

November 2011



Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore

For More Information:

www.nps.gov/fiis 631-687-4750

Friday

November 4:
7 pm

Star Watch: A Night of Astronomy – Wilderness Visitor Center

(Free program; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)

Led by a guest speaker, the whole family will enjoy a captivating slide show and a viewing of the night skies by telescope in the peaceful dark atmosphere of Fire Island National Seashore.

Saturday

November 5:
10 am

Old Mastic House: Cultural Landscape Walking Tour – William Floyd Estate

(Free program; reservations required: call 631-399-2030)

Easy 1½-hour, 1- to 2-mile walk around the historic William Floyd Estate in Mastic Beach. Observe evidence of changes to the landscape as the Floyd family adapted their land: from plantation/working farm to summer estate/hunting preserve.

Saturday

November 5:
Noon – 1 pm

Children's Hour: Seaside Stories and Crafts—Animal Adventures – Wilderness Visitor Center

(Free program; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)

Have fun while learning about the natural world of Fire Island. Geared for kids ages 5 - 7, but all are welcome!

Friday

November 11:
9:30 am – 3 pm

Veterans Appreciation Day - Fire Island Lighthouse

Free tower tours for all veterans with ID!

Saturday

November 12:
6 am

Early Morning Tower Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse

(\$20 Fee; reservations required: call 631-661-4876)

Enjoy "light" breakfast and a view from the top of the lighthouse tower as the sun rises (6:36 am) and the moon sets (8:17 am).

Sunday

November 13:
1 - 3 pm

Fire Island Photography Workshop - Wilderness Visitor Center

(Free program; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)

Join park planner and professional photographer Diane Abell while she conducts an indoor presentation on camera settings and techniques. Practice on a guided walk, weather permitting. Bring your camera and dress for the outdoors.

Saturday

November 19:
9 am

Light Keepers Behind-the-Scenes Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse

(\$15 Fee; reservations required, limited to 12: call 631-661-4876)

Follow present day lighthouse keeper on his rounds, and learn about duties from the past on this top to bottom tour.

Sunday

November 20:
9 – 11:30 am

Late Autumn Old Mastic Bird Walk - William Floyd Estate

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

3-mile stroll through the woods, fields and wetlands to watch for late fall birdlife. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars to observe peak migration of thousands of birds heading south.

Sunday

November 20:
10 am - Noon

Fire Island Wilderness - Wilderness Visitor Center

(Free program; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)

Join our ranger on a guided walk through the Fire Island Wilderness area. Bring binoculars and dress for the outdoors.

Sunday

November 20:
6 -8 pm

Holiday Parade of Boats on the Patchogue River – Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

(Free; call for directions/information 631-657-4750)

View the annual Patchogue River boat parade from the National Park Service ferry terminal on West Avenue. Join Friends of Fire Island National Seashore inside the terminal for an opportunity to warm up and learn about Fire Island.

Friday

November 25:
9 am – Noon

After-Thanksgiving Wilderness Hike - Wilderness Visitor Center

(Free program; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)

Join ranger for a guided 3-mile round-trip hike on the beach and into federal wilderness area.

Saturday

November 26:
10 am - 3 pm

Annual Tree Trimming Event - Fire Island Lighthouse

(Free program; call for directions/information 631-661-4876)

Kick off the holiday season by helping decorate the traditional lighthouse tree with a handmade ornament relating to the sea, nature or lighthouse. Free hot chocolate and cookies!

Saturday

November 26:
Noon

Junior Ranger Workshop: Wilderness Wildlife—Animal Tracking – Wilderness Visitor Center

(Free program; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)

Discover the nature and value of wilderness. Dress for the weather and be prepared for a short hike. Kids ages 8 - 12!

Saturday

November 26:
4 pm

Thanksgiving Weekend Evening Tower Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse

(\$15 Fee; reservations required: call 631-661-4876)

Experience the lighthouse at night while working off some of those holiday calories. Sunset 4:28 pm, moonrise 10:46 pm.

Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open in November

Fire Island Lighthouse - 631-661-4876

Open Sept. 6—Nov.5, 9:30 –5; Nov.6— mid-December, Daily 9:30 – 4 pm

Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas days

Last tower tour 1 hour before closing

William Floyd Estate - 631-399-2030

Open through November 13: Friday – Sunday and Holidays, 9 am – 4 pm

Guided Old Mastic House Tours 10 am – 4 pm on the half-hour when grounds are open

Wilderness Visitor Center - 631-281-3010

Open through December 31: Daily, 9 am – 4 pm

Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas days

Wilderness camping, sportsman's driving and waterfowl hunting permits when office is open

Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Facilities and The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant

Closed until May 2012

Watch Hill Campground - 631-597-6664

Reservations for 2012 season will be accepted after January 1

Park Headquarters in Patchogue - 631-687-4750

Open all year, Monday - Friday, 9:30 – 4 pm

Closed on federal holidays

Patchogue Ferry Terminal - 631-687-4750

Closed until May 2012, but open for special programs

Watch for special programs this winter and spring

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