

October 2009



Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore

For More Information:

www.nps.gov/fiis

631-687-4750

Saturday

October 3:

6 - 8 pm

Lighthouse Lantern Light Walk - Fire Island Lighthouse

(\$10 Fee; reservations required: call 631-661-4876)

Escorted tour 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. *Tower tours available for additional \$6 fee.*

Saturday

October 10:

10 - 11:30 am

Old Mastic House: A Simple Architectural Tour – William Floyd Estate

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

See examples of Colonial, Victorian and Greek Revival architecture among the styles represented at the Old Mastic House.

Saturday

October 17:

Noon - 4 pm

Meet the Authors: *Signing Their Lives Away—The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence* – William Floyd Estate

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

Join the authors on the front porch of William Floyd's beloved "Old Mastic House" as they tell how and why they wrote this fascinating read. Books will be available for purchase. Colonial musicians, Sampawams Creek, will perform on site from 12:30 to 3:30.

Sunday

October 18:

9 am - Noon

Rain Date: October 25

International Coastal Cleanup:

Fire Island National Seashore and Friends will sponsor a special beach clean-up at the Fire Island Wilderness. Bring your work gloves, hat boots and lunch.

Reservations required. Must sign up by October 14.

Saturday

October 24:

10 - 11:30 am

Trees, Wood and Tools: The Colonial Uses of Wood - William Floyd Estate

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

During the colonial period in New York, Floyd family used the pristine forests to build their beloved "old Mastic House" and its barns and outbuildings. See samples of wood and tools. Walk the grounds to see tree species used by the Floyds.

Saturday

October 24:

7 - 9 pm

Ghost Stories and Legends of Fire Island - Fire Island Lighthouse

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

Dress warmly and bring a flashlight for this traditional program on the terrace. Author Jack Whitehouse on hand to sign copies of "13 Legends of Fire Island and the Great South Bay."

Saturday

October 31:

10 - 11:30 am

Documents in Stone - William Floyd Estate

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

Unique introduction to genealogical research: learn about grave markers from the materials they were made of to foot stones to kinship to burial characteristics and the origins of the "Deaths Head." Take home a grave stone rubbing.

Saturday

October 31, 2009:

2 - 3 pm

Children's Hour: Halloween Seaside Stories and Crafts – Wilderness Visitor Center

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

Come listen to spooky stories and have fun while learning about the natural world of Fire Island. Create a craft you can take home. Geared for ages 5-7 but all are welcome!

Additional Fire Island National Seashore Facilities close on Columbus Day (October 12)

Fire Island Lighthouse

Open Sept. 8- October 31, 9:30 -5; Nov. 1 - mid-Dec., 9:30 - 4 pm

Last tower tour 1 hour before closing

Ferry Service to Sailors Haven and Watch Hill

Weekend service only September 12 - October 12

Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Visitor Centers

Open weekends through Columbus Day, October 12

Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Marinas

Open through October 25. Weekday special of \$1/foot, Monday -Thursday

Sailors Haven Snack Bar

Open 11 am - 3 pm daily through October 12

Watch Hill Snack Bar

Open 11 am - 4 pm daily through October 12

The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant

Closed until May 2010

Watch Hill Campground

Open through October 25. (Ferry service only available on weekends through October 12)

William Floyd Estate

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