

November 2009



## Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore

### For More Information:

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

Sunday

November 1:  
4:30 pm

#### **"Frosty Moon" Evening Tower Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse**

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

Experience the Fire Island Lighthouse at night on the 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary of its first lighting (November 1, 1858). Moonrise 3:50 pm, sunset 4:50 pm

Saturday

November 7:  
6 am

#### **Early Morning Tower Tour - Fire Island Lighthouse**

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

Enjoy the view from the top of the lighthouse tower as the sun rises at 6:29 am. Includes souvenir mug of coffee, snack.

Saturday

November 7:  
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.

Saturday

November 7:  
7 pm

#### **Sea Chanteys – Wilderness Visitor Center**

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

Sing-along program for ages 10 and up. Join local musicians as they lead a round of traditional sea-faring songs.

Wednesday

November 11:  
9:30 am – 3 pm

#### **Veterans Appreciation Day - Fire Island Lighthouse**

*Free tower tours for all veterans with ID!*

Friday

November 13:  
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. Dress for the weather!

Saturday

November 14:  
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 22:  
9 – 11:30 am

#### **Late Autumn Bird Walk - William Floyd Estate**

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

2-mile stroll through the woods and fields to watch for late fall birdlife. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars.

Friday

November 27:  
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 28:  
10 am - 3 pm

#### **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 28:  
4 pm

#### **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. Moonrise 1:47 pm, sunset 4:27 pm

Saturday

November 28, 2009:  
2 – 3 pm

#### **Children's Hour: Seaside Stories and Crafts – 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!

Sunday

November 29, 2009:  
Noon

#### **Junior Ranger Workshop: Exploring the Wilderness – 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 1½ mile hike. Kids ages 8 - 12!

## **Fire Island National Seashore Facilities open in November**

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

*Open Nov. 1 – mid-December, Daily 9:30 – 4 pm*

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

***Last tower tour 1 hour before closing***

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

*Open through November 15: 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*

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

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

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

***Closed on federal holidays***

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

***Closed until May 2010***

### **Watch Hill Campground - 631-597-6664**

***Reservations for 2010 season will be accepted by mail after January 1***