Fire Island

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Program Schedule

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Welcome to Fire Island

It is time for warm weather, bright sunny days, and the lazy days of summer. This year everyone wants to know: "How is Fire Island?" "How are the beaches?" "What happened to the wildlife and where did the deer go during the hurricane?" "How is the William Floyd Estate?" "Did the Sunken Forest get flooded?" These questions are in response to the impact of "Superstorm" Sandy on Fire Island National Seashore.

Hurricane Sandy arrived on October 29, 2012, dramatically affecting Fire Island and Long Island. The high surf and powerful winds over-washed Fire Island and in many places leveled the dunes, burying vegetation and depositing sand in low lying areas of Fire Island, raising the elevation of the center of the island some three to four feet. Salt water and salt spray burned and in some instances killed island vegetation. Wildlife found refuge in thickets and dens and some had their burrows flooded or buried in deep sand.

Fire Island National Seashore's system of boardwalks and dune crossings saw extensive damage. All dune staircases were damaged or destroyed and the boardwalks at the Fire Island Lighthouse and the Wilderness Visitor Center were completely destroyed. Some walks at Sailors Haven and Watch Hill were buried in sand. At Old Inlet a breach was opened and the boardwalk, primitive restroom and dock were lost.

Since the storm the Seashore staff and others have been working to repair the damage to have the park open for the summer. Upon return it may appear to visitors that things are back the way they were before the storm but Fire Island has changed. Barrier islands are dynamic systems that depend on events like Sandy for nourishment and revitalization. Fire Island's ever-changing, dynamic landscape is core to its very nature and change—sometimes subtle, sometimes dramatic—is part of what draws us to this unique and special place.

So come and visit: the Lighthouse is still a beacon; the Sunken Forest, protected by a massive double dune system, remains a secluded wonderland; deer and fox are evident throughout the park; the breach at Old Inlet reinforces Fire Island's cycles of change; and the Old Mastic House at the William Floyd Estate withstood yet another storm as it has so many others before. Enjoy the shorelines, ocean waves and the calm of the bay knowing that these will be different, come another day and another season. Join a ranger-guided program to learn about the ever-changing beach and the rich plant and animal life that abounds on Fire Island. Come learn about three centuries of life and change on Long Island at the William Floyd Estate. Fire Island National Seashore is open for the summer of 2013. WELCOME BACK!

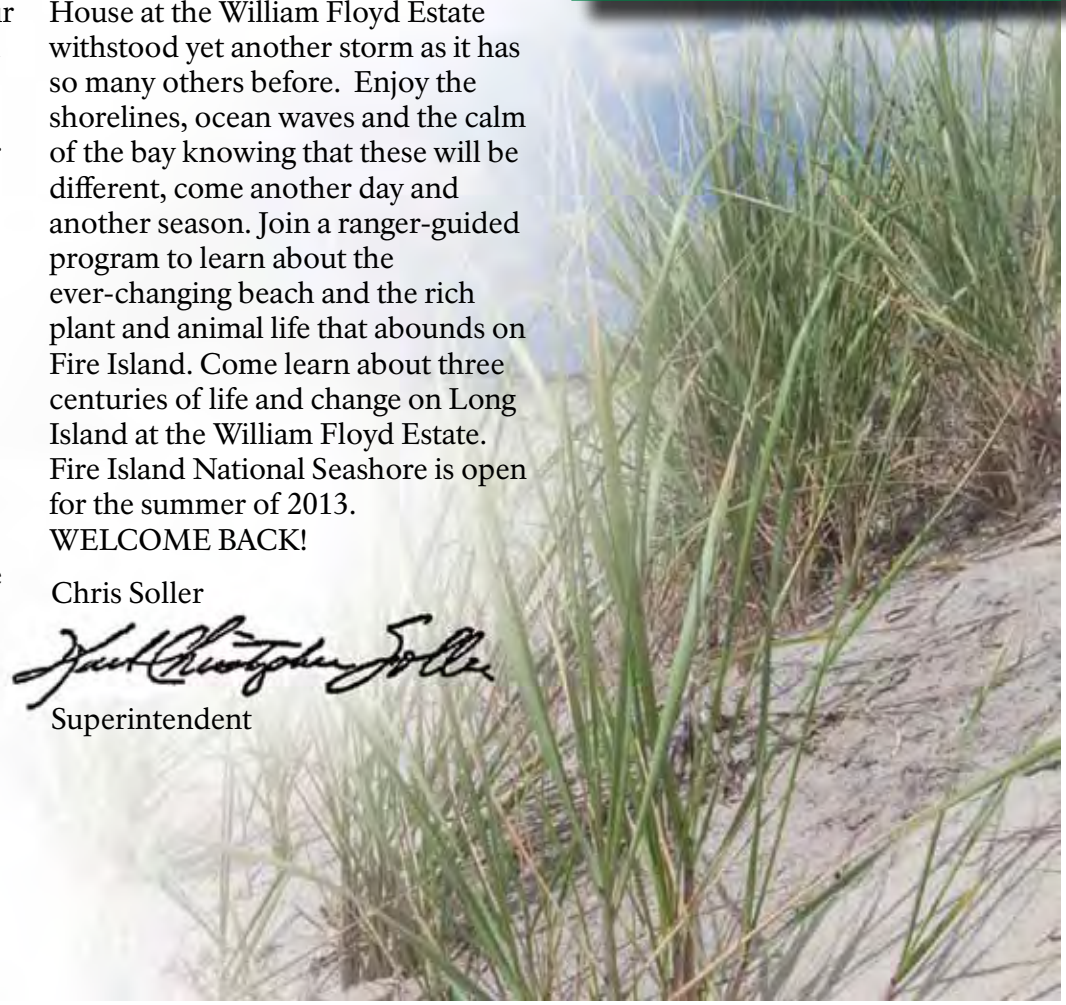
Chris Soller

Superintendent

Watch for opportunities to weigh in on plans for a new General Management Plan (GMP), White-tailed Deer and Vegetation Management Plan and more.

See: ***www.nps.gov/fiis***

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."



Barrier Beach Evolution

Fire Island is a dynamic barrier island, a sliver of sand in flux. Each day the wind and waves toss sand about the beach, rearranging the shoreline. Intermittent storm events drive the slow rolling over of the island upon itself, like a conveyor belt of sand slowly inching northward. The gradual movement of the barrier island is hard to see and, oftentimes, it isn't until our natural surroundings are dramatically transformed that we take note.

After Hurricane Sandy struck on October 29, 2012, for instance, the changes to the barrier beach were hard to overlook. The history-making hurricane brought with it high water levels and large waves that scoured sand from the dunes and beach face. In some places, the force of moving water pushed sand over the top of dunes and across the width of the island. Afterwards, the barrier island looked otherworldly. The beach was low and wide and, free from debris, the layers of garnet, magnetite, and quartz sand crystals shone a brilliant red and white at the edge of the sea. Gnarled roots poked through the clean white sand where dunes once stood.

But sand was not lost entirely; rather, it was rearranged. Some of the sand scoured from the beach face was moved offshore and will be gradually returned by the sea, building up the beach and the foot of surviving dunes. These dune remnants, eroded to near vertical cliffs during Hurricane Sandy, have already begun to redevelop, slumping and sliding from steeply scarped features to a more stable position, and the sand carried by wind and waves has helped to form these dunes into the rounded mounds of sand we are used to seeing on Fire Island.

In areas where sand was pushed over the top of dunes and northward toward the bay, natural dune rebuilding is also taking place but the development of the tall, wide dunes we saw before Hurricane Sandy will take more time. The wind and waves will carry sand to the upper beach, beachgrass will take hold and stabilize the sand, and dune crests will once again rise along the island's spine—if only in a more northerly position. The sand carried through these over-washed areas helps to make the island more resilient to future storms by increasing the elevation of the island's interior and bayside.

The constant shaping and reshaping of the barrier island landscape by the wind and waves is punctuated by powerful storm events like Hurricane Sandy. While storms can result in drastic landscape change virtually overnight, these larger-scale shifts also serve as a reference point from which we can observe the more gradual and continual processes of change that are always happening. All changes, whether gradual or sudden, subtle or obvious, serve to shape our shoreline and are an integral part of the evolution of the barrier island landscape.

Dunes began to redevelop just weeks after Hurricane Sandy.

Sand moved northward from the duneline to the island's interior and bayside during Hurricane Sandy. This elevated the island, making it more resilient to future storms.

Backcountry Camping

Under the stars, listening to the sounds of the surf, backcountry camping on Fire Island can be a memorable experience. Available by permit only, backcountry campers may camp in one of two zones within the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness year-round, or on the beach in front of each zone from March 15-Labor Day.

~NEW! ~
Starting May 15, 2013 advance online reservations are required and available through

www.recreation.gov

Safety and Things to Know

Enjoy Fire Island Safely

Please follow these safety guidelines for an enjoyable visit:

Poison Ivy—leaves of three, let it be!

- Stay on boardwalks to avoid poison ivy and ticks.
- Wear shoes on boardwalks to avoid splinters.
- Avoid grassy areas and check yourself frequently for ticks.
- Use sunscreen and insect repellant as needed.
- Follow safe boating procedures and etiquette, and wear life jackets.
- Swim only in lifeguarded areas.
- Watch for rapid changes in weather conditions and lightning when on or near the water.

Please boat safely!

Only swim in lifeguarded areas.

Adhere to all Park Rules

All natural and cultural features within Fire Island National Seashore are protected by law. Thank you for respecting regulations.

- Stay off the dunes and do not damage plants.
- Do not feed, touch, or harass wildlife; animals can be unpredictable and dangerous.
- When and where permitted, pets must be on a 6-foot leash and under physical control.
- Pets, kites, and glass containers are not permitted on lifeguarded beaches.
- Stay out of all areas fenced for wildlife and plant protection.
- Metal detectors are not permitted on seashore lands.
- Building ground fires is strictly prohibited.
- Dispose of trash properly. Day use visitors are asked to participate in the park's Carry-In, Carry-Out program to reduce garbage on the island.
- Personal watercraft (PWC) use is only permitted in the marked channels into some Fire Island communities. PWCs must remain at least 1,000 feet away from the Atlantic Ocean shore. In the Great South Bay, PWCs must be 1,000 feet away from shore on the western end of Fire Island and 4,000 feet away from the shore, east of the western boundary of Sunken Forest. PWCs are not permitted into Sailors Haven, Barrett Beach/Talisman, Watch Hill or Old Inlet.
- Additional regulations are enforced. See ***www.nps.gov/fiis/lawsandpolicy.htm***

Good Questions

May I collect seashells?
Yes, but only those shells that no longer have a living creature inside.

Where are the trash cans?
Fire Island National Seashore has a carry in/ carry out policy. Please protect wildlife and help keep the island clean by properly disposing of your trash back on the mainland.

May I fish in the breach at Old Inlet? No. The breach is closed to all activities due to safety and resource protection concerns.

Have more questions?
Ask any park ranger or park volunteer; call the Office of Interpretation at 631-687-4780 or check our website at ***www.nps.gov/fiis***

Park Map

Fire Island Lighthouse

The Fire Island Lighthouse, constructed in 1858, offers a chance to experience maritime history through a guided tour of the lighthouse tower, exhibits inside the keeper's quarters, a look at the historic first order Fresnel lens, and a walk around the site.

Sailors Haven

Sailors Haven is home to the 250-300 year old Sunken Forest, a globally rare maritime forest. Facilities include a public marina, visitor center and bookstore, concessions, nature trail, and lifeguarded beach.

Watch Hill

Watch Hill features a rich, extensive salt marsh and access to the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness. Facilities include the National Seashore's only campground, a public marina, visitor center and bookstore, concessions, nature trail, and lifeguarded beach.

Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness

The Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness extends for seven miles between the Wilderness Visitor Center and Watch Hill. It is the only federally designated wilderness area in New York state. Facilities include a visitor center and bookstore, and nature trail.

William Floyd Estate

Located in Mastic Beach, the estate was home to William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and eight generations of the Floyd family. Visitors can tour the Old Mastic house (on guided tour only), grounds, and Floyd family cemetery. Facilities include the Old Mastic House, trails, and a bookstore.

Fire Island is home to several threatened and endangered species including the piping plover.

Visitor Centers & Ferry Services

Fire Island Lighthouse

Open daily, year-round
For more information about hours of operation, call the **Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society** at **631-661-4876** or visit ***www.fireislandlighthouse.com***

Directions
By car via the Robert Moses Causeway

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 west from Kismet.

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

June 29–September 2, 2013
Wednesday–Friday 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday–Sunday 10 am to 6 pm
631-597-6183

Directions
By ferry via the Sayville Ferry
41 River Road Sayville, NY 11782

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. trestle, make left at first light Foster Ave. in Sayville. Follow green & white "Fire Island Ferry" signs to terminal.
(Fee for parking)

Watch Hill Visitor Center

June 29–September 2, 2013
Wednesday–Friday 9:30 am to 5 pm
Saturday–Sunday 9 am to 6 pm
631-597-6455

Directions
By ferry via the Davis Park Ferry
150 West Avenue Patchogue, NY 11772

Located on West Avenue 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). Approx. 1 mile, bear left, cross Main Street onto West Avenue. Patchogue Ferry terminal is about 1/2 mile down West Avenue.

Wilderness Visitor Center

June 29–September 2, 2013
Wednesday–Friday 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday–Sunday 10 am to 6 pm
631-281-3010

Directions
By car or bus via the William Floyd Parkway, Mastic Beach, NY 11951

Located at the southern terminus of William Floyd Parkway. Parking available at Smith Point County Park.
(Fee for parking)

Wilderness Visitor Center

William Floyd Estate

May 24–November 11, 2013
Friday–Sunday & Holidays
Grounds: 9 am to 5 pm
Old Mastic House: 10 am to 4 pm
631-399-2030

Directions
By car via the William Floyd Parkway
245 Park Drive, Mastic Beach, NY 11951

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.

Ferry Services

Sayville Ferry
631-589-8980
www.sayvilleferry.com

Davis Park Ferry
631-475-1665
www.davisparkferry.com
Patchogue Ferry Terminal
631-758-4032

Fire Island Ferries
631-665-3600 or 666-3600
www.fireislandferries.com

Cross-bay and lateral water taxi
Fire Island Water Taxi
631-665-8885
www. fireislandwatertaxi.com

Special Events

The Essence of Fire Island
Nature Photography Exhibition
Dates TBA
Patchogue Ferry Terminal
The Friends of Fire Island National Seashore will be conducting their annual art exhibition and fundraiser featuring the work of the Nature and Wildlife Photographers of Long Island. For more information contact: Friends of Fire Island National Seashore at: ***www.ffins.org***

Full Moon Runs
June 24, July 22, August 20 & September 19 8 pm–9:30 pm
Reservations required: 631-687-4766.
Experience the sights and sounds of the seashore after sundown while working up a sweat! Explore Fire Island's unique and upredictable landscape under the full moon. Pacing is slow but participants must be able to run 4 miles, on uneven surfaces and sand. Space is limited.

12th Annual Art Show
June 28–July 19 Daily
Fire Island Lighthouse
Local artists display their nautical artwork in the Keepers Quarters. Opening reception will be held on June 27, 6 pm–9 pm (take a shuttle bus from Field #5 RMSP). All artwork is for sale with a portion of the proceeds donated to FILPS.

27th Annual "Barefoot Black Tie Dinner Dance"
August 10 6:30 pm–11 pm
Fire Island Lighthouse
Reservations required. **Fee charged.**
Tickets limited. Enjoy dinner and dance on the Lighthouse terrace to live music. Open bar and silent auction. For more information and tickets call: 631-321-7028.

Summer Photo Contest
Enter today and share your best photo of wildlife on Fire Island.
Submission deadline: Labor Day
For more information please visit:
www.nps.gov/fiis/planyourvisit/wildlifephotocontest.htm

Amateur Radio Lighthouse Weekend
August 17–18
Fire Island Lighthouse
The Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club set up their radios to communicate with other radio operators around the world.

Annual Labor Day Sand Creation Contest
September 1
Watch Hill & Sailors Haven
10 am–3 pm
Put your creativity and building skills into action and celebrate the end of the summer season.
2013 contest theme: Seashore Life
All ages are welcome.
For more information call:
Watch Hill: 631-597-6455
Sailors Haven: 631-597-6183

Fire Island Treks
September 5–6 (2-Day Hike)
September 21 (1-Day Hike)
Reservations required: 631-687-4780.
The 2-day Fire Island Trek is approximately a 13 mile hike on sand and boardwalk begining at the Watch Hill Visitor Center and ending at the Fire Island Lighthouse.
The 1-day Fall Twilight Trek is approximately a 9 mile hike on sand and boardwalk begining at the Fire Island Pines and ending at the Fire Island Lighthouse.
For information or reservations call 631-687-4780 or visit:
www.nps.gov/fiis/fire-island-trek

Jr Ranger Programs

Junior Ranger: Beach Naturalist
July & August Sundays 2 pm
Sailors Haven, Watch Hill and Wilderness Visitor Centers
(Children 8-12 years)
Be a part of the Junior Ranger program at Fire Island. Our Junior Ranger team presents a different guided program each week to help kids explore special places and things protected by Fire Island National Seashore. 1½ hours.

Junior Lighthouse Keepers
July 10–August 14 Wednesdays (for 6 weeks) 10 am
Fire Island Lighthouse
(Children 7-14 years)
Reservations required. **Fee charged.**
Call for application: 631-661-4876.
Learn about life on a barrier beach in the days of sailing ships. Climb the lighthouse, participate in a mock US Life Saving Service rescue, seine in the Great South Bay, take a fishing trip on a boat from Captree State Park and try your hand at nautical crafts.

Floyd Junior Ranger Programs
July 12 & 19 or August 9 & 16
10 am William Floyd Estate
(Children grades 5-7)
Reservations required: 631-399-2030.
Attend two of the Friday Junior Ranger programs and complete the activity booklet and you will earn a Declaration of Independence and a pin. 1½ hours each weekly session.

Park Activities

Fire Island Lighthouse

For more information about programs or fees, call the **Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society** (FILPS) at **631-661-4876** or visit ***www.fireislandlighthouse.com***

Tower Tours

42″ height requirement.
Fee charged.
Daily 10 am–1 hour before closing

Extended Summer Evening Hours:
Every Saturday in July until 8 pm
Tower Tours until 7:30 pm
Weather Permitting. Call Ahead.

Light Keepers Behind the Scenes Tour

July 13 9 am
Reservations required. **Fee charged.**
Limit 12 people.
Follow one of our present day Lighthouse Keepers on his rounds. This bottom to top tour takes you from the auxiliary generator and workshop in the basement of the Keeper's Quarters to the beacon in the lantern room of the lighthouse tower. Learn how Lighthouse Keepers past and present maintain the light. Includes a tour of the Lens Building which houses the original first order Fresnel Lens.

National Lighthouse Day

August 7
Call for more information.
Reduced tower tour fee all day.

Early Morning Tower Tour

August 25 5:15 am
Reservations required. **Fee charged.**
Come enjoy the scenery from the top of the tower as the sun rises. Tour includes a light breakfast and souvenir mug. Sunrise 6:15 am. Bring a flashlight.

Sailors Haven

For more information about programs call the Sailors Haven Visitor Center at **631-597-6183**

Sunken Forest Tours

Wednesdays–Sundays 11 am
Sailors Haven Visitor Center
Explore the unique wonders of the crown jewel of Fire Island–the Sunken Forest. 1½ hours.

Secrets of the Seashore: Ranger's Choice

Saturdays 2 pm
Sailors Haven Visitor Center
(All ages welcome)
Programs vary each week, and may include shelling, seashore science, beach dynamics, or seining in the bay. Contact the Visitor Center for weekly program details. 1½ hours.

Hurricane Sandy: Before and After

July 20 4 pm–5 pm
Sailors Haven Visitor Center
Join us for an indoor presentation about Hurricane Sandy. See how the history-making hurricane shaped the barrier beach and get an insider look at before and after photos and the progress of recovery at Fire Island National Seashore.

Bounty of Fire Island

August 31 4 pm–5:30 pm
Sailors Haven Visitor Center
Growing and gathering food is very much a part of who we are. People have used natural foods available on Fire Island and from the surrounding waters for centuries. Join us for a presentation on the fruits, fowl, fish, and shellfish that have long provided sustenance to the people of the region.

Watch Hill

For more information about programs call the Watch Hill Visitor Center at **631-597-6455**

Secrets of the Seashore: Ranger's Choice

Saturdays 2 pm
Watch Hill Dune Station
(All ages welcome)
Programs vary each week, and may include shelling, seashore science, beach dynamics, or seining in the bay. Contact the Visitor Center for weekly program details. 1½ hours.

Sorting Sand: Learn about the variety of minerals present on the beaches of Fire Island.

Exploring the Salt Marsh: A Guided Canoe Tour

Saturdays & Sundays 11 am
(Children under the age of 6 not permitted on trip)
Reservations start at 10 am the day of the program, in person at the visitor center; limit 24 paddlers—must be 16 & older to paddle.
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.

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Watch Hill Dune Station
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(All ages welcome)
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Sunset Breach Hikes

June 21, July 26 & August 3
7:30 pm–9:30 pm
Wilderness Visitor Center
Explore the ever-changing barrier island landscape as the summer sun sets. Join a park ranger for a 3-mile round-trip hike to Old Inlet.

Explore, Learn, Protect become a Fire Island National Seashore Junior Ranger!

For kids ages 5-12. 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 to receive your official Junior Ranger badge or patch. For more information, call or stop by any visitor center.

At the William Floyd Estate kids grades 2-4 can earn a Jr. Ranger badge anytime by taking a scheduled house tour, answering worksheet questions and exploring artifacts in the barns.

For even more fun, become a WebRanger. Visit:
www.nps.gov/webranger

William Floyd Estate

Free self-guiding pamphlets for the outbuilding area and family cemetery are available at the Old Mastic House until 4 pm. Plan to spend at least 2 hours at the William Floyd Estate to see the house, grounds and family cemetery.
631-399-2030

Old Mastic House Tours

May 24–November 11, 2013
10 am–4 pm
Fridays–Sundays & Holidays
Tours are limited to 10 people.
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 pm **Old Mastic House is only available by guided tour.**

Old Mastic Bird Walk

May 11 & November 17 9 am
Bring binoculars for this 2 mile walk through the woods, fields, and wetlands of the property. A good variety of birds will be observed as we visit varied habitats during peak migration season.

The Civil War Comes To Mastic

June 1, July 4 & 6 10 am–4 pm
Join historian Jaime Reason on the front porch of the Old Mastic House to explore John Gelston Floyd's Civil War days. He fought in Chancellorville and Gettysburg and survived. Artifacts from the period will be on display.

Let's Play: Old Fashioned Toys

July 13 & August 10 11 am
Children will learn about some old fashioned toys commonly played with in "the good ole days." Play Jacob's Ladder, the game of marbles, spin tops and much more. 1 hour.

The Civil War: Gettysburg and the Floyds

July 4,5,6 & 7 11am,12,1,2 & 3 pm
The great-grandson of the signer of the Declaration of Independence, John G. Floyd Jr., fought at Gettysburg. To comemmorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle come view artifacts from the war such as company reports, letters, photographs, newspapers, Floyd's uniform and sword and more.

He Dared To Sign: William Floyd

August 2 10:30 am
William Floyd was born in the Old Mastic House and inherited it. He was a wealthy plantation owner, yet he dared to sign the Declaration of Independence. For doing so he risked losing his house, property, and his head! But did he really sign on July 4th? Find out about this man and the other signers.

The Summer Gunner: The Art and Lore of Traditional Decoy Carving

August 31 11 am–3:30 pm
Join decoy carver Jaime Reason on the front porch of the Old Mastic House to learn about carving wooden shorebirds and ducks by hand. Find out about the history of waterfowl hunting in the local bays and the rich traditions of local carvers.

For updates and additional programs be sure to check out the park's website at:
www.nps.gov/fiis

Park Activities Calendar

Programs run June 29 - September 2, 2013 unless otherwise indicated.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fire Island Lighthouse							
Tower Tours	Daily, 10 am–1 hr before closing						
12th Annual Art Show	Friday, June 28–Friday, July 19 Daily						
Junior Lighthouse Keeper	6 Wednesdays, July 10–August 14 10 am. Reservations Required. Fee Charged.						
Behind the Scenes Tour	Saturday, July 13 9am. Reservations Required. Fee Charged.						
National Lighthouse Day	Wednesday, August 7. Reduced Tower Tour fees all day.						
27th Annual "Barefoot Black Tie Dinner Dance"	Saturday, August 10 6:30 pm–11 pm. Reservations Required. Fee Charged.						
Amateur Radio Weekend	Saturday, August 17–Sunday, August 18						
Early Morning Tower Tour	Sunday, August 25 5:15 am. Reservations Required. Fee Charged.						
Sailors Haven							
Sunken Forest Tour	11 am			11 am	11 am	11 am	11 am
Secrets of the Seashore							2 pm
Junior Rangers	2 pm						
Hurricane Sandy: Before & After	Saturday, July 20 4 pm–5 pm						
Bounty of Fire Island	Saturday, August 31 4 pm–5:30 pm						
Sand Creation Contest	Sunday, September 1 2013 Contest Theme: Seashore Life						
Watch Hill							
Canoe Tour	11 am						11 am
Secrets of the Seashore							2 pm
Junior Rangers	2 pm						
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Sand Creation Contest	Sunday, September 1 2013 Contest Theme: Seashore Life						
Wilderness							
Sunset Breach Hikes	Friday, June 21; Friday, July 26; Saturday, August 3 7:30 pm–9:30 pm						
Secrets of the Seashore							2 pm
Junior Rangers	2 pm						
William Floyd Estate							
Old Mastic House Tour	Friday, May 24–Monday, November 11 Fridays–Sundays & Holidays 10 am–4 pm						
Old Mastic Bird Walk	Saturday, May 11 & Sunday, November 17 9 am						
The Civil War Comes to Mastic	Saturday, June 1; Thursday, July 4; & Saturday, July 6 10 am–4 pm.						
Civil War: Gettysburg & the Floyds	Thursday, July 4; Friday, July 5; Saturday, July 6; & Sunday, July 7 11 am, 12 Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm						
Let's Play: Old Fashioned Toys	Saturday, July 13 & Saturday, August 10 11 am						
He Dared to Sign: William Floyd	Friday, August 2 10:30 am						
The Summer Gunner	Saturday, August 31 11 am						
Floyd Junior Rangers	Fridays, July 12 & 19 or Fridays, August 9 & 16. Reservations Required.						
Patchogue Ferry Terminal							
Nature Photography Exhibition	Dates TBA. For information visit: www.nps.gov/fiis						
Summer Photo Contest	For Information visit: www.nps.gov/fiis/planyourvisit/wildlifephotocontest.htm						
Full Moon Runs	June 24, July 22, August 20 & Sept. 19 8 pm–9:30 pm. Reservations Required.						
Fire Island Treks	Thursday, Sept. 5–Friday, Sept. 6: 2-Day FI Trek & Saturday, September 21: Fall Twilight Trek						

Cooperating Associations & Friends Groups

Eastern National

Eastern National, a non-profit cooperating association, is dedicated to the preservation and use of the parks for the benefit of all. Operating in more than 150 national parks and other public trusts, Eastern National provides quality educational products and services to visitors through their sales facilities. Sales from these facilities allow Eastern National to make donations to the national parks. Fire Island National Seashore has four bookstores, located at the Sailors Haven, Watch Hill, and Wilderness Visitor Centers, and at the William Floyd Estate.

Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society

Formed in 1982 in response to the possible demolition of the Fire Island Lighthouse, FILPS raised over 1.2 million dollars to save and restore it. In 1996, the nonprofit group partnered with the National Park Service to maintain and operate the Lighthouse. In 2006, the FILPS signed a Cooperating Association Agreement to continue its support through a program of visitor services, research, sales, membership and fundraising activities.

For more information contact:
Fire Island Lighthouse
Preservation Society
631-321-7028
www.fireislandlighthouse.com

Friends of Fire Island National Seashore

Friends of Fire Island National Seashore (FFINS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage proper stewardship of park natural resources, foster cooperative and mutual communication between the National Park Service, communities and user groups, and to promote environmentally sound access to all of Fire Island National Seashore.

For more information contact:
Friends of Fire Island
National Seashore
P.O. Box 504
Patchogue, NY 11772-0504
www.ffins.org

Friends of Watch Hill

The Friends of Watch Hill (FOWH) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and support the recreational use of Watch Hill, Fire Island while preserving its natural resources and beauty.

For more information contact:
Friends of Watch Hill
P.O. Box 60
Oakdale, NY 11769
www.friendsofwatchhill.org

~WANTED~
Volunteers-In-Parks

Do you have some spare time?
Are you a people person,
a nature lover or a history buff?
If so, then volunteering at
Fire Island National Seashore
could be for you!
We could use your help staffing
visitor centers, conducting tours
and programs, and assisting with
cleanups, science research and
more. Training Provided.
Varied Schedules.

Interested in volunteering?
Contact:
VIP Coordinator, Irene Rosen
Fire Island National Seashore
120 Laurel Street
Patchogue, New York 11772
631-687-4780
or visit: ***www.volunteer.gov***

Park volunteers help rebuild split rail fence damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

Upcoming Events:

International Coastal Beach Clean-ups.....September - October 2013
Public Lands Day Canoe Tour.....September 2013
Documents in Stone.....September 28 & October 26, 2013
12th Annual "Cruise to the Light" Auto Show.....September 29, 2013
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Did You Know?

* In the mid-1970s, Fire Island's white-tailed deer herd consisted of about 50 individuals. By 2005, the deer population was estimated to be 500-700. In 2012, deer numbers on Fire Island were estimated to be 300-500.

* Several generations of Floyd family women planted trees around the William Floyd Estate's Old Mastic House. You can still see some of those same trees today. Several big trees are now more than 150 years old.

* The Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness was named for New York Congressman Otis G. Pike, who served from 1961-1979, and co-sponsored the bill to create Fire Island National Seashore in 1964. The Fire Island Wilderness was designated in 1980.

* The first Fire Island Lighthouse was built at the end of Fire Island in 1826. Today, the Fire Island Inlet is more than five miles west of this foundation. You can see the remnants of the first structure when you visit the present lighthouse, constructed in 1858.

* Fire Island National Seashore was established on September 11, 1964 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2014.

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