

January 2011



Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore

For More Information:

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

Saturday

January 1:
10 am

New Years Day Hike and Lighthouse Tower Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse

(Free guided walk/\$6 tower tour; reservations required: call 631-661-4876)

Meet at Robert Moses State Park Field 5 for a naturalist-guided walk. Fire Island Lighthouse open noon to 4 pm.

Sunday

January 2:
9 am – Noon

New Years Hike in the Fire Island Wilderness - Wilderness Visitor Center

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

Start the New Year off right! Discover the peaceful solitude that wilderness can offer. Dress for the weather and join a ranger for a guided 3-mile round-trip hike on the beach and into New York's only federally designated wilderness area. Park at Smith Point County Park; meet at Wilderness Visitor Center.

Saturday

January 8:
9 am

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

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

Follow a present-day Fire Island Lighthouse keeper on his rounds. This bottom to top tour takes you from the auxiliary generator and the light keepers' workshop in the basement of the Keepers Quarters to the beacon in the lantern room of the lighthouse tower. Learn how lighthouse keepers from the 1860s to 2009 maintained the light. Limit of 12 people.

Saturday

January 22:
6:30 am

Early Morning Lighthouse Tower Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse

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

Come enjoy the scenery from the top of the tower as the sun rises and the moon sets. Tour includes a "light" breakfast and souvenir mug. Sunrise is at 7:11 am and moonset is at 7:09 am

Sunday

January 23:
9 – 11 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. 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 29:
9 – 11 am

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.

Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open in January

Fire Island Lighthouse - 631-661-4876

Open mid-December – March 31, Weekdays, 9:30 – 4 pm; Weekends, Noon – 4 pm

(staffing & weather permitting)

Last tower tour 1 hour before closing

Wilderness Visitor Center - 631-281-3010

Open January 1 through March 31: Daily, 9 am – 4 pm

(staffing & weather permitting)

Wilderness camping permits when office is open

William Floyd Estate - 631-399-2030

Closed until May 2011, grounds open for special guided tours

Watch for special programs this winter and spring!

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

Closed until May 2011

Watch Hill Campground - 631-597-6664 www.watchhillfi.com

Reservations for 2011 season accepted on-line by mid-January 2011

Park Headquarters in Patchogue - 631-687-4750

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

Closed on federal holidays

Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

Closed until May 2011, but open for special programs

Watch for special programs this spring