

April 2013



## Special Programs this Month Fire Island National Seashore

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### Saturday

April 6:

Noon – 1 pm

#### Seaside Stories and Crafts: Litter Bugs – Wilderness Visitor Center

*Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780 weekdays; 631-281-3010 weekends*

Learn how garbage can be a danger to marine life, and how you can all help to stop it. Get a jump start on Earth Day and turn trash into treasure. Bring your imagination and dress for the weather. This program is geared for children ages 5-7, but all are welcome to join.

### Saturday

April 13:

12:30 – 5 pm

#### Educators' Workshop: Beach Dynamics – Wilderness Visitor Center

*Free program, reservations required: 631-687-4780*

Explore the wind, waves and sand and use Fire Island as your outdoor classroom. Discover the forces that shape the barrier island with this hands-on workshop designed to address NYS Learning Standards for middle and high school grades. Activities include beach profiling, mineral identification and wind and wave measurements. Upon completion, participants will receive a training certificate. For more information call 631-687-4780 or e-mail [ruth\\_coffey@nps.gov](mailto:ruth_coffey@nps.gov).

### Sunday

April 14:

9 – 11:30 am

#### Old Mastic Early Spring Bird Walk – William Floyd Estate

*Free program; call for directions/information 631-399-2030*

Search for early spring migrants and year-round avian species at the Old Mastic Estate. Bring binoculars, dress for the weather and be prepared for a 2- to 3-mile roundtrip walk.

### National Park Week: April 20-28, 2013

Fire Island National Seashore offers a variety of special programs and events during National Park Week.

### Saturday

April 20:

11 am – 4 pm

#### National Park Week – National Junior Ranger Day – Fire Island Wilderness Visitor Center

*Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780 weekdays; 631-281-3010 weekends*

Become a Junior Ranger! Kids ages 5-15, celebrate National Junior Ranger day Fire Island National Seashore's Wilderness Visitor Center. The exciting line-up of activities for this year's free event include:

- **11 am – 4 pm** Displays and Hands-on Activities all day under the Junior Ranger Tent
- **11 am, Noon, 1 pm** "iPad Video Postcards" – **Advance Registration Required:** 631-687-4780
- **11:30 – 12:30** "Basic Nature Photography" (bring your own camera!)
- **1 – 2 pm** "Let's Move Outdoors: Beach Detective Hike" – one-hour beach hike for age 10+  
**Registration Required:** 631-687-4780 or day of event (*limit 25 participants*)
- **2:30 – 3:30 pm** "Shifty Sands" activity
- Complete any of Fire Island National Seashore Jr. Ranger booklets and receive a special patch.

### Sunday

April 21:

9 – 11:30 am

#### Old Mastic Earth Day Hike – William Floyd Estate

*Free program; call for directions/information 631-399-2030*

Celebrate Earth Day and National Park Week with an early spring walk on the grounds of the Old Mastic Estate. Bring binoculars, dress for the weather and be prepared for a 2- to 3-mile roundtrip walk.

### Sunday

April 21:

1 – 3 pm

#### National Park Week Old Inlet Breach Hike – Wilderness Visitor Center

*Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780 weekdays; 631-281-3010 weekends*

Celebrate National Park Week and Earth Day with a brisk 3-mile hike at your local National Park. Explore Fire Island National Seashore's Otis Pike Fire Island High Dune Wilderness with a park ranger, while you hike to the breach at Old Inlet and back. Dress for the weather, bring a light snack and drinking water and be prepared for hiking on soft sand.

### Saturday

April 27:

10 – 11 am

#### The Barns on the Farm – William Floyd Estate

*Free program; call for directions/information 631-399-2030*

Barns are fast disappearing on the Long Island landscape, but at one time they were a sign of prosperity and hard work. There are several old barns and outbuildings at the historic William Floyd Estate. Explore and learn their uses and histories as you enjoy a winter stroll around this treasured cultural landscape.

### Saturday

April 27:

2 – 3 pm

#### Lecture Series: Hurricane Sandy: Before and After – Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

*Free program; call for directions/information 631-687-4780*

Join this indoor presentation to see how the superstorm reshaped the barrier beach and get an insider look at before and after photos and the progress of recovery on Fire Island National Seashore.

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**Sunday**

April 28:

10 – 11:30 am

**In Honor of Trees – William Floyd Estate**

**Free program; call for directions/information 631-399-2030**

In celebration of Arbor Day (April 26), tour the grounds of the William Floyd Estate to see trees planted by Floyd family members more than 150 years ago. Learn to identify trees off-season without their leaves by using bark, buds, seeds, and early leaves. Discover the difference between oaks and hickories and walnuts, and cedars, pines and spruce? There are so many different kinds of trees. This can be fun and challenging!

**Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open during April 2013**

**Fire Island Lighthouse - 631-661-4876**

**Closed due to impacts of Hurricane Sandy and construction projects.**

**Fire Island Lighthouse will reopen to the public as soon as Robert Moses State Park Field 5 reopens**

**Wilderness Visitor Center- 631-281-3010**

Southernmost end of William Floyd Parkway; parking at Smith Point County Park

*Open January 1 – June 30, 9 am - 4 pm, Friday – Sunday and holidays. (staffing & weather permitting)*

**No Wilderness Camping Permits** issued at this time.

**Wilderness camping permit reservations to be available this summer at: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)**

**William Floyd Estate - 631-399-2030**

245 Park Drive, Mastic Beach, NY 11951

**Closed until May 24, 2013; grounds will be open for special tours and programs during the winter and spring.**

**Guided Old Mastic House Tours Closed for the Season**

*Old Mastic House closed until May 24, 2013;*

*Grounds open May 24 – Nov. 11, 2013 Friday – Sunday, 9 am – 5 pm*

**Park Headquarters in Patchogue - 631-687-4750**

120 Laurel Street, Patchogue NY 11772

*Open all year, Monday - Friday, 9 am – 4:30 pm* **Closed on federal holidays**

**Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal**

160 West Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772

**Closed until May 2013, but watch for special programs in the spring**

**Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Facilities and The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant Closed until May 2013**

**Watch Hill Campground - 631-597-6664 [www.watchhillfi.com](http://www.watchhillfi.com)**

**Reservations for 2013 season accepted on-line**