



Visitor Programs and Events -- Winter 2014-15

Sandy Hook

Continuing Programs

Sandy Hook Lighthouse, Keepers Quarters, Visitor Center

Daily 9am – 5pm

The 1883 Keepers Quarters has exhibits on New Jersey lighthouses and videos. Tours are first-come-first-served starting at 1pm with the last tour at 4:30pm. You must be at least 48 inches tall to climb the tower.

Programs

December

Sandy Hook Migrants and Waterfowl

Monmouth County Audubon Society
Spermaceti Cove Parking Lot
(between Lot D and Lot E)

Sunday, December 7

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Walk along the bayside and ocean to look for late fall migrants and arriving waterfowl. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars. ♥ 2 miles.

Geminid Meteor Shower Party

Parking Lot E

Saturday, December 13

7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Join a park ranger and the Amateur Astronomers Association to view the moon, Jupiter and the Geminid meteor shower. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars/telescopes.

The ♥ denotes a walk, hike or activity providing moderate exercise. Join us for healthy activity in your park.



We continue our observance of the 250th anniversary of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse. This wonderful winter portrait by Robert Hillmann was one of the top contenders in the Gateway Photo Contest.

Christmas Holly Walk Parking Lot E

Sunday, December 21

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy the winter scenery and learn about the “holly” of Christmas with a ranger guided walk around Sandy Hook’s 64-acre maritime Holly Forest. ♥ 1 mile.

New Year’s Day Beach Walk

Building 18, Fort Hancock

Thursday, January 1

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Which came first, the New Year’s Day hangover or the American Littoral Society walk? Which is the better way to start a new year? Greet the New Year with a winter stroll on the beach and warm up at Littoral Society Headquarters with hot cocoa and hot dogs. Reservations, (732) 291-0055. ♥ 2 miles.

Winter Twilight Exploration

Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

Saturday, January 24

4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Enjoy the Hook from dusk to dark with this exploration of Sandy Hook’s trails and beaches. BYO flashlight! ♥ 1 mile

February

Holly Forest Walk Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, February 1

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Experience the unique charm of this 64- acre maritime holly forest on a ranger-led winter walk. ♥ 1 mile

Waterfowl Everywhere Monmouth County Audubon Society

**Spermaceti Cove Parking Lot
(between Lot D and Lot E)**

Saturday, February 7

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Take a walk along the bayside and ocean to look for wintering waterfowl and seals. Wear lots of layers, comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars. ♥ 2 miles.

Searching for Seals in the Surf

**Lighthouse Keepers Quarters
Sunday, February 8**

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Hike out to the Sandy Hook bayside with a park ranger to search for seal activity during their annual migration; and learn about marine mammals that dwell in the waters of Sandy Hook at different times of the year. Reservations required, please call (732) 872-5970. ♥ 1 mile.

Winter Seal and Waterfowl Walk

**Building 18, Fort Hancock
Saturday, February 21**

9 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Bring your binoculars and join the American Littoral Society (ALS) on a trek throughout Sandy Hook to observe the seals and waterfowl that overwinter in New Jersey. Afterwards, return to ALS Headquarters and warm up with snacks and toasty beverages. Cost is \$5 per person, and reservations are required. Call (732) 291-0055 to reserve. ♥ 1 mile

Winter Night Prowl

Parking Lot E

Saturday, February 28

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Bring a flashlight on this after-dark sensory walk through Sandy Hook's 64- acre maritime holly forest. ♥ 1 mile.

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