



October 2013 Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore

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Weekends (thru Oct. 14) **Sunken Forest Tour** 11:30 am - 1 pm – Sailors Haven Visitor Center
Weekends (thru Oct. 14) **Watch Hill Salt Marsh and the Maritimes Walk** 11:30 am – 1 pm – Watch Hill Visitor Center
Weekends (thru Oct. 14) **Lighthouse Tower-less Tour** 11 am – 3 pm hourly – Fire Island Lighthouse
Fridays - Sundays **Old Mastic House Tours** 10 am – 4 pm hourly – William Floyd Estate

Saturday, October 5 **Wildflowers of Autumn** - William Floyd Estate
10 am – Noon
Free program; call for directions: 631-399-2030

Fall is peak time for a variety of wildflowers to bloom. The fields are washed in a pretty array of colors as blossoms and native grasses decorate the landscape. Visit with wildflowers in the Old Mastic fields. Wear tick repellent!

Saturday, October 6 **Birding for Beginners** – Fire Island Lighthouse Fresnel Lens Building
10 am - Noon
Free program; call for information: 631-687-4780

Fire Island is a spectacular place for birds and bird watching, especially during peak migration time as songbirds, hawks and water birds touchdown on the barrier island to rest and feed before continuing their south-bound journey. Join a park ranger to learn some bird watching basics and experience the migration first hand. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.

Saturday, October 12 **Early Morning Tower Tour** – Fire Island Lighthouse
6 am
\$25/person; reservations required; call 631-661-4876

Enjoy the scenery from the top of the tower as the sun rises. Tour includes a “light” breakfast and souvenir mug. Bring a flashlight for your walk to the lighthouse. Sunrise is at 7 am.

Saturday, October 12 **Autumn Beach to the Breach Walk** – Wilderness Visitor Center
11 am – 1:30 pm
Free program; call for information: 631-687-4766

Explore the ever-changing barrier island landscape on this 3-mile round-trip walk to the breach at Old Inlet. Bring drinking water; dress for the weather and for walking on sand.

Saturday, October 19 **Old Mastic House: A Simple Architectural Tour** – William Floyd Estate
10 am
Free program; reservations required: call 631-399-2030

See examples of Colonial, Victorian and Greek revival architecture among the many styles represented at the Old Mastic House over the past 250 years. 18th century doors, post and beam framing, 12 over 12 windows, and other architectural details will be explored.

Saturday, October 19 **Lantern Light Tour** – Meet at Robert Moses State Park Field #5
6 pm - 8 pm
\$10/person; reservations required; call: 631-661-4876

Enjoy an escorted lantern light walk along the beach and through the swale as stationed interpreters unfold the stories of the United States Life Saving Service and Fire Island Light Station. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight for your walk back to the parking field. Sunset is at 6:08 pm, moonrise at 6:33 pm.

Sunday, October 20 **William Floyd, Long Island Patriot: A Book Signing** – William Floyd Estate
11 am – 3 pm
Free program: call 631-399-2030

Come meet the author of a new book, *William Floyd, Long Island Patriot*. Historian Larry Lowenthal will be at the Old Mastic House to sign copies of his latest publication, available for sale at the William Floyd Estate.

Saturday, October 26 **Documents in Stone** - William Floyd Estate
10 am
Free program; reservations required: call 631-399-2030

It's a unique introduction to genealogical research. Discover a variety of ways to learn about grave markers from the materials they were made of, to foot stones, to kinship, to burial characteristics. Learn about the origins of the “Deaths Head” and take home a grave stone rubbing.

Saturday, October 26 **Ghost Stories & Legends of Fire Island** – Fire Island Lighthouse
7 pm
Free program; call for information: 631-661-4876

Listen to tales of eerie happenings along the Barrier Beach. Dress warmly; bring a flashlight and blanket. **Tower Tours** will be available from **4-6 pm** at the regular fee.

Sunday, October 27 **Lighthouse Lecture Series** – Fire Island Lighthouse Lens Building
2 pm
Free program; call for information: 631-661-4876

Stony Brook University Professor Frank Turano presents his pictorial history of Fire Island 1850 – 1950.

Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open during October 2013

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

Building/restrooms open ½-hour before ferry departs.
Closed from October 15 until May 2014, but watch for special programs!

William Floyd Estate - 631-399-2030

Grounds Open through **Nov. 11, 2013**, Friday – Sunday & holidays, 9 am – 5 pm
Old Mastic House Open through **Nov. 11, 2013**, Friday – Sunday & holidays, 10 am – 4 pm
Free house tours every half-hour. *Watch for special grounds tours during the fall, winter and spring!*

Wilderness Visitor Center - 631-281-3010

Oct. 1 – Jan. 1, 2014: Friday-Sunday & holiday Mondays, 9 am – 4 pm
Closed on Thanksgiving & Christmas days.
New (effective September 13, 2013): **Sportsman's Recreational Driving Permits** will be issued at the Wilderness Visitor Center, **for use between September 18 and December 31, 2013**, but the recreational driving area will be reduced to a length of about 1¼ miles while the breach at Old Inlet remains open; *ORV driving could be suspended at any time.*
New: **Backcountry camping reservations** for required permits must be obtained online at **Recreation.gov**
All Wilderness/backcountry overnight camping permit check-in is required at the Watch Hill Visitor Center during hours of operation or at the Watch Hill Ranger Station after Labor Day. Access to both east and west wilderness/backcountry camping zones will be from the west as long as the breach at Old Inlet is open:
Ferry from Patchogue to Watch Hill: Friday afternoon – Sunday & holiday through October 14 only = **1½ - 5 mile hike**
Ferry from Patchogue to Davis Park: Daily through Nov. 1, weekends only through Dec. 1 = **2½ - 6 mile hike**
Ferry from Sayville to Fire Island Pines: Daily through Dec. 22, except 11/28/2013 = **5½ - 10 mile hike**

Watch Hill

Watch Hill Ferry Service - 631-475-1665

Thru Oct. 13, 2013: F: LV Patchogue 3:30 pm/ 6 pm Friday;
Sa-Su: LV Patchogue 10:20 am/12:15 pm/3:30 pm
Oct. 14, 2013: M: LV Patchogue 10:20 am/3:30 pm

Watch Hill Marina - 631-597-3109

Thru Oct. 20, 2013: F-Sa & holiday = \$2/ft + elec ; Su-Th = \$1/ft + elec.

Watch Hill Campground – 631-567-6664

Thru October 20, 2013; *reservations accepted on-line at www.watchhillfi.com*
(Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry service only available on weekends through Oct. 14)

Watch Hill Snack Bar & General Store

Thru Oct. 14, 2013: Daily: 11 am-4 pm

The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant – 631-597-9060 (closed for the season)

Watch Hill Visitor Center - 631-597-6455

Thru Oct. 14, 2013 weekends & holidays 11 am – 4 pm **Salt Marsh Tours** at 11:30 am weekends
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Talisman/Barrett Beach – *restrooms open thru October 14*

Sailors Haven

Sayville Ferry Service - 631-589-8980

Thru Oct. 14, 2013: Sa-Su & Columbus Day only: LV Sayville 10:30 am/2:30 pm

Sailors Haven Marina - 631-597-6171

Thru Oct. 27, 2013: Su-Th = \$1/ft + elec.; F-Sa & holiday = \$2/ft + elec.

Sailors Haven Snack Bar & Gift Shop

Thru Oct. 14, 2013: Daily: 11 am - 3 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center - 631-597-6183

Thru Oct. 14, 2013: weekends & holidays 11 am – 3 pm **Sunken Forest Tours** at 11:30 am weekends

Fire Island Lighthouse - 631-661-4876

Thru Nov 3, 2013 Daily 9:30 am – 5 pm *Last tower tour at 4 pm. **No Tower Tours** during construction*
Nov. 4 – Dec. 15, 2013: daily Noon – 4 pm *Closed on Thanksgiving day. Last tower tour at 3 pm.*
Dec. 16, 2013 – Mar. 31, 2014: weekends Noon – 4 pm *Closed on Christmas day. Last tower tour at 3 pm.*
Boardwalks damaged by the storm are not expected to be repaired until later in 2013, requiring visitors to walk down the beach (about ¾ mile) to access the Lighthouse. Pre-planned rehabilitation work is underway into the fall.