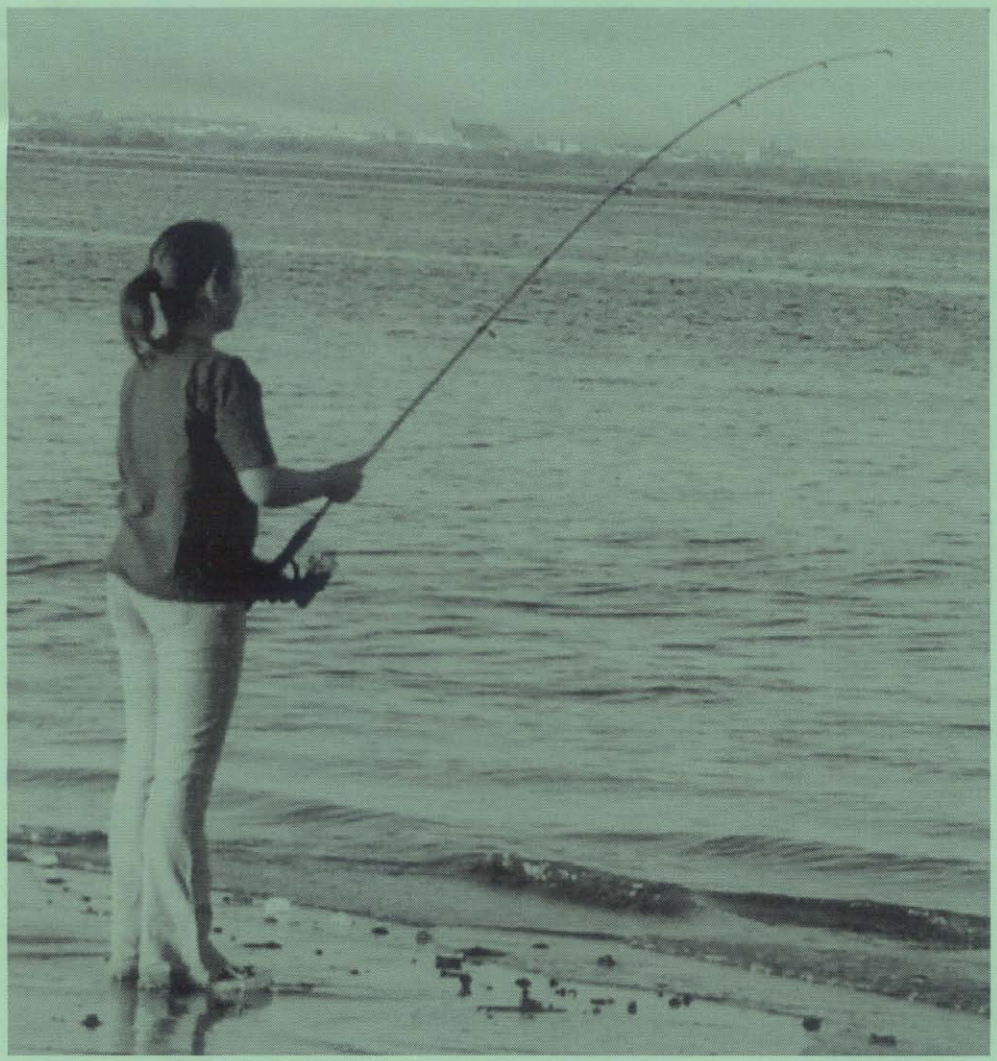
National Park Service
United States Department of the Interior

Gateway National Recreation Area

Fishing Parking Permit Program
2005
2-Wheel Drive Vehicles



24 HOUR
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS
Jamaica Bay Unit & Staten Island Unit – New York
United States Park Police
(718) 338-3988 or (718) 338-3989
or
Sandy Hook Unit – New Jersey
(732)-872-5900

Introduction

Welcome to Gateway National Recreation Area, one of America's first urban national parks. For over 30 years Gateway has brought the National Park Service experience to the residents and visitors of New York and New Jersey. Gateway encompasses over 26,000 acres of shoreline, dunes, maritime uplands, tidal marsh, bay waters and freshwater ponds. The park offers diverse visitor experiences including: special events, educational programs about our historical and natural resources and many outdoor recreational opportunities.

Fishing has traditionally been an important recreational activity along our shoreline. The popularity of this sport has increased over time, as have other competing uses of our beaches. In an effort to continue to provide safe and enjoyable fishing opportunities for park visitors, while protecting park resources, we have implemented a system of parking by permit only at authorized areas during specific time periods throughout the year.

A fee is collected for each fishing parking permit issued. These fees are used to offset the costs incurred by this permitting program, and to improve the park's fishing program.

Gateway National Recreation Area Fishing Program

- ❑ An "Administrative Fee" of $50.00 is charged for each fishing parking permit issued. The permit is valid for the calendar year. No refunds will be issued.

- ❑ Fishing parking permits utilized at Sandy Hook Unit authorize access between sunset and sunrise when the park is otherwise closed. Between sunrise and sunset, fishing is permitted at all but lifeguard protected areas however separate User Fees may apply (see Rules and Federal Regulations and Sandy Hook sections).

- ❑ Fishing parking permits are to be placed on the rear bumper passenger side of the registered vehicle except for vehicles whose permits were purchased at the Sandy Hook Unit. Vehicles registered at Sandy Hook must place their permit decal on the front bumper of the front driver's side.

- ❑ The OFF ROAD FISHING PARKING PERMIT may only be purchased at the Fort Tilden Visitor Contact Station to gain access to the Breezy Point Tip. The 2WD fishing parking permit does not allow access to the Breezy Point Tip beach or the sand access road of the Breezy Point District. These are the only off road areas in the entire park.

- ❑ Permit is not valid at other National Park sites other than the ones listed in this booklet.

❑ Replacement permits will not be issued to applicants who have purchased new vehicles.

❑ Fishermen may only fish within the authorized areas listed in this booklet and must adhere to the parking regulations within each park unit at Gateway National Recreation Area.

❑ If your fishing parking permit is stolen, a police report must be filed. If the permitted vehicle is involved in a motor vehicle accident and your permit is damaged or removed, you must remove a portion of the issued fishing parking permit sticker or obtain a copy of the police vehicle accident report. You must then submit either the police report or a portion of the fishing parking permit sticker to the Park Ranger at the park's visitor center desk to obtain a new Fishing permit sticker.

❑ Be sure to pick up the latest NYSDEC/NJSDEC Marine Recreation Fishing Laws and Regulations located at any of the visitor contact stations. Keeping short fish and/or taking over the limit identified by the state will result in fines and/or loss of the fishing parking permit for fishing. Please notify any Law Enforcement Ranger or United States Park Police Officer of any violators. Phone numbers are provided at the end of this booklet.

Prior to the issuance of a Fishing Parking Permit, the following requirements must be met:

_____1. Fee must be paid; check or money order is preferred but cash is an accepted form of payment.

_____2. All vehicles must have a valid state registration.

_____3. The person applying for the permit must have a valid U.S. driver's license.

_____4. The vehicle operator must sign the Permit registration card.

_____5. The vehicle operator must view a ten-minute orientation program video when acquiring a permit at the Breezy Point District.

_____6. The operator must present a 7-foot, (minimum size), fishing pole, reel and tackle at the time of permit registration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This parking permit is valid at all specially designated parking areas at Gateway National Recreation Area. This parking permit (2-wheel drive) is not valid for off road access at the Breezy Point Tip or the sand access road in Queens, New York. Only vehicles with a valid off-road permit obtained at Fort Tilden may gain access to the Breezy Point Tip during the designated time of year. This permit may be obtained only at the Breezy Point District Visitor Center in Fort Tilden, NY. For more information please call (718) 318-4300.

RULES AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS

1. Parking is permitted only in designated areas and for the purpose of fishing only, unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent (36 CFR 2.23; 7.29(a)).

2. Parking permits are valid only in authorized areas within the Jamaica Bay Unit, Staten Island Unit and Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area. This parking permit is not transferable to another vehicle. Parking is open on a space available basis.

3. At least 50% of the persons over 12 years of age in each vehicle must have appropriate fishing equipment (i.e. 7-foot fishing pole with reel and bait/tackle) and be actively engaged in fishing. Actively engaged in fishing includes, but is not limited to: traveling to and from a fishing location, the setting up and taking down of equipment and short breaks for coffee, food, sanitary facilities, etc.

4. If your permit is revoked, the permit fee will not be refunded and your privileges to obtain a new permit or a permit for the following year may be revoked or suspended, 36 CFR 1.6 (H). The permit will be removed or marked as revoked.

5. Any person caught engaging in an activity, other then the intended use of the fishing parking permit will have their permit revoked on the spot. A summons may be issued for violating the terms and conditions of the permit, 36 CFR 1.6 (g)(2).

6. The permittee shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the superintendent and shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations (36 CFR 7.29(a)).

7. Swimming (except at Sandy Hook) on unprotected beaches, camping, sleeping in vehicles, fireworks and littering are <u>prohibited.</u>

8. Because of the endangered species management program at the Breezy Point Tip, the following activities are prohibited along the shorelines and beach front areas at this park location between March 15 – August 31:
   - Motorized vehicles
   - Jogging
   - Ball playing/Frisbee playing
   - Pets (leashed or unleashed)
   - Fires
   - Barbecues, fireworks
   - Beaching of boats and jet skies
   - Kite flying
   - Picnicking

9. Stay on designated roads. This permit is not valid for off-road use (Contact the Breezy point Site for off-road regulations) (36 CFR 4.10 (a)).

10. Fires and barbecues are prohibited except by permit at the Sandy Hook Unit, Great Kills Park, Miller Field and in designated locations in Riis Park and Floyd Bennett Field (36 CFR 2.13 (a) (1)).

11. PLEASE NOTE: There are NO PETS on the following beaches during specific months.
    March 15 through September 15.
    - All Breezy Point District Beaches

    May 15 – September 15
    - GREAT KILLS (guarded beaches)

    March 15 Through Labor Day
    - At Sandy Hook ocean beaches

12. On the beaches where pets are permitted or during the time periods when they are allowed on the beaches, they MUST be leashed, restrained and cleaned up after at all times (36 CFR 2.10(10) (a); 2.14 (a) (1) (b); 2.15(a)(1) (3); and 3.21 (a) (1) (2) (3)

13. Sandy Hook Unit parking fees: when fishing during daylight hours, the general user fee may apply between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day (see Sandy Hook section).

14. All fishing is prohibited on guarded swimming beaches between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. from May 15 through September 15 (36 CFR 2.3(a)). These areas include:
    - Riis Park Beach
    - Great Kills Park Beach
    - Sandy Hook Areas C, D, E, G (Gunnison Beach) and I (North Beach)

15. Several species of threatened and/or endangered ground nesting birds live on the beaches of the Breezy Point District and the Sandy Hook Unit from March through September each year. Entering posted areas is prohibited by federal Law (36 CFR 1.5 (a) (1) (2); 2.3(a) (1)).

16. Do not disturb, remove or destroy any plant, animal or other natural feature; it is a Federal Offense (36 CFR 2.1 (a) (1) (l);2.2(a) (1) (2)(3)).

17. Do not enter, climb, or fish near any military or historic structures within the park at Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hancock, and Fort Tilden. (36 CFR 2.1 (a)(5)).

18. A National Park Service employee reserves the right to revoke the fishing permit and the permit holder may be subject to fines if condition(s) of any of the rules and regulations herein are violated.

19. The use of commercial vehicles is prohibited for parking in fishing areas. Commercial vehicles are not permitted in the park unless they are delivering to the park or it is the only road connecting towns, cities, counties etc. 36CFR 5.6

Jamaica Bay Unit

Breezy Point District, Fort Tilden (718)318-4300

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits for 2005 calendar year can be obtained at the Breezy Point District, Fort Tilden Visitor Contact Station, Building 1, Rockaway, Queens, NY 11695. Parking permits will be limited and issued on a first come first serve basis beginning in February.

Hours of Operation

Fall and Winter – Daily 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Spring and Summer – Daily 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Breezy Point District designated fishing beaches are:

- West Beach
- Fort Tilden Beach
- Breezy Point Tip/Bayside Tip
- Fort Tilden Bayside by the Yacht Club
- Jacob Riis Park :
  8:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day
  All times from the Tuesday following Labor Day through the Friday before Memorial Day.

From June 15 through September 15, a permit is required 24 hours a day at Fort Tilden. From September 16 through June 14, a permit is required from dusk to dawn, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED: Please note, Parking at T-149, T-25 and the Chapel Lots are prohibited with this permit.

Jetty Safety Message

When walking the Breezy Point Jetty, we urge you to exercise extreme caution. The jetty is one of the most popular fishing sites in Queens, and yet can be very challenging when walking it. People have been seriously injured or have died at this location, including experienced fishermen. High tides and storm surges can create hazardous conditions. The surface of the rocks is very slippery and uneven, creating a hazardous walking surface. In addition to wearing proper foot cleats, personal safety equipment, such as a helmet, knee and elbow pads, wrist guards, and a personal floatation device, is recommended.

Designated Parking Areas for 2-Wheel Drive Permits at the Breezy Point District

Designated Parking Areas	Permit Required Dusk to Dawn Sept. 16 – June 14	Permit Required June 15 – September 15 at all times	Closed June 15 – September 15	Parking Permit Required 4 pm – 9 am June 15 - September 15 All other times Permit NOT Valid	Permit Required March 15 – Sept 15 at all times
Shore Road Parking Lot	●	●			
Shore Road	●		●	Parking permitted on north side of shore road with permit from dusk to dawn.	
T-4 Parking Lot	●				
Adapted Aquatic	●			●	
222nd Street Parking Lot					●
Yacht Club	●	●			
East Lot	Permit Required Memorial Day to Labor Day 8pm – 8am. Parking prohibited from 8am-8pm. Permit required from dusk to dawn only from Labor Day to Memorial Day.				

North Shore District, Floyd Bennett Field (718)338-3799

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits for the 2005 calendar year can be obtained at Floyd Bennett Field, Ranger Station, Brooklyn, NY.

Hours of Operation:

April 16 to November 14
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily

November 15 to April 15
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Designated Parking Area for 2-Wheel Drive Permits at Floyd Bennett Field
Dusk to dawn at the following locations:

1. Seaplane Ramp
2. Ranger Station Parking Lot

Special Parking Conditions, Permit required at all times:

1. Mill Basin
2. Aviation Road

Note: Raptor Point will be closed to all activities for a minimum period of one year.

Staten Island Unit

World War Veterans Park at Miller Field (718) 351-6970

Permit required dusk to dawn; year round. Fishing permitted on Sandy Beach only.

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits for the 2005 calendar year can be obtained at the Miller Field Ranger Station (Daily) 9:00AM – 4:30 PM

Great Kills (718) 987-6790

Parking permit required dusk to dawn; year round for: Lots A,E,F,G and Harbor Road.
Parking permit is required at all times; year round for: Crooke's Point

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits for the 2005 calendar year can be obtained at the Great Kills Park Ranger Station (Fri. – Mon.) 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Fort Wadsworth (718) 354-4500

Parking permit required dusk to dawn; year round. Fishing permitted on the Sandy Beach only. Fishing Prohibited under the Verrazano Bridge.

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits for the 2005 calendar year can be obtained at Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center (Wed. – Sun.) 10 AM - 5 PM.

Sandy Hook Unit

Ranger Station (732) 872-5900

- Parking permit required from sunset to sunrise year round.
- Between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day, between sunrise and sunset the (fishing) parking permits are NOT valid and User Fees apply in:

Lot B	Lot C	Lot D	Lot E
Lot G (Gunnison)	Lot I (North Beach)	Lot J	Lot K

- Prior to the fee plaza opening (between sunrise and 7:00 a.m.) a FREE daily beach pass can be obtained at the Ranger Station for the purpose of fishing.
- If your primary fishing unit is at Sandy Hook, the permit decal must be placed on the front bumper driver side. Please back your vehicle into parking spaces to make the permit visible to patrol rangers.

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits for the calendar year can be obtained using check or money order at the Ranger Station 24 hours a day. Cash transactions can be handled at the Visitor Center between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Help keep your National Park Clean!
CARRY IT IN – CARRY IT OUT

Gateway National Recreation Area is committed to protecting natural and cultural resources. Please help us to protect our shoreline, wildlife, and beaches.

MONOFILAMENT RECYCLING

Please join us by recycling your used fishing line. You can find collection receptacles, such as the one pictured at right, at many of the designated parking areas and more information at the Gateway Visitor Contact Stations.

With your help we hope to expand our public recycling program and keep our parks clean and safe for people and wildlife.

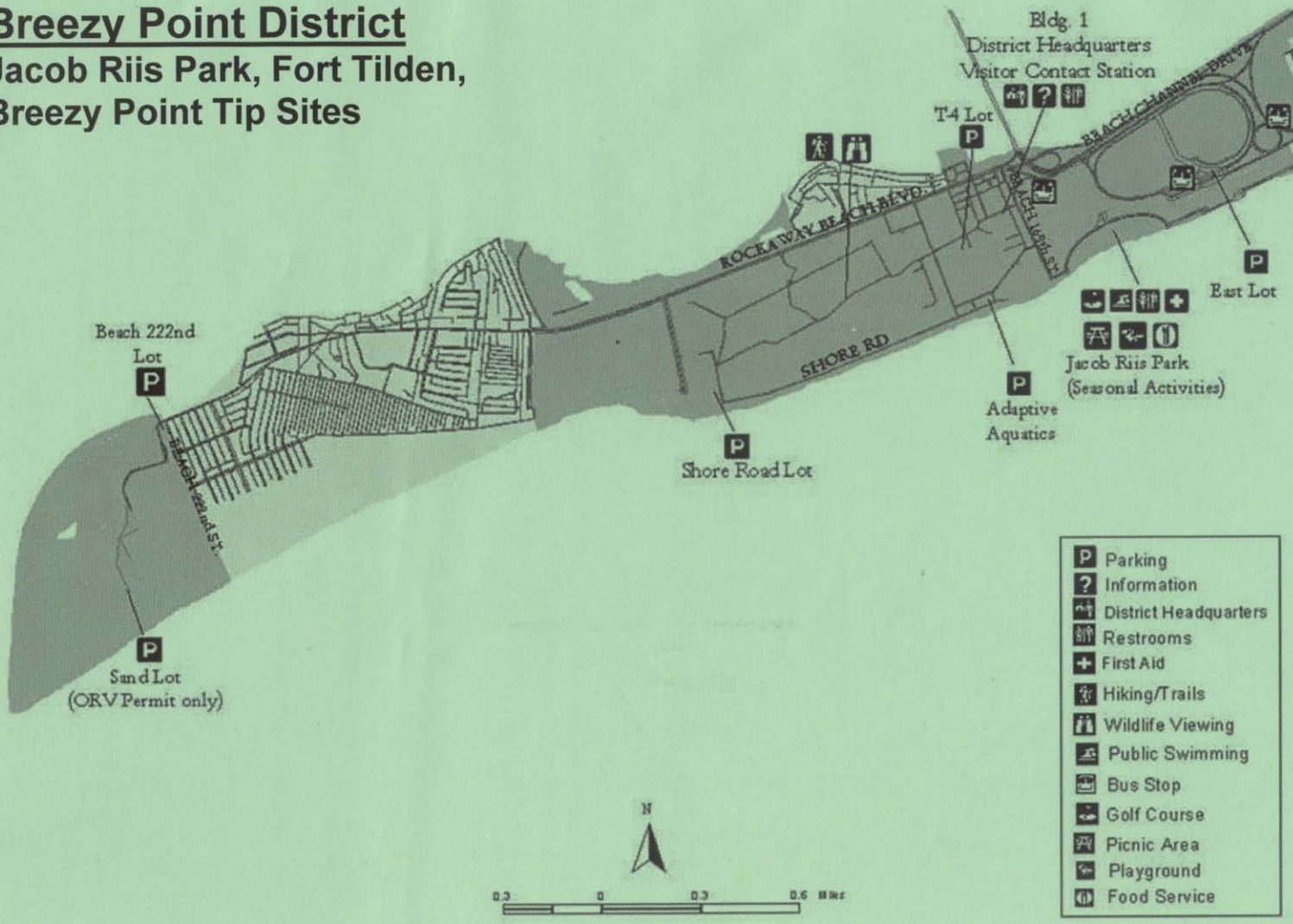
For More Information

Please be sure to pick up the latest copy of our program guide at any of the visitor contact stations or visit us on the web at www.nps.gov/gate. You can also visit the National Park Service Website at www.nps.gov/.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, at his/her discretion may close any area of the park for the purposes of visitor safety and resource protection.

Breezy Point District

Jacob Riis Park, Fort Tilden, Breezy Point Tip Sites



FORT TILDEN

AREAS OF INTEREST (noted by letters)

A.) Parade Grounds
B.) Community Gardens
C.) Rockaway Little League
D.) Drill Grounds
E.) Fort Tilden Beach
F.) Battery Harris East Observation Deck
G.) Battery Harris West
H.) Maritime Forest Trail
I.) Pond Trail

PARKING AREAS

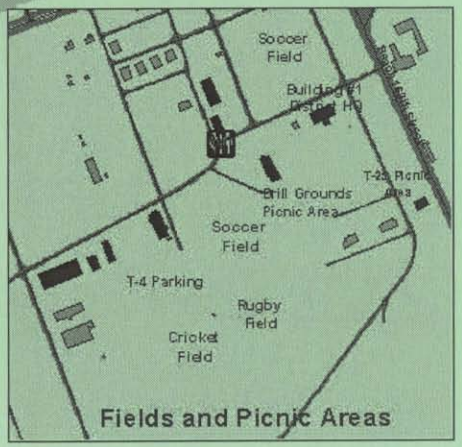
P-1 Riis Landing
P-2 T-4 Parking
P-3 Shore Rd. Parking

BUILDINGS (noted by numbers)

1) Building #1 District HQ and Visitor Contact Station
2) Building T-25
3) US Post Office
4) Building T-149
5) Chapel
6) Adaptive Aquatics
7) Building T-4, Theater Rockaway Theatre Company
8) Buildings T-6 and T-7 Rockaway Artist Alliance Complex
9) Riis Landing

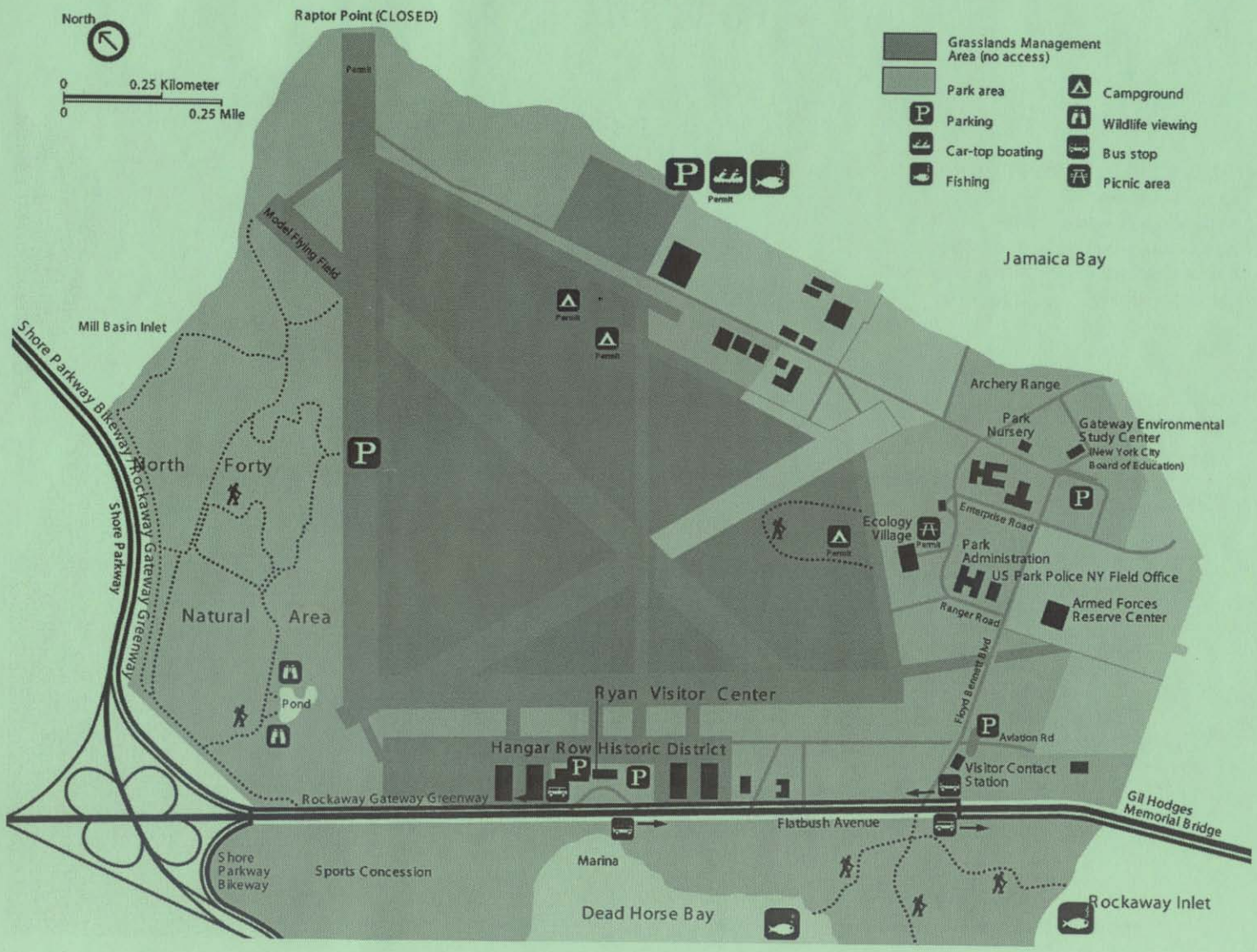
N

600 0 600 1200 Feet



Fields and Picnic Areas

Floyd Bennett Field



Great Kills Park

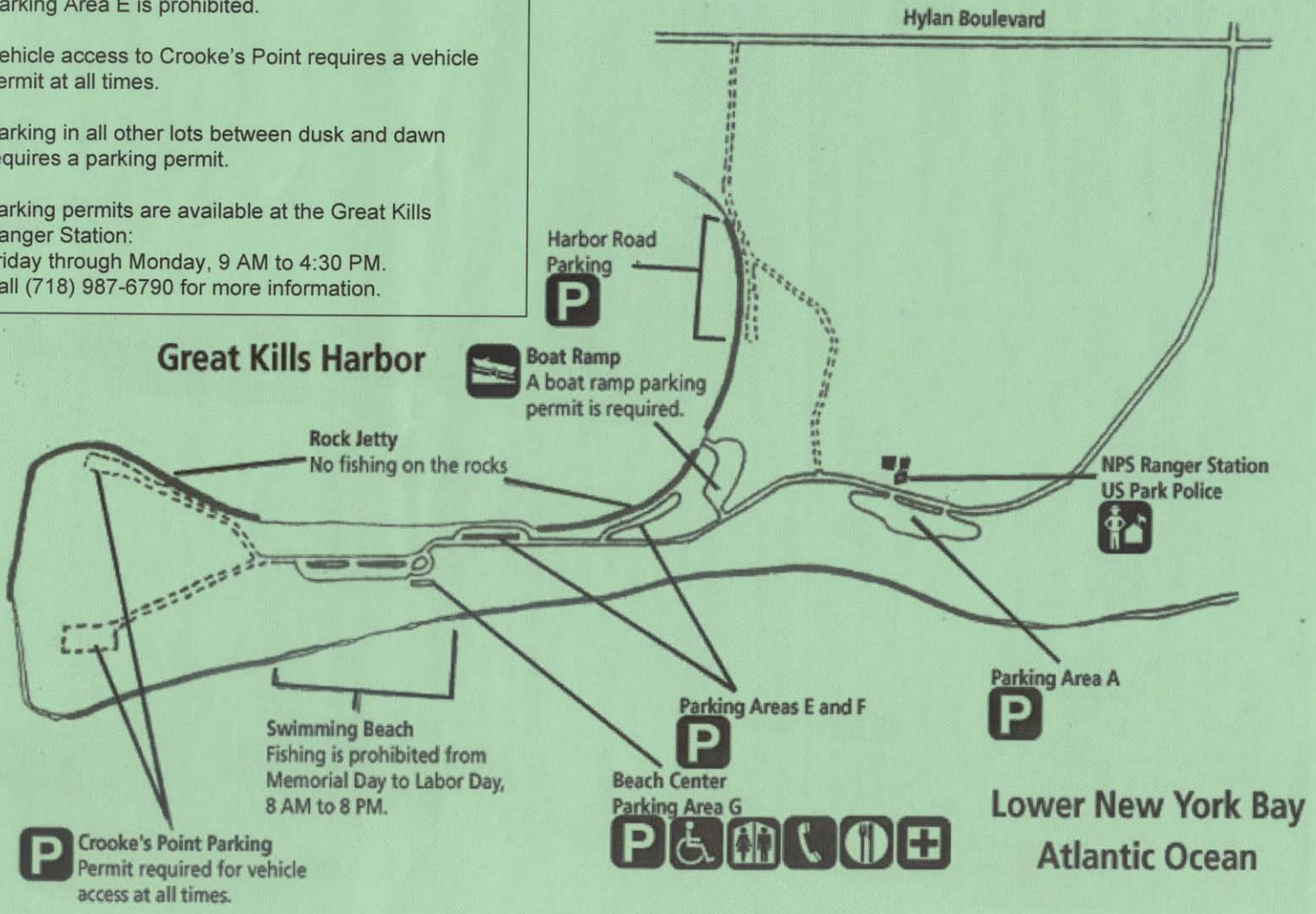
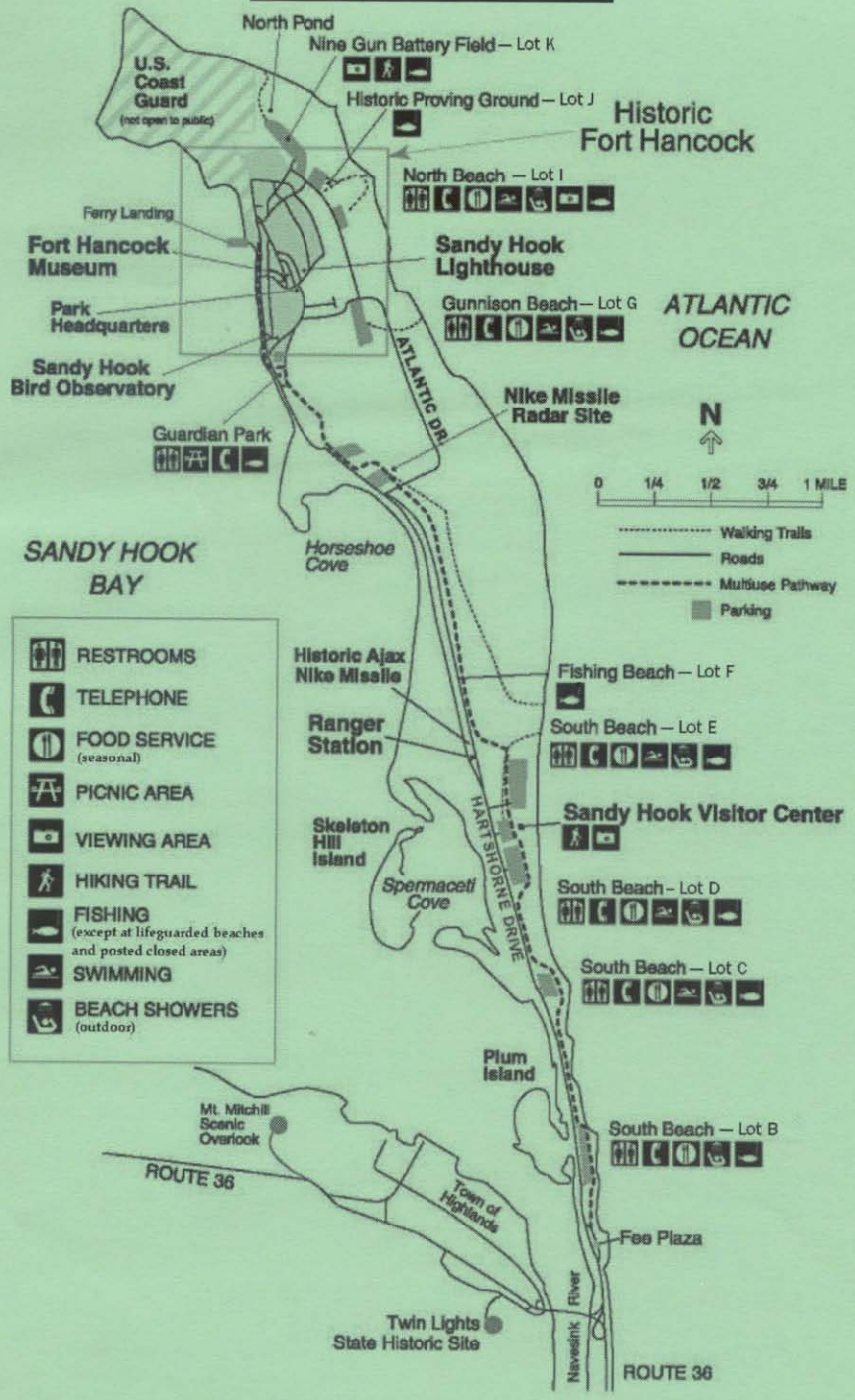
Fishing is permitted on the sandy beaches only.

Fishing on the rock jetties at Crooke's Point and Parking Area E is prohibited.

Vehicle access to Crooke's Point requires a vehicle permit at all times.

Parking in all other lots between dusk and dawn requires a parking permit.

Parking permits are available at the Great Kills Ranger Station:
Friday through Monday, 9 AM to 4:30 PM.
Call (718) 987-6790 for more information.



Sandy Hook Unit