



# Gateway National Recreation Area

Sandy Hook • Jamaica Bay • Staten Island

## Fact Sheet

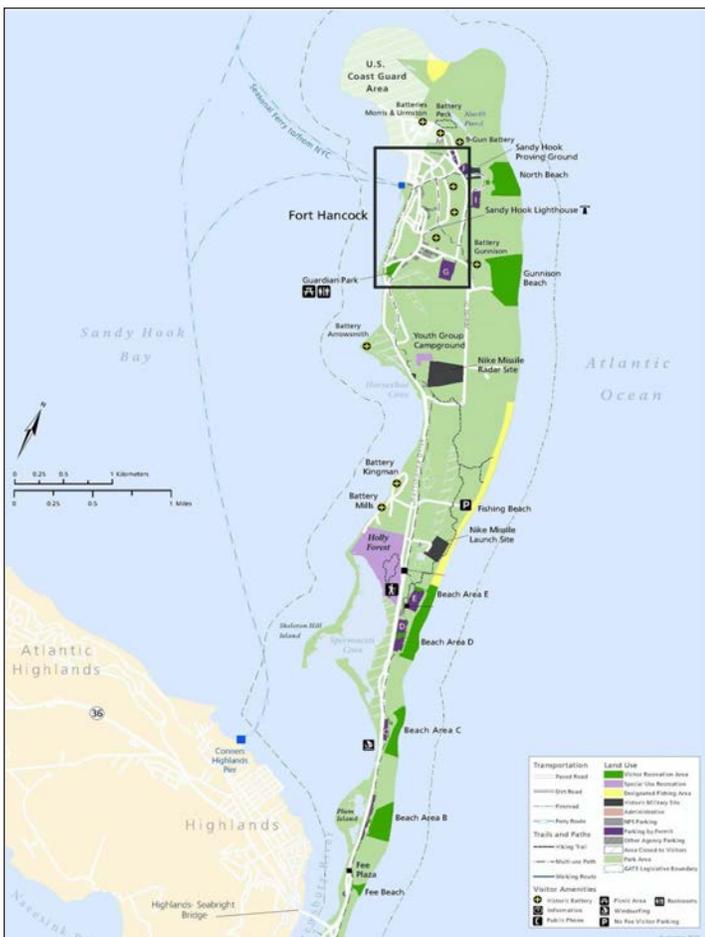
### After Hours Permits

#### Fort Hancock and Sandy Hook Proving Grounds National Historic Landmark

After Hours Park Access Permit is authorized for the study of astronomy, including stargazing and similar educational activities. Other requests to access the park after hours will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Compliance for the safety of visitors and natural and cultural resources must be met. Equipment and supplies associated with the activity, such as telescopes for stargazing are permitted but must be approved in advance. An After Hours Park Access Permit is good for the calendar year or specific dates.



### Where Do I Need a Permit?



### Why Do I Need a Permit?

All National Park Service units require permits for certain activities in order to monitor and regulate the use of the park while conserving the scenery, natural and historic objects. By signing, the permittee agrees to the terms and conditions and establishes a written record. Gateway accommodates requests for permits when possible. However, primary consideration of all park use is given to preservation of its resources and to normal public use.

### When Do I Need a Permit?

- April 1 to Oct. 31: 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Nov. 1 to March 31: 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- After Access Permits are NOT valid during fee collecting hours, Saturdays of Memorial Day through Labor Day
- The intertidal zone is closed to all activities in front of nesting areas May through September.

### Park Hours

- Nov. 1 to March 31: 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- April 1 to Oct. 31: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### Contact Us:

Sandy Hook Permit Office  
26 Hudson Rd, Fort Hancock, NJ 07732  
(732) 872-5862

Visitor Center: (732) 872-5970

Email: Gate\_SAHOSpecialparkuses@nps.gov

**Emergency Contact:** Sandy Hook Park Dispatch  
(732) 872-5900

### By Permit Only at Sandy Hook

- South Beach Lot B, C, (both ocean and bay sides), D and E.
- Fishing Beach F
- North Beach Lot I, J, and K



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### How Do I Get a Permit?

All permit applications take up to 10 business days to process once received with the application fee.

1. Send completed permit application to the park with non-refundable application fee using the following options.

#### *Online Application:*

- Go to [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov). Type “Sandy Hook After Hours Permits” in the *Search* box.
- When the results show up, click on the link, “Gateway NRA SH Standard Permit Fees.”
- Fill out application and submit payment online through [pay.gov](http://pay.gov)
- An application and receipt will be sent directly to the Permit Office.

#### *On-site Application:*

- Payment and application can be accepted at designated permit office location.
- Permit will not be processed immediately.

#### *Email Application:*

- Email applications are accepted. Payment can be received over the phone, by credit card authorization form or mailed check.
- Application will not be processed until the application fee has been received.

#### *Mail Application:*

- Print and mail application. Payments can be received over the phone, by credit card authorization form or mailed check. 26 Hudson Rd. Highlands, NJ 07732. Attn: Permit Office
  - We accept credit card or bank /cashier’s check. Make checks payable to *National Park Service*. Cash is not accepted.
2. The park considers the request and determines if it is an appropriate activity. This can take up to 10 business days.
3. If it does not conflict with park programs or uses previously approved, the park approves the request and issues a permit.



**Application Fee:**  
\$50

**Additional cost recovery fees may apply.**

### Rules – Regulations – Requirements

#### Entrance/Parking

- NPS cannot guarantee entry once the capacity is reached and parking fees cannot be waived.

#### Prohibited Uses

- Tents, arbors, altars, or other temporary structures are prohibited.
- Any activity on sand dunes is prohibited.
- Consumption of alcohol in the parking areas is prohibited.
- Generator use is prohibited.
- No alternations to park grounds or facilities are permitted.
- Permit does not permit access into closed areas. Shore bird nesting closures enforced March 15 through September 15.

#### Restricted Uses

- Pets must be leashed at all times and waste removed.
- Pets are not permitted on oceanside beaches from March 15 to September 15 due to nesting birds.

#### Requirements

- One permit is good for up to five individuals. All names and addresses must be included on the permit.
- Equipment and supplies associated with the activity such as telescopes for star gazing are permitted but must be approved in advance.
- All participants associated with permit must be actively participating in permitted activity. NO camping, fires, sleeping on beaches is allowed.