



## Planning Your Visit

### Something for Everyone

Assateague offers opportunities to experience wilderness solitude, nature exploration and wildlife viewing. For more information:

- Barrier Island Visitor Center, 7206 National Seashore Lane, Berlin, MD 21811, (410) 641-1441
- Toms Cove Visitor Center, P.O. Box 38, Chincoteague, VA 23336, (757) 336-6577
- [www.nps.gov/asis](http://www.nps.gov/asis)

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## Maryland District

### Camping

National Seashore campgrounds and offices are open year round.

- [www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/marylandcamping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/marylandcamping.htm) or (410) 641-3030
- Reservations are recommended April 15 through October 15 and sites are \$20 per night. October 16 through April 14 sites are first come, first served and \$16 per night. Organizations may reserve group campsites year round for \$30 per night.
- <http://www.recreation.gov> or (877) 444-6777 for reservations

### Backcountry Camping

Hike-in and paddle-in sites are available on a first come, first served basis. A \$5 backcountry camping permit is required and special regulations apply.

- [www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/marylandcamping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/marylandcamping.htm) or (410) 641-3030

### Area Campgrounds

Assateague State Park, open April-October, (410) 641-2120 or (410) 641-2918

- [www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/assateague.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/assateague.html)
- Private and state
- <http://www.gocampingamerica.com/maryland> or (703) 241-8801
  - <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/campinginfo.html> or (877) 620-8DNR

### Area Lodging

Ocean City Chamber of Commerce

- <http://www.oceancity.org> or (410) 213-0552
- Worcester County, Maryland tourism office
- <http://www.visitworcester.org> or (800) 852-0335

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## Virginia District

### National Park Service

The National Park Service assists the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in managing recreation and education in the Toms Cove portion of Assateague Island.

- [www.nps.gov/asis](http://www.nps.gov/asis) or (757) 336-6577

### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Nearly all of the land area of the Virginia portion of Assateague Island is managed as a National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is open year round.

- <http://chinco.fws.gov> or (757) 336-6122

### Chincoteague, Virginia

Located near Assateague Island, Chincoteague offers shopping, restaurants, camping and lodging.

- [www.chincoteaguechamber.com](http://www.chincoteaguechamber.com) or (757) 336-6161
- [www.virginia.org](http://www.virginia.org) or (757) 824-5000

### For Your Information

In the Virginia portion of Assateague Island:

- Pets are **prohibited** even in your car.
  - There is no camping. Accommodations are available in nearby Chincoteague, VA.
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**Wildlife**

Your actions have consequences long after you leave. Feeding or touching wildlife is illegal. Assateague Island is an oasis of habitat in this world of ever-shrinking natural places. Respect wildlife. Observe them from a distance. Assateague's wild horses are special because they are wild. Your decisions and actions will make the difference.

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**Pets**

Pets are **permitted** only in specific areas of the Maryland portion of the National Seashore. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times! Please pick up after your pet.

Pets are **prohibited** in the following areas:

- All backcountry campsites
- Nature trails
- Lifeguard-protected beach
- Assateague State Park
- North of the State Park to the Ocean City inlet
- The entire Virginia portion of Assateague Island

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**Entrance Fees and Permits**

All passes and permits are valid at both Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia.

Type of pass	When valid	Where to purchase	cost
7 day foot/bicycle	7 days	MD	\$3
7 day vehicle pass	7 days	MD and VA	\$10
Assateague Annual Entrance Pass	January 1 – December 31	MD	\$20
Interagency Annual Pass	1 year from purchase	MD and VA	\$80
Interagency Senior Pass	Lifetime	MD and VA	\$10
Interagency Access Pass	Lifetime	MD and VA	Free
Chincoteague NWR Annual Pass	1 year from purchase	VA	\$15
Federal Duck Stamp	July 1 to June 30 of following year	VA	\$15
Special Use Permits			
Over Sand Vehicle	1 year from purchase	MD and VA	\$70

**Over Sand Vehicle Use**

For more information and regulations contact the Sinepuxent District Ranger Station in Maryland at (410) 641-3030, the Toms Cove Visitor Center in Virginia at (757) 336-6577 or visit [www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/osv.htm](http://www.nps.gov/asis/planyourvisit/osv.htm).