

Fire Island

National Park Service
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Fire Island National Seashore
Long Island, New York



Visitor Programs and Events— January & February 2015

2015 Great Backyard Bird Count

William Floyd Estate, Saturday, February 14, 9 am–11:30 am

For information call: 631-399-2030

Fire Island Lighthouse, Sunday, February 15, 9 am–11 am

For information call: 631-687-4780

Help contribute to this worldwide citizen science effort to document the location of birds in winter. Join us for a science stroll to help identify and count the birds we see in the varied habitats of Fire Island National Seashore. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.

Wilderness Visitor Center

Call for information:

631-281-3010

Free parking is available at
Smith Point County Park.

New Year's Day

Beach to Breach Hike

Thursday, January 1

10 am–1 pm

Celebrate the New Year on Fire Island. Discover the stark beauty of the winter beach during this invigorating 3-mile round-trip hike to the breach at Old Inlet. Dress for the weather and for walking on sand. Bring a snack and binoculars if you have them.

Junior Rangers

Life in Wilderness

Saturday, January 24

Noon–1 pm

Snowy owls, white-tailed deer, and red fox can all be found in Fire Island's wilderness this time of year. Children ages 8 to 12 years are invited to join a park ranger and search for signs of these and other wildlife on a short hike through the barrier island wilderness.

After the hike, participants can warm up inside and make an animal track souvenir to take home.

Seashells by the Seashore

Sunday, February 1

10 am–11:30 am

Seashells of various shapes, sizes, and colors can be found on Fire Island, even in winter! Discover the wonderful world of shells and learn more about the creatures that once called these shells home on this one-mile walk along Fire Island's ocean and bay beaches. Dress for the weather and for walking on sand.

Breach Hike for Nature Lovers

Saturday, February 14

9 am–Noon

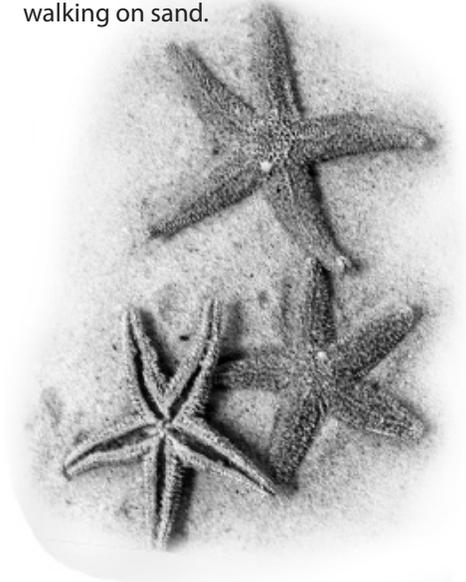
Stroll with your sweetheart—or friends and family—along Fire Island's wilderness this Valentine's Day on a 3-mile hike to the breach at Old Inlet. Learn more about how wind and waves lend to the stark beauty of the winter beach, and how the beach changes across seasons and storms. Dress for the weather and for walking on sand.

Junior Rangers Discover the Secrets of Seashells

Saturday, February 21

Noon–1 pm

A treasure trove of seashells and other gifts from nature await your discovery! This seashell walk is geared for kids ages 8 to 12 but all are welcome to learn more about the secrets of seashells and the critters that once occupied them. Join a park ranger for this one-hour seashell discovery program. Dress for the weather and for walking on sand.



Fire Island Lighthouse

Call for reservations and information: 631-661-4876
Parking is available at Robert Moses State Park, Field #5.

Tower Tours

December 15–March 7
Weekdays, As Staff Available
Weekends, Noon–3 pm
42" Height Requirement. Fee.

New Year's Day Hike and Lighthouse Tower Tour

Thursday, January 1
10 am–11 am
Meet at Field #5

Reservations Required.

Join the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society for a walk around the Seashore's western end. Experience the dynamic beach and explore how wildlife and plants survive the Fire Island winter. Afterwards, climb the Lighthouse Tower at the regular fee. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Full Moon Tower Tour

Sunday, January 4
4 pm–5:30 pm
Reservations Required. Fee.
Catch a glimpse of the first full moon of the New Year, the "Full Wolf Moon," from atop the Fire Island Lighthouse tower. Bring a flashlight for your walk back to the parking field.

Lighthouse Keepers Behind the Scenes Tour

Saturday, February 14
9 am–10:30 am
Reservations Required. Fee.
Follow a lighthouse keeper on his rounds. This bottom-to-top tour takes you from the lighthouse workshop to the lantern room of the tower, and offers a closer look at how the Fire Island Light shines. Tower tour fee applies.

Lighthouses are for Lovers

Saturday, February 14
4 pm–6 pm
Reservations Required. Fee.
Bring your "someone special" to watch the sun set across the sea. Climb the lighthouse tower and enjoy "light" refreshments served at sunset on the terrace.

Celebrate Presidents Week at the Fire Island Lighthouse

Monday–Friday,
February 16–20

Make the most of your "stay-cation" and explore the Fire Island Lighthouse with the family. Reduced tower tour fees for children under 12 years old (must be 42 inches tall to climb). Special activity for children from 10 am to 3 pm daily. Also visit the Fresnel Lens Building, which houses the original First Order Fresnel Lens, and the Boat House where you can view our maritime history collection.

Fire Island National Seashore Facilities—Jan.-Feb. 2015

Park Headquarters in Patchogue: 631-687-4750

Open all year, Monday–Friday, 9 am–4 pm (Closed on federal holidays)

Fire Island Lighthouse: 631-661-4876

Open December 15–March 7, Weekdays, 10 am–4 pm; Weekends, Noon–4 pm

Sailors Haven and Watch Hill Facilities

Closed until May 2015.

Watch Hill Campground: Reservations Required: visit www.watchhillfi.com for May–October 2015.

Wilderness Visitor Center: 631-281-3010

Fridays–Sundays 9 am–4 pm

William Floyd Estate: 631-399-2030

Closed until May 2015, but watch for special outdoor programs January–April.

Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

Closed until May 2015, but watch for special programs!

Backcountry Camping

Reservations Required: visit www.recreation.gov

Access to east and west zones are from Watch Hill only while breach at Old Inlet is open. There is no access from the Wilderness Visitor Center at this time.



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