



## January 2013 Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore



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### Tuesday

January 1  
10 am – 1 pm

#### **New Year's Day Hike - Wilderness Visitor Center to the Old Inlet Breach**

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

Celebrate the New Year on Fire Island. Discover the beauty of the winter beach and the many changes that have occurred since Hurricane Sandy, during this 3-mile ranger-led hike to the breach at Old Inlet and back. Dress for the weather and for walking on sand; bring a light snack, drinking water and binoculars.

### Saturday

January 12:  
1 – 2 pm

#### **The Storm Beach – Wilderness Visitor Center**

*Free program; call for information/reservations: 631-281-3010 (weekends) or 631-687-4780*

Hurricane Sandy significantly transformed the landscape of Fire Island. Join this short ranger-guided walk to compare the new landscape to what you may remember. Learn how the island has changed and how the park is responding to the challenges of a dynamic landscape. Dress for the weather and walking on sand.

**Rain/Snow Date: Sunday, January 13**

### Sunday

January 13:  
10 – 11:30 am

#### **William Floyd Estate Winter Woods – William Floyd Estate**

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

Experiencing the winter woods in their dormant state is so different from the growing time of summer. This year, you will also observe how high the surge from Hurricane Sandy came into the forest and view the dozens of trees toppled by the mega storm! Find and identify plants, seeds, birds, and the occasional evidence of other animal life on this serendipitous exploratory hike. Dress for the weather and be prepared for a 2- to 3-mile roundtrip walk.

### Saturday

January 19:  
9 – 11:30 am

#### **Old Mastic Winter Bird Walk – William Floyd Estate**

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

Search for both wintering 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.

### Saturday

January 19:  
Noon - 3 pm

#### **Picture This! Photography Workshop – Mastic Beach Public Library/Wilderness Visitor Center**

*Free program; call for information/reservations: 631-281-3010 (weekends) or 631-687-4780*

Join a park ranger to learn how to take the perfect picture. Meet at the Mastic Beach Public Library for a short indoor presentation, then bundle up and head to the beach at Fire Island National Seashore for some outdoor practice with your camera. This program is geared for novice photographers, young adult and up. Bring your camera, dress for the weather and walking on sand, and pack a light snack and drinking water.

### Sunday

January 20:  
10 am – Noon

#### **The Old Mastic Way to the Bay – William Floyd Estate**

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

Explore a fascinating cultural landscape and natural history. This ranger-guided walk from the Old Mastic House to the bay follows roads well used by the Floyd family from the mid-1700s to the 1970s. Along the way, discover signs of historic uses of the property. Pass through fields and woods, along mounds and ditches, cultural plantings, fresh water creeks, and the salt marsh on Moriches Bay. Dress for the weather. Be prepared for a 3-mile roundtrip walk.

### Saturday

January 26:  
10 – 11:30 am

#### **Old Mastic Winter Botany – William Floyd Estate**

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

Learn to identify all different types of plants, including trees and shrubs, grasses and old wildflowers from last summer and fall, by observing their bark, buds and seeds. You will also observe how Hurricane Sandy damaged the plants at the historic William Floyd Estate.

### Sunday

January 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.

## Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open during January 2013

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

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

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

*Open January 1 – February 28, 9 am - 4 pm, Friday – Sunday and holidays. (staffing & weather permitting)*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal**

***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***