

October 2011



Special Programs this Month at Fire Island National Seashore

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631-687-4750

Saturday

October 8:
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, birthplace of a signer of the Declaration of Independence, owned by the Floyd family from 1720 to 1976.

Sunday,

October 9
9:30 – Noon

National Public Lands Day Clean-up – Wilderness Visitor Center

(Registration required; call for directions/information 631-281-3010)

Bring your work gloves, dress for the weather, and help pitch in to clean up the beach by the Fire Island Wilderness.

Saturday

October 15:
10 am – Noon

Birding for Beginners – Wilderness Visitor Center

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

Learn to recognize resident and migrating birds by sight and sound. Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather.

Saturday

October 15:
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. Full moon stroll on the beach. *Tower tours available for additional \$7 fee.*

Saturday

October 22:
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.

Friday

October 28:
7 - 9 pm

Shipmates: Sea Chanties – Wilderness Visitor Center

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

Join an evening of ballads of the sea with local musicians, the *Shipmates*. Acoustic instruments are welcomed.

Saturday

October 29:
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—the materials they were made, foot stones, kinship, burial characteristics and the origins of the "Deaths Head." Take home a grave stone rubbing.

Saturday

October 29:
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 blankets and flashlight for this traditional program on the terrace. Listen to tales of eerie happenings along the barrier beach. *(Tower tours available from 4 – 6 pm at regular fee.)*

Sunday

October 30:
10 am – Noon

Wildflowers of Autumn - William Floyd Estate

(Free program: call for information 631-399-2030)

Fall is a peak time for a variety of wildflowers to bloom. The fields are washed in a pretty array of colors. Native grasses also add color to the landscape. Dress for the weather and stroll through the Old Mastic Fields to look at the blooms.

Additional Fire Island National Seashore Facilities close after Columbus Day (October 10)

Fire Island Lighthouse - 631-661-4876

Open Sept. 6- November 5, 9:30 –5; Nov. 6 – mid-Dec., 9:30 – 4 pm

Last tower tour 1 hour before closing. Closed on Thanksgiving & Christmas days.

Patchogue Ferry Terminal – Open weekends through October 10.

Ferry Service to Watch Hill - 631-475-1665 and Sailors Haven/Sunken Forest - 631-589-8980

Limited weekend/holiday service only September 10 – October 10. Group tours through late October.

Visitor Centers at Watch Hill - 631-597-6455 and Sailors Haven - 631-597-6183

Open weekends only (11 am – 3 pm) through Columbus Day, October 10

Sailors Haven Snack Bar/Gift Shop

Open 11 am – 3 pm daily through October 10

Watch Hill Snack Bar/Camp Store

Open 11 am – 4 pm daily through October 10

Marinas at Watch Hill - 631-597-3109 and Sailors Haven - 631-597-6171

Open through October 22. Weekday special of \$1/foot, Monday –Thursday

Watch Hill Campground - 631-567-6664

Open through October 22.

(Ferry service to Watch Hill only available on Friday afternoons and weekends through October 10.)

The Pier at Watch Hill Restaurant

Closed until May 2012

Talisman/Barrett Beach – restrooms open through October 10

Wilderness Visitor Center- 631-281-3010

Open 9 am –4 pm daily September 6 – December 31.

Wilderness camping permits, waterfowl hunting permits issued. Closed on Thanksgiving & Christmas days.

Sportsman's Recreational Driving Permits on sale after September 1, for use September 15 – December 31.

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

Park Headquarters in Patchogue - 631-687-4750

Open all year, Monday - Friday, 9:30 – 4 pm. Closed on federal holidays.

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