



Summer 2014

Program Schedule



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.”

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Welcome to Fire Island

Finally—it's summer!!! After a long, cold winter, Fire Island National Seashore is the perfect place to warm up.

Whether it's for a walk on the beach or a swim in the ocean, boating on the Great South Bay or a hike in the woods, Fire Island is the ideal summer destination. If it is nature study you're looking for, there are endless opportunities to explore the wonders of the natural world. Wildlife abounds on Fire Island and the birding is spectacular. For history, the William Floyd Estate and the Fire Island Lighthouse are two sites to investigate. Fire Island National Seashore offers something for just about everyone as is evident in this, our 2014 Summer Program Guide.

Over the past year the National Park Service has been working very hard to repair and replace damaged facilities that were affected by Hurricane Sandy. In some areas work is still underway but in most locations new facilities have been built. There are new boardwalks at the Fire Island

Light providing access from Field 5 at Robert Moses State Park to the Lighthouse. At Sailors Haven repairs have been made to the Sunken Forest Trail and the debris from Hurricane Sandy has been removed at last. A new boardwalk connects Watch Hill to Davis Park, and at the Smith Point Wilderness Visitor Center, a new boardwalk provides access to the Fire Island Wilderness. At the William Floyd Estate a major portion of the Manor House has a new roof and two rooms inside the house have had major repairs. It has been a busy time.

Visitors may not notice the new boardwalks, roofs, or other facility improvements. Things may seem the way they were before the storm—but Fire Island has changed. Barrier islands are dynamic systems and Fire Island's ever-changing landscape is core to its very nature. Change—sometimes dramatic as in the case of Hurricane Sandy and sometimes subtle as in the repairs that have been made since the storm—is part of what draws us back to this special place. This summer holds much in store

with lots of programs and special events. In September we will celebrate two 50th Anniversaries: the establishment of Fire Island National Seashore; and the passage of the National Wilderness Act which allowed for the creation of our own Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness in 1980. Both events are milestones to be celebrated but also allow for a time of reflection to look back at the events and decisions that have shaped or brought about 50 years of change on Fire Island. So come visit; the summer will go by quickly and there is much to do and enjoy on Fire Island.

Chris Soller



Superintendent



Rebuilt boardwalk provides safe and easy access to the Fire Island Lighthouse.

A Wilderness Celebration



Fifty years ago something happened in the United States that had not yet happened anywhere else in the world: wilderness areas were formally designated and protected by federal law. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, legislation that provides the highest level of protection for some of our most iconic, wild landscapes.

Since the landmark legislation was passed in 1964, more than 109 million acres of wilderness have been added to the National Wilderness Preservation System. These wild, largely undeveloped lands include majestic peaks, dramatic deserts, lush meadows, and dynamic shorelines, each with unique educational and recreational opportunities.

Whether you are looking to relax or exercise, disconnect or reconnect, wilderness provides a stunning setting for unconfined outdoor recreation. Without roads or structures, and virtually free of modern human influence, wilderness is yours to discover—and closer than you think.

Enjoying wilderness doesn't have to mean a long road trip (unless you want it to!). Fire Island National Seashore's wilderness, the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness, is just a short drive from New York City, home to over eight million people. The relatively unspoiled dunes, swale, and salt marsh of this wilderness stand in contrast to neighboring developed barrier islands and mainland Long Island.

Nature lovers, outdoor enthusiasts, and students from near and far come to Fire Island's wilderness for a glimpse of the world as nature intended in an otherwise suburban landscape. Find your own adventure in Fire Island's wilderness; hike or backcountry camp in the undulating backdune landscape or paddle along the splendid salt marsh. Stop by a Fire Island National Seashore Visitor Center or visit www.nps.gov/fiis to learn more about this summer's wilderness programs. Join a park ranger on a guided hike to the Bessie White, an early 1900s shipwreck uncovered by Hurricane Sandy, or

come see how the Wilderness inspires local artists at our late summer and fall art exhibits.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Wilderness at Fire Island this season and explore the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness— it's closer than you think!

Backcountry Camping

Under the stars, listening to the sound 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 through Labor Day.

For information

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

[wilderness-camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fiis/wilderness-camping.htm)

Reservations and Permits

www.recreation.gov



Safety & Things to Know

Enjoy Fire Island Safely

When you visit Fire Island please follow these safety guidelines:

- 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 repellent 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.



Poison Ivy—leaves of three, let it be!



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 park regulations.

- Stay off the dunes and do not damage plants.
- Do not feed, touch, or harass wildlife. Keep yourself and wildlife safe.
- 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; carry-in, carry-out.
- Personal watercraft (PWC) use is only permitted in 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 at least 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.
- PWCs and other vessels are prohibited in the breach at Old Inlet.
- For additional regulations see:
<http://www.nps.gov/fiis/parkmgmt/lawsandpolicies.htm>

Good Questions



Can I bring my dog?

Yes. Be sure to keep your pet leashed at all times, and stick to the boardwalks and bay side beaches as pets are not allowed on ocean beaches from March 15 through Labor Day. Bring lots of drinking water for your pet as it gets quite hot during the summer.

What do I do if I find a Horseshoe Crab with a tag on it?

Note the tag # and location of the animal, and call the phone # on the tag. The sighting information you provide will help scientists learn more about horseshoe crab populations and movement patterns.

How can I share my Fire Island photos?

Share your pictures on Facebook ([facebook.com/FireIslandNPS](https://www.facebook.com/FireIslandNPS)), twitter (twitter.com/FireIslandNPS), and enter this summer's Wildlife photo contest.

Summer Photo Contest

Enter today and share your best photo of Fire Island Wildlife. Submission deadline: Labor Day. For more information please visit: www.nps.gov/fiis/planyourvisit/wildlifephotcontest.htm

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 & Ferry Services



William Floyd Estate

The estate was home to William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and eight generations of the Floyd family. Take a guided tour the Old Mastic house, see the grounds and Floyd family cemetery. Facilities include the Old Mastic House, trails, and a bookstore.

Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness

The Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness is New York State's only federally designated wilderness area. Facilities include a visitor center and bookstore, and nature trail.

Watch Hill

Watch Hill features an extensive salt marsh and access to the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness. Facilities include a campground, public marina, visitor center and bookstore, restaurant, snack bar, gift shop and general store, nature trail, and lifeguarded beach.

Sailors Haven

Sailors Haven is home to the 300 year old Sunken Forest, a globally rare holly maritime forest. Facilities include a public marina, visitor center and bookstore, snack bar, gift shop, nature trail, and lifeguarded beach.

Fire Island Lighthouse

Explore maritime history at the Fire Island Lighthouse. Take a guided tour of the lighthouse tower; see exhibits inside the keepers quarters, Fresnel lens building, and historic boathouse.

Ferry Services

Davis Park Ferry
631-475-1665
www.davisparkferry.com

Patchogue/Watch Hill Ferry Terminal
631-758-4032

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

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

Fire Island Water Taxi
631-665-8885
www.fireislandwatertaxi.com

Annual Labor Day Sand Creation Contest

Sunday, August 31 10 am–3 pm

Watch Hill & Sailors Haven

Put your creativity skills into action and celebrate the end of summer. All ages are welcome. Contest theme: Seashore Life.

Visitor Centers & Park Activities

William Floyd Estate

May 23–November 11, 2014

Friday–Sunday & Holidays

Grounds: 9 am to 5 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. Make left onto Neighborhood Rd., to end of road, follow William Floyd Estate signs to main parking lot.

Old Mastic House Tours

Fridays–Sundays & Holidays;

May 23–November 11

10 am–4 pm

Walk through 25 rooms and 250 years of American history on this guided tour. Tours are every half-hour and are limited to 10 people. The House is only available by guided tour.

The Artwork of Old Mastic

Saturdays; June 21, July 12, August 9, September 13, & October 4

11 am–12:30 pm

Reservations required.

Find out why so many Floyd family members and guests painted or sketched life as they saw it on the Estate. Take a tour of the house; learn about these artists and view their art now on display providing glimpses into Mastic's and Long Island's past.



Shorebirds
Pen and ink, Lynn Bogue Hunt, Mastic 1923

He Dared To Sign: William Floyd

Friday, July 4 & Saturday, August 2

10:30 am–11:30 am

Born in the Old Mastic House, William Floyd 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

Saturdays; July 5 & August 30

11 am–3:30 pm

Join decoy carver Jaime Reason to learn about carving wooden shorebirds and ducks, the history of waterfowl hunting, and the rich tradition of local carvers.

Let's Play: Old Fashioned Toys

Saturday, July 26 &

Friday, August 15

11 am–12 Noon

Children will have fun exploring 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.

How Bird Decoys Became Art

Saturday, August 16

10 am–11 am

Meet historian and decoy carver Jaime Reason and hear how working duck and shorebird decoys have become valuable works of American folk art, now highly prized and collected the world over.

The Buzz About Bees

Saturday, August 23

11 am–12 Noon

Meet local bee keeper Amanda DeVitt, see some hives, and explore the role that honey bees and other bees play in agriculture and in nature.

Wilderness

Visitor Center

June 28–September 1, 2014

Wednesday–Sunday, 9 am to 4 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)**

Horseshoe Crab Moon

Tuesday, June 10

7:30 pm–9 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

It's close to June's Rose Moon and prime time for horseshoe crabs to come ashore to mate and lay eggs, as their ancestors have for millions of years. Experience this natural phenomenon and learn why these fascinating marine creatures are important to the bay ecosystem and to modern medicine. Bring a flashlight.

Surf Casting Clinic

Wednesday, June 11

6 pm–8 pm

Wilderness Visitor Center

Reservations required;

call 631-687-4780.

Join this free I FISH NY fishing clinic to learn more about the fish in our seas, the best way to catch them, and how to help keep our local fish populations healthy. Equipment and expert instruction will be provided. Geared for adults of all abilities, but open to ages 10 years and up. This clinic is provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and requires registration with the Marine Fishing Registry.



Wrack Line Discovery
Sundays; June 15, July 20
& August 17

8:30 am–10 am
Wilderness Visitor Center

It's a beachcombing stroll by the seashore with a park ranger. Experience the early morning beach before the crowds come and explore ocean treasures washed upon the shore. Discover mermaid purses, sea glass, garnet sands, and more.

Beach to Breach Hike
Saturdays; June 28, July 26
& August 30

6 pm–9 pm
Wilderness Visitor Center

Walk along the shore as the sun sinks in the summer sky and experience the evening beach after the crowds thin out. Join this 3-mile round-trip hike to the breach left behind by Hurricane Sandy. Explore the island's dynamic shoreline and New York State's only federally designated wilderness.



Horseshoe Crab in the Great South Bay.

Watch Hill
Visitor Center

June 28–September 1, 2014
Wednesday–Friday, 9:30 am to 5 pm
Saturday–Sunday, 9 am to 6 pm
631-597-6455

Directions

By ferry via the Patchogue/
Watch Hill Ferry
150 West Avenue Patchogue, NY
11772

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 onto West Avenue. Cross Main Street and terminal is about 1/2 mile down.

Hike to the Bessie
Saturdays; June 21, July 19
& August 16

Times TBA; call 631-687-4780.
Watch Hill Dune Station
Take a 3-mile round-trip hike to the wreck of the Bessie White, an early 1900s shipwreck uncovered by Hurricane Sandy. Learn how the wind and waves bury and uncover natural and manmade treasures over time, and how stormy seas led many a mariner ashore on Fire Island.

Catch of the Day
Sundays; June 29–August 24
2 pm–3:30 pm

Watch Hill Visitor Center
The Great South Bay is rich with fish, crabs, and other marine life. Help sample the bay's creatures by using seine and dip nets. For all ages. Participants must wear water shoes.

BE PREPARED!

For all outdoor park programs:
dress for the weather, wear sun
protection and insect repellent,
and bring drinking water.

A Guided Canoe Tour:
Exploring the Salt Marsh

Saturdays & Sundays;
June 28–August 31
11 am–1 pm

Watch Hill Visitor Center
Reservations required; reservations start at 10 am the day of the program at the visitor center.

Glide along on a guided canoe tour of the Seashore's most extensive salt marsh. Explore the vast and beautiful "sea of green" and the specialized plants and animals that make up one of the most productive ecosystems on Earth. Canoes, paddles, and life jackets provided. Space is limited to 20 paddlers (2 paddlers per canoe) and one passenger per canoe. Participants must be 16 and older to paddle. Participants must be able to swim. Children under the age of 6 are not permitted on the trip.

Friday Night Fun
Watch Hill Dune Station

What's that Buzz?
Friday, July 11
4 pm–5 pm

The cool, curious, and complex facts about mosquitoes in our marshes.

Storm Stories
Friday, July 25
4 pm–5 pm

Learn how the island has been shaped by powerful storms from the Great Hurricane of '38 to Superstorm Sandy.

Catching the Light
Friday, August 8
4 pm–5:30 pm

Photo workshop. Make the best of your seaside snapshots.

Summer Stars & Constellations
Friday, August 22
8 pm–9:30 pm

Learn tips for viewing the night skies over Fire Island.

Visitor Centers & Park Activities

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

June 28–September 1, 2014
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 Montauk Hwy. (Rt. 85), make right. Make left at Foster Ave. Follow green & white "Fire Island Ferry" signs to terminal. (Fee for parking)

Sunken Forest Tours

Wednesdays–Sundays;
June 28–August 31

11 am–12:30 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

A 300 year old globally rare holly maritime forest awaits your discovery.

Catch of the Day

Sundays; June 29–August 24

2 pm–3:30 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

The Great South Bay is rich with fish, crabs, and other marine life. Help sample the bay's creatures by using seine and dip nets. For all ages. Participants must wear water shoes.

Science of the Sunken Forest

Saturday, July 12

11 am–12:30 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Join this ranger-led walk to learn about the scientific research that helps the National Park Service protect Fire Island's crown jewel.

Summer Stars & Constellations

Saturday, August 23

8 pm–9:30 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Learn tips for viewing the night skies over Fire Island.

8 Fire Island Program Schedule

Fire Island Lighthouse

Open daily, year-round

For information about hours of operation, programs and fees call the **Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society** (FILPS) 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.

Tower Tours

Daily, 10 am–1 hour before closing

42" height requirement.
Fee charged.

Horseshoe Crab Program

Saturday, June 14

7 pm–10 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse

Reservations required. Fee charged.
Tonight it's all about Horseshoe Crabs! Learn about these unique marine creatures with fun activities and crafts, and watch as they come ashore to mate and lay eggs on Fire Island's lee shore.

Family Seaside Adventures

Wednesdays; July 9–August 13

10 am–12 Noon

Fresnel Lens Building, Fire Island Lighthouse

Reservations required. Fee charged.
This program is designed for parents and children to learn together about the nature and maritime history of Fire Island. Activities include seining for marine life in the Great South Bay, exploring the old boathouse, and various maritime crafts.



Light Keepers

Behind the Scenes Tour

Saturday, July 12

9 am–10:30 am

Fire Island Lighthouse

Reservations required. Fee charged.

Follow a present day Lighthouse Keeper 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. Space is limited.

28th Annual

"Barefoot Black Tie Dinner Dance"

Saturday, August 9

6:30 pm–11 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse

Reservations required. Fee charged.

Tickets limited. Enjoy a romantic evening during this fundraiser with a catered dinner and dancing to the sounds of the *Tradewinds* band. Open bar and silent auction. Prizes will be given for best theme attire. For information and tickets call: 631-321-7028.

Amateur Radio

Lighthouse Weekend

Saturday-Sunday; August 16–17

Fire Island Lighthouse

Members of the Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club will set up their radios and communicate with other radio operators around the world.

For information and updates

visit: www.nps.gov/fiis

or email:

fiis_information@nps.gov

Jr Ranger Programs

Junior Ranger: Beach Naturalist
Saturdays; July 5–August 30
2 pm–3:30 pm

Sailors Haven & Watch Hill
(Children 8–12 years)

Take a ranger-guided adventure to explore the special places, animals, and history protected by Fire Island National Seashore.

Hurray for Horseshoe Crabs	July 5
Testing the Waters	July 12
Oh Deer!	July 19
Plant Detectives	July 26
Dynamic Seashores	August 2
Something's in the Sand	August 9
Go Wrack Wild!	August 16
Plover Lovers	August 23
Nature Journaling	August 30

Floyd Advanced
Junior Ranger Programs
Fridays; July 11 & 18 and
August 1 & 8

10 am–12 Noon
William Floyd Estate
(Children 10–12 years)

Reservations required: 631-399-2030.
Children, ages 10–12, are invited to participate in this ranger-guided program. Complete an activity booklet and earn a Declaration of Independence.

Activity Booklets

For children ages 5–12. Pick up a free Junior Ranger activity booklet at any visitor center. Complete the required activities and return to a visitor center to receive your official Junior Ranger badge or patch.

At the William Floyd Estate children, ages 7–9, can earn a Junior 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/webrangers

Art is in the Air



Land, Sea, and Sky: Artwork at Old Mastic

Fridays–Sundays & Holidays; May 23–November 11 10 am–4 pm
William Floyd Estate

The Floyd/Nichols family captured glimpses of the sea, land, and sky, as well as themselves, around their beloved Mastic home and farm through paintings and sketches. This special artwork—images of long ago—will be on display throughout the house.

The Essence of Fire Island

Weekends; May 31–June 22 9 am–1 pm

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

Plein Air Art Show

Saturday, June 7 10 am–3 pm

Fire Island Lighthouse

Artists from Wet Paints Studio Group will be painting on site. All work from the day's session will be on display through June 18th and for sale, with a portion of the proceeds donated by the artists to the FILPS.

13th Annual Art Show

Daily; June 27–July 20

Fire Island Lighthouse

Local artists display their nautical-themed artwork. Opening reception: June 26, 6 pm–9 pm (Shuttle bus will be available from Field #5 Robert Moses State Park). All artwork is for sale with a portion of the proceeds donated to FILPS.

The William Floyd Estate Comes to Patchogue

Weekends; July 4–August 17

Patchogue Ferry Terminal

Take a glimpse at 250 years of American history from the historic home of Declaration of Independence signer, William Floyd. Along with artifacts from the Estate this exhibit will feature the works of New York artist Xiomáro, who has brought new life and relevance to the Estate with his artistic photographs.

Songs of Wilderness

Weekends; August 23–September 1

Patchogue Ferry Terminal

September 6–October 13

Wilderness Visitor Center

Celebrating the Wilderness Act's 50th anniversary, mixed media artist David Adams will be exhibiting his Fire Island Wilderness inspired work.

Artists in Residency Exhibit

Weekends; September 6–October 5

Patchogue Ferry Terminal

A budding program at Fire Island, the Artist in Residence program is an opportunity for artists to spend time in the park developing a body of work inspired by the barrier island environment. Meet the artists, see their works and learn about this new program.

Park Activities Calendar

Fire Island Lighthouse

Tower Tours	Daily, 10 am–1 hr before closing
Plein Air Art Show	Saturday, June 7 10 am–3 pm
Horseshoe Crab Program	Saturday, June 14 7 pm–10 pm. Reservations Required. Fee Charged.
13 th Annual Art Show	Daily, June 27–July 20
Family Seaside Adventures	Wednesdays; July 9–August 13 10 am–12 Noon. Reservations Required. Fee Charged.
Behind the Scenes Tour	Saturday, July 12 9 am–10:30 am. Reservations Required. Fee Charged.
Barefoot Black Tie Dinner Dance	Saturday, August 9 6:30 pm–11 pm. Reservations Required. Fee Charged.
Amateur Radio Weekend	Saturday, August 16–Sunday, August 17

Sailors Haven

Sunken Forest Tour	Wednesdays–Sundays; June 28–August 31 11 am–12:30 pm
Catch of the Day	Sundays; June 29–August 24 2 pm–3:30 pm
Junior Rangers	Saturdays; June 28–August 30 2 pm–3:30 pm
Science of the Sunken Forest	Saturday, July 12 11 am–12:30 pm
Summer Stars & Constellations	Saturday, August 23 8 pm–9:30 pm
Sand Creation Contest	Sunday, August 31 10 am–3 pm. Contest Theme: Seashore Life.

Watch Hill

Hike to the Bessie	Saturdays; June 21, July 19 & August 16. Times TBA.
Junior Rangers	Saturdays; June 28–August 30 2 pm–3:30 pm
Catch of the Day	Sundays; June 29–August 24 2 pm–3:30 pm
Guided Canoe Tour	Saturdays & Sundays; June 28–August 31 11 am–1 pm
Friday Night Fun	Fridays; July 11 4 pm–5 pm, July 25 4 pm–5 pm, August 8 4 pm–5:30 pm, August 22 8 pm–9:30 pm
Sand Creation Contest	Sunday, August 31 10 am–3 pm. Contest Theme: Seashore Life.

Wilderness

Horseshoe Crab Moon	Tuesday, June 10 7:30 pm–9 pm
Surf Casting Clinic	Wednesday, June 11 6 pm–8 pm. Reservations Required.
Wrack Line Discovery	Sundays; June 15, July 20 & August 17 8:30 am–10 am
Beach to Breach Hike	Saturdays; June 28, July 26 & August 30 6 pm–9 pm
Songs of Wilderness Exhibit	Saturday, September 6–Monday, October 13

William Floyd Estate

Old Mastic House Tour	Fridays–Sundays & Holidays; May 23–November 11 10 am–4 pm
Land, Sea, and Sky Exhibit	Fridays–Sundays & Holidays; May 23–November 11 10 am–4 pm
The Artwork of Old Mastic	Saturdays; June 21, July 12, August 9, Sept. 13 & Oct. 4 11 am–12:30 pm. Reservations Required.
He Dared to Sign: William Floyd	Friday, July 4 & Saturday, August 2 10:30 am–11:30 am
The Summer Gunner	Saturdays; July 5 & August 30 11 am–3:30 pm
Let's Play: Old Fashioned Toys	Saturday, July 26 & Friday, August 15 11 am–12 Noon
How Birds Decoys Became Art	Saturday, August 16 10 am–11 am
The Buzz About Bees	Saturday, August 23 11 am–12 Noon
Floyd Junior Rangers	Fridays; July 11 & 18 and August 1 & 8 10 am–12 Noon. Reservations Required.

Patchogue Ferry Terminal—On Exhibit

The Essence of Fire Island	Weekends; Saturday, May 31–Sunday, June 22 9 am–1 pm
The William Floyd Estate	Weekends; Friday, July 4–Sunday, August 17
Songs of Wilderness	Weekends; Saturday, August 23–Monday, September 1
Artists in Residency	Weekends; Saturday, September 6–Sunday, October 5

Summer Photo Contest	For Information: www.nps.gov/fiis/planyourvisit/wildlifephotocontest.htm
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Cooperating Associations & Friends



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
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631-687-4780
or visit: www.volunteer.gov



Upcoming Events:

- Fire Island 2-Day Trek.....September 4-5 2014
- Public Lands Day Canoe Tour.....September 2014
- 13th Annual "Cruise to the Light" Auto Show.....September 28, 2014
- Old Mastic House: A Simple Architectural Tour...October 18 & November 8, 2014
- Ghost Stories and Legends of Fire Island.....October 25, 2014
- Documents in Stone.....October 26 & November 9, 2014



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Did You Know?

- * Fire Island National Seashore was established fifty years ago on September 11, 1964. This September the National Park Service will kick off a year-long 50th anniversary celebration.
- * September 3, 2014 is the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Fire Island National Seashore is home to the Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness. This is New York State's only federally designated wilderness area and one of 758 wilderness areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- * In 2012, Hurricane Sandy opened a breach—a channel connecting ocean and bay—in the Fire Island Wilderness. This dynamic feature is accessible via a 3-mile round-trip walk from the Wilderness Visitor Center.
- * Fire Island's shoreline is always changing. The beach you see today was different yesterday and will be different tomorrow.

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