



## United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Gateway National Recreation Area  
Sandy Hook Unit  
58 Magruder Road  
Fort Hancock, NJ 07732

### Additional Information Regarding Camping

Parking Lot H is closest to campground and across from Horseshoe Cove. - Lot L is south of Horseshoe Cove at intersection of Atlantic Drive and Hartshorne Drive. Parking is first-come/first-served basis. You must park within marked spaces only. The campground gate will not be opened. If there are no available parking spaces close to campground, park your vehicle in parking area "L" - Horseshoe Cove parking lot. Do not park your vehicle on the roadside or block the gate.

Campfires are permitted in the designated fire rings, except in times of extreme fire danger. You are responsible to ensure fires are completely extinguished when unattended. A self provided shovel and supply of water must be nearby and available at all times. Please do not bring your own firewood; this action could transport invasive insects into the park that could harm the natural vegetation. No standing trees or bushes, alive or dead, are to be cut or broken. Only driftwood collected from the beaches or what is placed in your woodpile may be used for fires.

Poison Ivy is very abundant. Learn to identify this plant and avoid contact.

Ticks are also found on Sandy Hook. Stay on trails and check yourself for ticks often.

Trash is your responsibility to take home. There are no trash receptacles available for the public as Sandy Hook is a carry-in/carry-out park. Please leave your campsite clean.

Conservation Projects The park encourages conservation projects such as beach sweeps. These can be found and arranged by visiting the [Tour Availability & Service Projects for Scout Groups](#) section of our website.

For special lighthouse tours contact the [New Jersey Lighthouse Society](#).

Parking During the Fee Season (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend) - A daily beach parking fee of \$10.00 is charged from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm during the aforementioned season. Vehicles over 20 feet are charged \$25. Vehicles entering the park as members of camping groups will identify themselves to the fee collector to gain entrance without paying the beach parking fee. However, if guests wish to leave their reserved area and drive to a beach parking lot and park there, they will need to purchase a daily parking pass for \$10.00.

Mosquitoes in the Monmouth County Area have been found to carry the West Nile Virus, so be sure to bring repellent.

Military structures are extremely dangerous. It is unlawful to climb, walk on, or enter any bunkers, gun batteries or military structures unless it is designated as open to the public.

Quiet Hours are observed from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted in the group camping areas.

For more information on the history of Sandy Hook and Fort Hancock, as well as park activities and programs check with the Sandy Hook Visitor Center (732) 872-5970 or [www.nps.gov/gate](http://www.nps.gov/gate).