

# Fire Island

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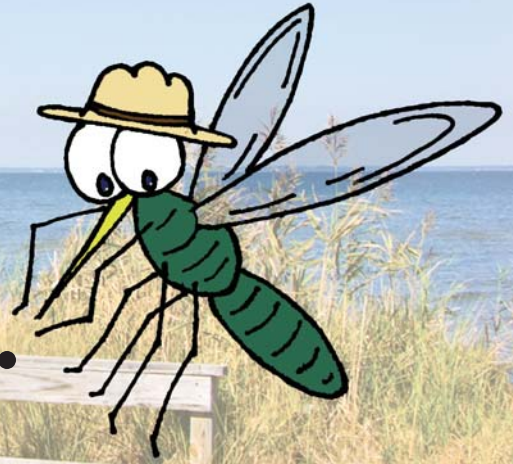
Fire Island National Seashore  
Long Island, New York



Summer 2008

## Summer BUZZ

Fire Island Program Schedule



### *A Message from the Superintendent:*

Fire Island National Seashore is an awesome place, especially during the summer when everything comes alive. With the beaches becoming busy, the communities opening their shutters and windows, and the children playing outside, you know summer is here. Fire Island National Seashore was established 44 years ago and is one of the 391 units in the National Park System. It is an important place that preserves a vast "Great Beach" on a fragile barrier island and all of its associated natural and cultural resources.

In addition, Fire Island has 17 private communities nestled within the park's boundary. With a combination of private homes, seasonal units, unique neighborhoods and restaurants, you can go and enjoy the "real taste of island life". Catching a magnificent sunset over the Great South Bay would be a highlight of anyone's trip to Fire Island. All of the communities are accessible by ferry boats from Bay Shore, 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.

The National Park Service (NPS) has launched its Centennial Initiative this year. Fire Island National Seashore will be able to hire additional rangers, lifeguards, and maintenance workers to help you better appreciate and enjoy your local national park as the NPS approaches its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016. Dedicated park volunteers and partners join NPS staff in helping make your visit memorable and safe.

While you are enjoying Fire Island, 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 in a lifeguarded beach or with others in safe conditions.

Whether you are attending a ranger-led program, hiking or just relaxing on one of the nation's best beaches, we hope you enjoy your visit and we look forward to seeing you again! We're glad to have you with us. See you on the beach.

Sean McGuinness

Acting 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 2008

### Fire Island Lighthouse

By car via the Robert Moses Causeway

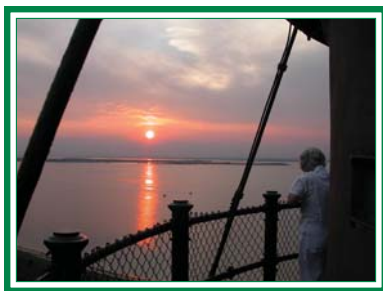
**Fire Island Ferries**  
**631-665-3600 or 666-3600**  
[www.fireislandferries.com](http://www.fireislandferries.com)

Bay Shore 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](http://www.fireislandwatertaxi.com)  
*Seasonal Only*



### Sailors Haven

By ferry via the Sayville Ferry Service

**631-589-8980**  
[www.sayvilleferry.com](http://www.sayvilleferry.com)

Lv. Sayville

Lv. Sailors Haven

**June 23 thru September 1**

**Monday thru Friday, inclusive**

*9:00am	*9:30am
10:15am	11:00am
11:30am	12:00pm
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
*3:45pm	*4:15pm
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.**



### Barrett Beach

By ferry via the Davis Park Ferry

Company, Inc. **631-475-1665**  
[www.davisparkferry.com](http://www.davisparkferry.com)

Lv. Patchogue

Lv. Barrett Beach

**July 12, 13, 26 & 27 and  
 August 9, 10, 23 & 24**

*Times to be announced.*

**Four special weekend excursions only.**  
**Trips are weather permitting.**



### 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

#### 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)**

### 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](http://www.davisparkferry.com)

Lv. Patchogue Lv. Watch Hill

June 27 thru September 1

Monday thru Friday

8:45am	
10:15am	11:00am
*12:30pm	*1:15pm
3:15pm	4:15pm
5:00pm	5:45pm

Saturday & Sunday  
 7/4 and 9/1 Labor Day

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

*Saturday Only*

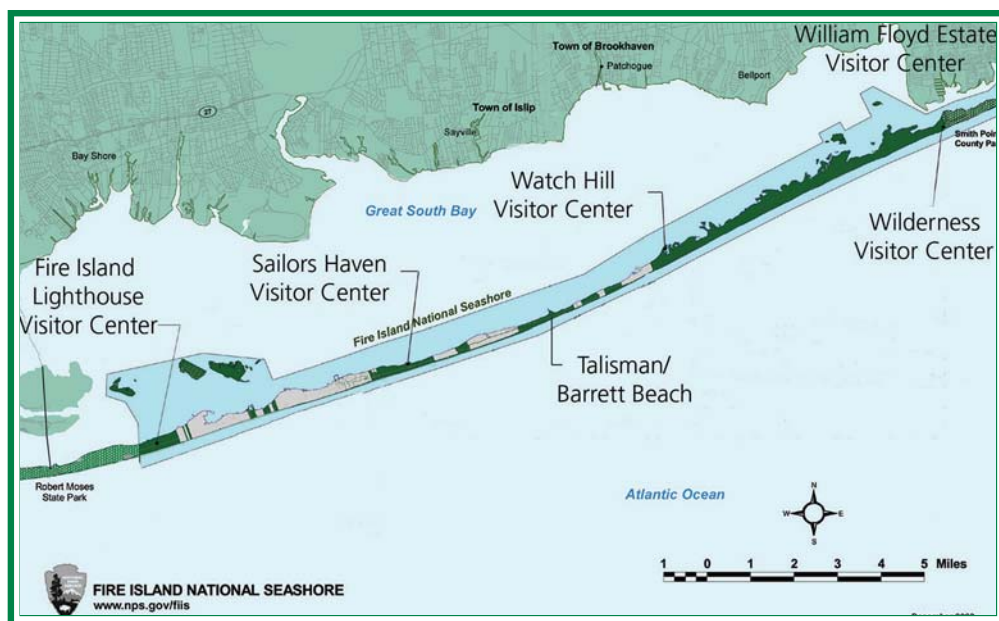
\* **Weather Permitting Boats.** If weather is inclement, please call Davis Park Ferry at 631-475-1665 to see if they will run. For Saturday 10:00pm boat please call Watch Hill Restaurant at 631-597-9060 to see if it is running.

## 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 2008

Fire Island  
National Seashore



## Daily Schedule: July 1 - September 1, 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	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
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Nature Crafts						
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour	Sunken Forest Tour
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Catch of Day					Jr. Ranger: Path to Discovery	Seaside Stories & Crafts
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Sunken Forest Tour						Sunken Forest Tour
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>							Enchanted Evenings
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

Monday - 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.



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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.

### Enchanted Evenings

Saturday 8:00 p.m.  
Meet at Sailors Haven Visitor Center  
Various topics, from Stargazing to Mosquitoes to Bedtime stories, will be discussed and presented each week. Topics will be announced each week in the visitor center. 1 hour.

### Nature Crafts

Sunday 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.

### Catch of the Day

Sunday 2:00 p.m.  
Meet at Sailors Haven Visitor Center  
(All ages and levels welcome)  
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.

# Watch Hill Summer Programs 2008

Fire Island  
National Seashore



Daily Schedule: July 1 - September 1, 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	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
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Canoe sign up				Canoe sign up	Canoe sign up	Canoe sign up
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Guided Canoe Tour				Guided Canoe Tour	Guided Canoe Tour	Guided Canoe Tour
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Catch of Day/ Horse Demo					Jr.Ranger: Path to Discovery	Seaside Stories & Crafts
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>							Enchanted Evenings
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

### Guided Canoe Tour

Thursday, 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.**



### Junior Ranger: Path to Discovery Program

Friday 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Watch Hill Dune Station

*(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.**

### Children's Hour: Seaside Stories & Crafts

Saturday 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Watch Hill Dune Station

*(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.**

### Enchanted Evenings

Saturday 8:00 p.m.

Meet at Watch Hill Dune Station

Various topics, from Stargazing to Mosquitoes to Bedtime stories, will be discussed and presented each week. Topics will be announced each week in the visitor center. **1 hour.**

### Catch of the Day

Sunday 2:00 p.m.

Meet at Watch Hill Visitor Center

*(All ages and levels welcome)*

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 13, August 3, 17)*

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 2008

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National Seashore



## Daily Schedule: July 1 - September 1, 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	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
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>							Mid-Morning Stroll
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Nature Crafts						
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>						Jr. Ranger: Path to Discovery	Seaside Stories & Crafts
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.**



Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness in spring.

#### 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.**

#### Nature Crafts

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 2008 Special Events

## Patchogue SeaFair 2008

**June 6, 7, 8 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](http://www.seafair.us)

## Fire Island Trek

**June 18, 2008 (Evening Hike)**

**September 3 -5, 2008 (3 days)**

**September 11 -12, 2008 (Golden Age)**  
(reservations required)

Fire Island National Seashore is hosting its 3-day Fire Island Trek this year on September 3 - 5, 2008.

A special overnight hike—the new Full Moon Trek—is scheduled for June 18 - 19, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

A shorter Golden Age Trek is planned for September 11-12, 2008.

Limited logistical support is available, but you must provide for your own transportation and parking, and pay for your own meals along the way. You will need to provide your own sleeping bag for overnight stays.

There is a nominal cost for lodging and logistical support.

The Fire Island Trek may be canceled at any time due to inclement weather.

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

[www.nps.gov/fiis/FireIslandTrek.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fiis/FireIslandTrek.htm)

## Photo Contest

**August 10 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.

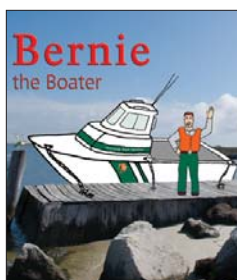
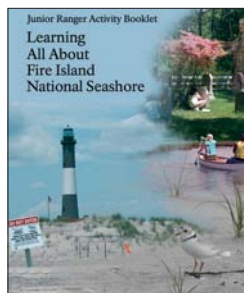
For more information please call 631-687-4765 or 631-597-6183.

## 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/web ranger](http://www.nps.gov/web ranger)



Earn your boating safety pin when you complete "Bernie the Boater"; the latest addition to our Jr. Ranger series.

## Junior Ranger: Path to Discovery Program

**July 11 - August 29 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 9 - August 13 10:00**

Wednesdays

(reservations required) **Fee charged.**

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

## Annual Labor Day Sand Creation Contest

**September 1 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 2007

## International Coastal Beach Clean-up 9/27/08

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 2009**

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 2008

Fire Island  
National Seashore



## William Floyd Estate

May 23 - October 26, 2008

Friday - Sunday & Holidays

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

631-399-2030

*Free self-guiding pamphlets for the outbuilding area and family cemetery are available at the Old Mastic House until 4:00 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 23 - October 8, 2008

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 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 4:00 p.m.

*Starting May 23, 2008 call 631-399-2030 on Fridays and Saturdays, between 10:00am and 1:00pm to make your reservations for any special programs.*

### The Park's Collections

July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 4 10:00am

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

September 20 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.



One of the Estate's outbuildings, this little wood shed may have been adapted from a pig sty that stood on this spot in the 19th century.

### Three Centuries of Floyd Furniture

July 26, Aug. 30, Oct. 18 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

July 19, October 25 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.

July 5, August 23 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

September 27 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.

### The Old West Lane Walk

August 9, October 11 10:00am Reservations required.

This leisurely nature stroll along the Old West Lane will point out trees, shrubs, flowers, and birds along the road. The road basically follows one of the early entrance roads into the Estate.

# Fire Island Lighthouse Summer Programs 2008

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## Fire Island Lighthouse

Year-round, Daily  
Check their website;  
[www.fireislandlighthouse.com](http://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](http://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

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

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.

### Horseshoe Crab Program

Reservations required.

**Fee charged.**

Learn about horseshoe crabs and watch  
them come ashore to lay their eggs.



Fire Island Lighthouse as seen from the Great South Bay.

### 4th Annual Long Island Lighthouse Challenge

Challenge yourself to visit 12 Long Island  
Lighthouses including Fire Island's. For  
more information visit:  
[www.longislandlighthouses.com](http://www.longislandlighthouses.com)

## June

### 7th Annual Art Show

June 27 - July 20

Local artists display their artwork in the  
Keepers Quarters at the Lighthouse.  
*Opening reception will be held on June 26th,  
6:30pm - 9:30pm. Artwork is for sale.*

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

## July

### Jr. Lighthouse Keepers Summer Program

July 9 - August 13 10am - noon.

**Call for application. Fee charged.**

Scheduled activities every Wednesday for  
six weeks.

### Beach Apparatus Drill

July 17, August 21 7pm

Come out to watch our BAD team re-enact  
the historic rescue drill that was performed  
by the surfmen of the USLSS to bring  
shipwreck victims ashore.

## August

### 22nd Annual "Barefoot Black Tie Dinner Dance"

August 9 6:30pm - 11:00pm

Reservations required. **Fee charged.**

For more information or tickets call:  
631-321-7028.

### Amateur Radio Lighthouse Weekend

August 16, 17

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

### Fire Island Lighthouse Fall Schedule

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| September 13 | Light Keepers Behind<br>the Scenes Tour           |
| September 13 | Lantern Light Tour                                |
| September 21 | 7th Annual Auto Show                              |
| September 30 | Birdwalk  |
| October 13   | Columbus Day Hike                                 |
| October 25   | Ghost Stories and<br>Legends of Fire Island       |
| November 1   | Happy 150th Birthday<br>to the F.I. Lighthouse    |
| November 15  | Light Keepers Behind<br>the Scenes Tour           |
| December 13  | 6th Annual<br>Re-Enactment of the<br>Flying Santa |



## Seashore Scavenger Hunt

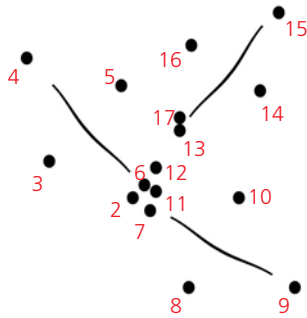
Find something natural that matches each description. Check them off as you find them.

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. <b>Hard</b> ____   | 6. <b>Curly</b> ____     |
| 2. <b>Soft</b> ____   | 7. <b>Straight</b> ____  |
| 3. <b>Bumpy</b> ____  | 8. <b>Flat</b> ____      |
| 4. <b>Smooth</b> ____ | 9. <b>Flexible</b> ____  |
| 5. <b>Sharp</b> ____  | 10. <b>Scratchy</b> ____ |

## Wildlife Riddles:

Connect the Dot-To-Dots to help you solve each riddle. Be sure to color each one in.

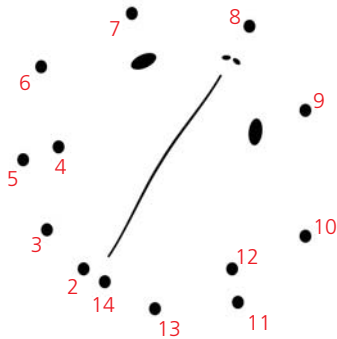
1. I can grow as a vine, as ground cover, or like a bush. Most people have a saying for me: leaves of three let it be. **What am I?**



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2. Those just like me have been around since before the dinosaurs. I am not a crab but I am related to spiders. **Who am I?**



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\* **Bonus:** Can you name the items that you found?

## Silly Seaside Story

Fill in the blanks with the correct parts of speech.

Everyone knows that \_\_\_\_\_  
noun was a really  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective pirate. He/She had a really \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective  
 sword and lived in a \_\_\_\_\_  
noun on the beach. He/  
 She would look out for ships on the Atlantic Ocean  
 and then build a \_\_\_\_\_  
noun to signal safe passage.  
 Only instead of safe passage the ship would run  
 aground and the people would be shipwrecked.  
 The people would think he/she was so \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective  
 for helping them get safely to shore. He/She would  
 even bring them some \_\_\_\_\_  
noun to help warm  
 them up and give them a place to \_\_\_\_\_.  
verb  
 Only he/she was a \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective pirate because the  
 people would never wake up from what he/she  
 gave them and now he/she could steal all of their  
 \_\_\_\_\_.  
noun This made him/her very \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective  
 with treasure. He/She would bury this \_\_\_\_\_  
adjective  
 treasure on the beach, never to be found again.



# 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 Fire Island Lighthouse this summer. Eagle Scout, Zack Brown, from Troop 46 of Merick, NY has created new trail markers for the three miles of boardwalk surrounding the Lighthouse. These 33 markers were created and layed along boardwalk and the bayside for visitors to follow. Some of Fire Island's diverse wildlife, plants and ecosystems can be seen along the boardwalk and visitors will learn about the Surf Hotel that once graced Fire Island with its grand structure. Zack put in a lot of hard work (240 hours) in designing the markers, researching the subject matter and he hopes that the visitors will enjoy their walk while learning about the natural and cultural history that Fire Island National Seashore has to offer.



Zack Brown, with members of Troop 46, at the beginning of the Lighthouse boardwalk trail.

## Interested in Participating?

If you're interested in creating a project 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 project meets all guidelines and is selected it will be displayed in the park.



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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

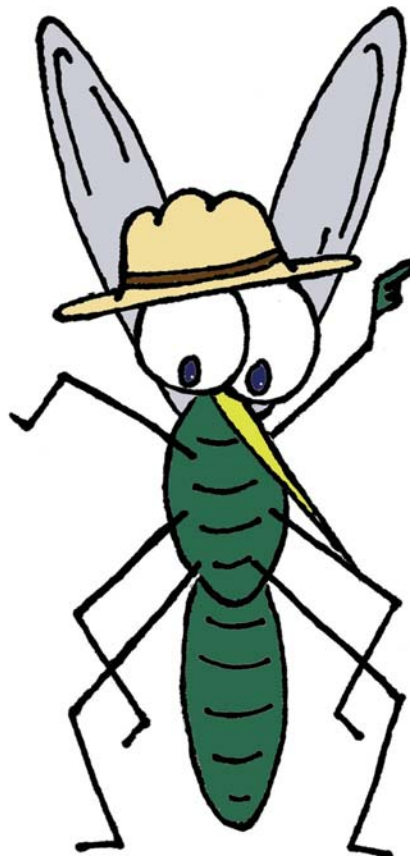
631-597-6455  
*Open mid-May to mid-October*

### 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?

\*When the Fire Island Lighthouse Tower was built in 1858, it took one year to complete at a cost of \$40,000.

\*Fire Island National Seashore is one of ten national seashores in the national park system and is the only one that has 17 communities within its boundaries.

\*A mosquito's wing beats about 300-600 times per second.

