# November 2013 Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore

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Saturday, November 2

Cultural Landscape Walking Tour – William Floyd Estate

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(Free program; call for information: 631-399-2030)

À one-mile walk around the historic William Floyd Estate to look for evidence of changes to the landscape as the Floyd Family adapted their land from plantation and working farm, to summer estate and hunting preserve.

Saturday, November 2

Happy Birthday Fire Island Lighthouse – Fire Island Lighthouse

1pm – 3 pm

(Free program; call for information: 631-661-4876)

Celebrate the 155<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Fire Island Lighthouse. Enjoy live music, crafts, face painting and a magic show. Tower tours will be offered at the regular fee. (must be 42" tall to climb the 182-step tower).

Saturday, November 2

Fire Island Harvest - Wilderness Visitor Center

2 pm - 3 pm

9 am

(Free program; call for information: weekdays 631-687-4780, weekends 631-687-3010)

Join a park ranger for this presentation about the wild fruits, fowl, fish and shellfish that have long provided sustenance and livelihood to the people of Long Island and Fire Island.

Saturday, November 9

Light Keepers Behind-the-Scenes Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse

(\$20 fee; reservations required, limited to 12: call 631-661-4876)

Follow a present day Lighthouse Keepers on his rounds. This bottom to top tour takes you from the auxiliary generator and workshop in the basement of the Keeper's Quarters to the beacon in the lantern room of the lighthouse tower. Learn how Lighthouse Keepers past and present maintain the light. Tour includes a visit to the Lens Building which houses the original first order Fresnel lens.

Saturday, November 9 10 am - 11:30 am Old Mastic House: A Simple Architectural Tour – William Floyd Estate

(Free program; call for information: 631-399-2030)

See examples of Colonial, Victorian and Greek Revival architecture among the many styles represented at Old Mastic House over the past 250 years. 18<sup>th</sup> century doors, post and beam framing, 12 over 12 windows, and other architectural details will be explored.

Saturday, November 9

Calling All Junior Rangers: Thanksgiving for Wildlife – Wilderness Visitor Center

Noon – 1 pm

(Free program; call for information: weekdays 631-687-4780, weekends 631-281-3010) Its harvest season for the wildlife of Fire Island! Discover the bounty of wild foods that deer, fox and other barrier island animals depend on for their survival. This program is geared for children 8 – 12 years old, but all are welcome.

Sunday, November 10

The Waterfowl Express - Wilderness Visitor Center

Noon - 2 pm

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(Free program; call for information: weekdays 631-687-4780, weekends 631-281-3010)
Walk the ocean shore and the bay side of Fire Island in search of ducks and geese in surrounding waters. Learn the basics of waterfowl identification and discover why Fire Island is a hotspot for chilly season water birds. Dress warmly and bring binoculars if you have them.

Sunday, November 10

Lighthouse Lecture Series: Art Mattson - Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building

(Free program; call for information: 631-661-4876)

Join Art Mattson, author of "Water and Ice: The Tragic Wrecks of The Bristol and The Mexico on the South Shore of Long Island"

Monday, November 11

Thank You to all our United States Veterans! - Fire Island Lighthouse

(Free tours for veterans; call for information: 631-661-4876)

Free tower tours during regular operating hours to all veterans who served in the military

Saturday, November 16

Stories and Crafts: Seashore Web of Life – Wilderness Visitor Center

Noon - 1 pm

10 am - 3 pm

(Free program: call for information: 631-281-3010)

From whales and starfish, deer and fox, to beach plums and bayberries – Listen to a story about seashore life and how the plants and animals here depend on each other. Then create a Fire Island wildlife memento to take home. This program is geared for children 5-7 years of age, but all are welcome!

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# Fire Island National Seashore Special Programs this Month: November 2013 (cont.)

#### Sunday, November 17

# Old Mastic Bird Walk - William Floyd Estate

9 – 11:30 am

(Free program; call for information: 631-399-2030)

Eniov a 2-mile guided bird-watching stroll through woods, fields and wetlands during the peak of the autumn migration. Southbound migrant songbirds, waterfowl and birds of prey are expected. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars if

you have them.

#### Sunday, November 17

# Evening Tower Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse

3:45 pm

(\$20 fee, reservations required; call 631-661-4876)

Experience the sunset and view the night sky from the top of the lighthouse. Bring a flashlight for your walk back to the parking field. Sunset 4:34 pm.

#### Friday, November 22

# Maritime Music with the Shipmates - Wilderness Visitor Center

7pm - 9 pm

(Free program; call for information: weekdays 631-687-4780, weekends 631-281-3010)

Enjoy sea shanties by the sea courtesy of our musical guests, the Shipmates. Sit back and enjoy the show, or contribute to the music making with your own acoustic instrument.

# Saturday, November 23

## Walk Up an Appetite: Hike to the Breach at Old Inlet - Wilderness Visitor Center

Noon - 2:30 pm

(Free program: call for information: weekdays 631-687-4780, weekends 631-281-3010)

Explore the ever-changing barrier island landscape and the only federally designated wilderness area in New York State during this 3-mile round-trip saunter. Dress for the weather and for walking on sand.

#### Sunday, November 24

# Holiday Parade of Boats on the Patchogue River – Patchogue/ Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

6 - 8 pm

(Free program; call for information: 631-687-4750)

View the annual Patchogue River boat parade from the National Park Service ferry terminal on West Avenue.

#### Saturday, November 30

### **Annual Tree Trimming Event - Fire Island Lighthouse**

10 am - 3 pm

(Free program; call for information: 631-661-4876)

Kick off the holiday season by helping decorate the traditional lighthouse tree. Bring a handmade ornament relating to the sea, nature or the lighthouse to hang on the tree.

# Saturday, November 30 Thanksgiving Weekend Evening Tower Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse

3:45 pm

(\$20 fee, reservations required; call 631-661-4876)

Experience the lighthouse at night while working off some of those holiday calories. Bring a flashlight for your walk back to the parking field. Sunset 4:27 pm.

#### Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open during November 2013

### Fire Island Lighthouse - 631-661-4876

Through November 3 2013, daily 9:30 am -5 pm;

Nov. 4 – Dec.15 2013, daily Noon – 4 pm (closed Thanksgiving Day);

Dec. 16, 2013 – March 31 2014, weekends Noon – 4 pm (Closed Christmas day).

Last tower tour 1 hour before closing.

#### Wilderness Visitor Center- 631-281-3010

Through Jan.1 2014, Friday - Sunday, Veterans Day & New Year's Day, 9 am -4 pm.

(Closed on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day).

Sportsman's Recreational Driving Permits on sale for use through December 31.

New: Backcountry camping reservations for required permits must be obtained online at Recreation.gov.

All Wilderness/backcountry overnight camping permit check-in is required at the Watch Hill Ranger Station.

Access to east and west wilderness/ backcountry camping zones will be from Watch Hill as long as the breach at Old Inlet

is open. There is no access from the Wilderness Visitor Center at this time.

Ferry from Patchogue to Davis Park: Daily through Nov. 1, weekends only through Dec. 1 = 21/2 - 6 mile hike Ferry from Sayville to Fire Island Pines: Daily through Dec. 22, except 11/28/2013 = 51/2 - 10 mile hike

#### William Floyd Estate - 631-399-2030

Through November 11, 2013, Friday – Sunday & holidays, 9 am – 5 pm

Guided Old Mastic House Tours Friday - Sunday & holidays, 10 am - 4 pm

## Park Headquarters in Patchoque - 631-687-4750

Open all year, Monday - Friday, 9:30 - 4 pm (Closed on federal holidays)

# **Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal**

Closed until May 2014, but watch for special programs!