June 2013





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Saturday

June 1: 9 – 11 am

Surfcasting Clinic - Wilderness Visitor Center

Free program; call to register 631-687-4766 weekdays

Join us for a free I FISH NY fishing clinic to learn more about the fish in our seas, the best way to catch them, and how to help keep our local fish populations healthy. Equipment and expert instruction will be provided, paving the way for you to master your cast. This program is geared for adults of all abilities; but ages 10 years and up are welcome to register. The clinic will be provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and requires registration with the Marine Fishing Registry.

Saturday

June 1: 10 am - 4 pm

The Civil War Comes to Mastic - William Floyd Estate

Free program; call for directions/information 631-399-2030

Join historian Jamie Reason on the front porch of the Old Mastic House to explore John Gelston Floyd's Civil War days. He fought in Chancellorsville and Gettysburg and survived. Artifacts from the period will be on display.

Saturday

June 1: 11 am – Noon

National Trails Day: Salt Marsh Walk – Watch Hill

Free program; offered every weekend in June; call for directions/information 631-687-4780

Join the ranger for a guided walk through the Watch Hill Salt Marsh Nature Trail. Learn about a variety of barrier island habitats, from beach to bay, and discover what is so special about the salt marsh, as you enjoy a healthy outdoor activity.

Saturday

June 1: 11 am - 12:30 pm

National Trails Day: Sunken Forest Walk – Sailors Haven

Free program; offered every weekend in June; call for directions/information 631-687-4780 Join the ranger for a guided walk through the Sunken Forest Nature Trail. Explore this globally rare maritime holly forest, a unique barrier island habitat, as you enjoy a healthy outdoor activity.

Friday

June 21: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Summer Solstice Hike to the Breach - Wilderness Visitor Center

Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4766 weekdays; 631-281-3010 weekends Explore the ever-changing barrier island landscape as the sun sets on the first day of summer. Join a park ranger for a 3-mile round-trip hike to the breach at Old Inlet and back. Bring drinking water and insect protection; dress for the weather, with footwear suitable for walking on soft sand

Monday

June 24 8 - 9:30 pm

Full Moon Run - By Reservation Only

Free program; call for reservations/information 631-687-4766 weekdays

Experience the sights and sounds of the seashore after sundown while working up a sweat! Explore Fire Island's unique and unpredictable landscape under the full moon. Pacing is slow but participants must be able to run 4 miles, on uneven surfaces and soft sand.

Wednesday

June 26 5 – 8 pm

Opening Reception – Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

"Essence of Fire Island" Wildlife Photography Exhibit – weekends June 29 – Aug. 10

(Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780)

As a fundraising activity for the Friends of Fire Island National Seashore, work of the Nature and Wildlife Photographers of Long Island will be available for sale, with a portion of the proceeds donated to FFINS to support interpretation and educational programs.

Thursday

June 27 6 – 9 pm

Opening Reception - Fire Island Lighthouse

12th Annual Lighthouse Benefit Art Show – daily June 27 through July 19

(Free admission; call for directions/information 631-661-4876)

As a fundraising activity of the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society, local artists display original nautical artwork in the Keepers Quarters at the Lighthouse. All artwork is for sale with a portion of the proceeds donated for the maintenance and daily upkeep of the Lighthouse. Park at Robert Moses State Park Field #5; free shuttle bus during opening reception.

Memorial Day to Labor Day

2013 Fire Island National Seashore Wildlife Photo Contest

Contest entries are accepted each summer, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Photos must be emailed as an attachment along with contest entry form by September 2, 2013: www.nps.gov/fiis/planyourvisit/annual-photo-contest.htm

Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open in June 2013

Park Headquarters in Patchoque - 631-687-4750

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

Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

June 29 - Labor Day, weekends & holidays 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Friends of Fire Island National Seashore's "Essence of Fire Island" Nature Photography Exhibition opens June 26

William Floyd Estate - 631-399-2030

Grounds Open May 24 - Nov. 11, 2013, Friday - Sunday & holidays, 9 am - 5 pm

Old Mastic House Open May 24 - Nov. 11, 2013, Friday - Sunday & holidays, 10 am - 4 pm

Free house tours every half-hour: This year's exhibit: Cornelia Floyd & John Nichols at Old Mastic (1882-1976)

Wilderness Visitor Center - 631-281-3010

Jan. 1 through June 30, 2013: Friday-Sunday & federal holidays, 9 am - 4 pm

July 1 - Labor Day: Wednesday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm; weekends & holidays, 10 am - 6 pm

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

No wilderness/backcountry overnight camping permits will be issued at the Wilderness Visitor Center office as long as the breach at Old Inlet is open. Check-in and access to both the east and west wilderness/ backcountry camping zone will be through the Watch Hill Visitor Center during summer 2013.

Old Inlet

All facilities (dock, boardwalk and vault toilet) destroyed by Hurricane Sandy and will not be replaced

The breach at Old Inlet continues to be monitored. See:

www.nps.gov/fiis/naturescience/post-hurricane-sandy-breaches.htm

Watch Hill

Watch Hill Ferry Service - 631-475-1665

May 18 - June 21, 2013: M-F: LV Patchogue 10:15 am/3:30 pm +7 pm Friday;

Sa-Su: LV Patchogue 10 am/12:15 pm/3:30 pm

June 22 – Sept. 2, 2013: M-F: LV Patchogue 8:45 am/10:15 am/12:30 pm/3:10 pm/5 pm + 7 pm Friday; Sa-Su & holiday: LV Patchogue 8:30 am/10 am/12 pm/1:45 pm/3:30 pm/5:50 pm (Saturdays and 7/4 only: LV Watch Hill 10 pm)

Watch Hill Marina - 631-597-3109

May 10 - June 20, 2013: F-Sa & holiday; \$2/ft + elec.; Su-Th \$ 1/ft + elec.

June 21 - Sept. 2, 2013: Mon-Wed.: \$1/ft + elec.; Thur.-Sun.: \$2/ft + elec. (\$1.50/ft + elec. Su special with Fr-Sa stay)

Watch Hill Campground - 631-567-6664

May 11 - October 20, 2013; reservations accepted on-line at www.watchhillfi.com

Watch Hill Snack Bar. Tiki Bar & General Store

May 18 - June 21, 2013: M-F: 11 am-4 pm; Sa-Su: 9:30 am-4 pm

June 22 - Sept. 2, 2013: M-Th: 9:30 am-5:15 pm; Fri. 7 am-5:15 pm; Sa-Su: 7am-6:30 pm

The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant - 631-597-9060 (call for reservations)

May 24 - 22, 2013: Friday - Saturday, 5 pm - 12 am

June 27- Sept. 1, 2013: Thursday - Saturday, 5 pm - 12 am, Sunday 10-1

Watch Hill Visitor Center - 631-597-6455

May 25 - June 23, 2013 weekends & holidays 10:30 am - 4 pm Salt Marsh Tours at 11 am weekends

June 29 - Labor Day: Wednesday - Friday 9:30 am - 5 pm; weekends 9 am - 6 pm

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Watch Hill Lifeguarded Beach

June 28 - Labor Day: Monday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm; weekends 10 am - 6 pm

Talisman/Barrett Beach

Restrooms Open for the season; Talisman Picnic Area still closed

No Lifeguards at Barrett Beach in 2013

Sailors Haven / Sunken Forest

Sayville Ferry Service - 631-589-8980

May 13 - June 21, 2013: M-F: LV Sayville 9:30 am/10:30 am/1 pm;

Sa-Su: LV Sayville 9:20 am/11 am/2:15 pm/4 pm

June 22 - Sept. 2, 2013: M-F: LV Sayville 9:30 am/11:15 am/1:15 pm/3:15 pm/5 pm;

Sa-Su: LV Sayville 9:20 am/10:30 am/11:45 am/1:30 pm/3:45pm/5 pm/6 pm

Sailors Haven Marina - 631-597-6171

May 10 - June 20, 2013: Su-Th \$ 1/ft + elec.; F-Sa & hol.; \$2/ft + elec.

June 21 - Sept. 2, 2013: Daily: \$2/ft + elec. (\$1.50/ft + elec. Monday special with Sunday night stay)

Sailors Haven Snack Bar & Gift Shop

May 18 - June 21, 2013: M-F: 10 am - 1:30 pm; Sa-Su: 10 am - 4 pm

June 22 - Sept. 2, 2013: M-F: 10:15 am - 5:15 pm; Sa-Su: 9 am - 6:15 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center - 631-597-6183

May 25 - June 23, 2013: weekends & holidays10 am - 4 pm Sunken Forest Tours at 11 am weekends

June 29 - Labor Day: Wednesday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm; weekends 10 am - 6 pm Sunken Forest Tours 11 am Wed-Sun.

Sailors Haven Lifeguarded Beach

June 28 - Labor Day: Monday-Friday 10 am - 5 pm; weekends 10 am - 6 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse - 631-661-4876

May 25 -Labor Day: daily 9:30 am - 5:30 pm No Tower Tours through early-August 2013

Boardwalks damaged by the storm are not expected to be repaired until later in the summer, requiring visitors to walk down the beach (about ¾ mile) to access the Lighthouse. The traditional clothing optional use of this stretch of beach is no longer accommodated. Pre-planned rehabilitation work is underway in and on the tower and terrace this summer.