Floyd Estate. Bring binoculars if you have them and be prepared for a 2-3 mile round-trip walk.

Fire Island National Seashore Facilities Open April 2014

Park Headquarters in Patchogue: 631-687-4780

Open all year, Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm (Closed on federal holidays)

Fire Island Lighthouse: 631-661-4876 Through June 30: Open daily 9:30 am-5 pm

Tower Tours as available weekdays, 10 am-4:30 pm weekends

Wilderness Visitor Center: 631-281-3010

Through June: Open Friday–Sunday & Holidays, 9 am–4 pm

William Floyd Estate: 631-399-2030

April 5–May 18: Grounds Open Friday–Sunday, 10 am–4pm

May 23–Nov 11: Grounds Open Friday–Sunday, & Holidays, 9 am–5 pm; Old Mastic House Tours Friday–Sunday, & Holidays, 10 am–4 pm—

Free house tours every half-hour

Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

Closed until May 2014, but watch for special programs!

Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Facilities

Closed until May 2014

The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant: Closed until May 2014

 $\textbf{Watch Hill Campground:} \ Reservations \ Required: \ visit \ www.watchhill fi.com$

for May-October 2014 for reservations

Backcountry Camping

Reservations Required: visit www.recreation.gov

Access to east and west zones are from Watch Hill only while breach at Old Inlet is open. There is no access from the Wilderness Visitor Center at this time.