

Fire Island National Seashore

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Special Programs: October 2012



While a full slate of summer programs are offered from July 1 through Labor Day each year, there are opportunities to explore and enjoy some parts of the park the rest of the year, too.

Download a copy of Fire Island National Seashore's [October 2012 Special Programs](#) flyer, and check the park's website for more information.

Special tours and other programs

Dear Friends,

Fire Island National Seashore's general management plan (GMP) process has come a long way, from project scoping in 2006/07, to research and data collection, creation of draft foundation statements and identification of park goals, then to the development of preliminary management alternatives in 2010/11. After thoroughly analyzing comments received after the release of the Draft Preliminary Management Alternatives Newsletter ([GMP Newsletter 2, April 2010](#)) and the William Floyd Estate Preliminary Management Alternatives ([GMP Newsletter 3, September 2011](#)), the Seashore's GMP planning team has refined its alternatives, based on public feedback and other management considerations.

The comments we have received were thoughtful and thought-provoking and the planning team is deeply appreciative of your efforts to share your ideas and concerns. The revised draft management alternatives for the GMP are currently being reviewed internally.

While the GMP planning team has been focusing on the larger park plan, National Park Service staff have also been busy drafting several additional plans, which will become implementation plans of the GMP. One of these is the White-tailed Deer and Vegetation Management Plan and its Environmental Impact Statement (Deer-Veg Plan/EIS). Once completed and approved, the park can implement this plan independently of the GMP, since a complete EIS will be conducted in the preparation of the Deer-Veg Plan.

As has been the case throughout this planning process, your input is important to us. If you have additional thoughts or comments that you would like to share with the GMP planning team, please contact us at fire_island_gmp@nps.gov or by regular mail at National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, Attn: Ellen Carlson, Fire Island Project Manager.

are offered throughout the year, as budget, staffing and weather permit.

- [Fire Island Lighthouse](#)
- [William Floyd Estate](#)
- [Wilderness Visitor Center](#)

On warmer fall days, mosquitoes and ticks may still be encountered in some areas, so be prepared if you plan to camp or hike.

Properly prepared, you can enjoy your park throughout the year! [See What's Happening this Week!](#)

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[Fire Island National Seashore's General Management Plan](#)

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White-tailed Deer and Vegetation Management Plan

We have just released a second newsletter prepared for Fire Island National Seashore's White-tailed Deer and Vegetation Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Deer-Veg Plan/EIS). This planning process began during the summer of 2011 with public scoping. A summary of comments from the public scoping period that took place from June 17 - July 31, 2011, are incorporated in a separate report:

- parkplanning.nps.gov/FireIslandDeerPlanScopingReport

The newsletter summarizes the progress of the planning team between September 2011 and September 2012, and includes a revised Deer-Veg Plan/EIS project schedule on page 8.

- Deer-Veg Plan/EIS Newsletter #2, Fall 2012: Planning Process Update parkplanning.nps.gov/FireIslandDeer-VegPlanNewsletter2

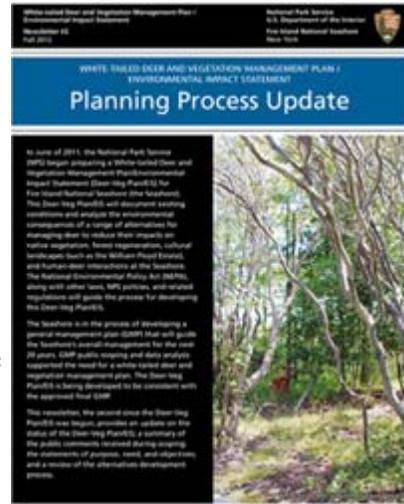
Public meetings to discuss management alternatives for the Deer-Veg Plan/EIS are expected to be conducted by late summer/early fall 2013. This document is not open for formal public comment as a part of the EIS process, but we appreciate your feedback on the content of our web pages. You may e-mail Public Affairs Specialist Paula Valentine: paula_valentine@nps.gov

[Learn More: Fire Island's Deer-Veg Plan/EIS](#)

Fire Island's Deer

You can learn more about the deer and vegetation-related research and studies that have been conducted at Fire Island National Seashore.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/fiis.



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[Learn More: White-tailed Deer on Fire Island and at the William Floyd Estate](#)