



# Jamaica Bay Visitor Programs

## Summer 2008

### June

#### Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise

Sheepshead Bay, Pier 2

Sunday, June 1 and Saturday, June 14  
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Join this popular 3-hour boat tour of Jamaica Bay aboard the “Golden Sunshine.” Learn about the history and ecology of the bay and see peregrine falcon, osprey, herons, egrets, ibis, shorebirds and waterfowl. Cost: \$45 includes narrated tour and onboard snacks. For reservations and information contact the American Littoral Society at (718) 318-9344.

#### Plumb Beach Shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs

Plumb Beach Round House

Saturday, June 7

10 a.m. – noon

Witness the annual spectacle of mating horseshoe crabs along the shoreline of Plumb Beach and the birds that depend on them for survival, with naturalist Ron Bourque. Bring binoculars, drinking water and insect repellent. Reservations required.

#### Let's Go Fishing

Canarsie Pier Ranger Station

Saturday, June 7

Noon – 2 p.m.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon fishing at the pier. Fishing rods will be provided or you can bring your own.

#### Tour Tilden by Bike

Fort Tilden, Building 1

Sunday, June 8

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Enjoy a bike ride through the maritime uplands and historic back fort of Fort Tilden. Bike and helmet required. Reservations required.



NPS Photo by John Lincoln Hallowell

Canoes, sailboats, and ferries are wonderful ways to experience Jamaica Bay from the water!

#### Trail of the Terrapins

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, June 8

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

After a short presentation about these unique bay turtles, head out to the field to search for terrapin hatchlings with naturalist Kerry Muldoon. Bring sun/insect protection. Reservations required.

#### Become a Model Aircraft Pilot

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Tuesday, June 10

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join the Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society and learn how to become involved in the exciting sport of model aircraft flying.

#### Ham Radio Emergency Communications and Planning

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Wednesday, June 11

6:45 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Members of the Kings County Amateur Radio Club will demonstrate emergency communication systems.

#### 50 Years to Far Rockaway

Midtown Manhattan

Sunday, June 15

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The National Park Service joins the

New York City Transit Museum in celebrating 50 years of subway service to Rockaway! An R1/9 vintage train will travel from midtown Manhattan to Rockaway and back with stops along the way. Visit the Transit Museum, take an extended lunch at the beach, and join a ranger-led tour of historic Jacob Riis Park. For information including reservations and fees, call the New York City Transit Museum at (718) 694 – 1867.

#### Radio Control Airplanes and Electric Motors

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Thursday, June 19

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Explore new advances in remote control electric airplane motors with members of the Radio Control Society of Marine Park.

#### Surf Casting Clinic

Fort Tilden, Building 1

Saturday, June 21

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of surf fishing with the Gateway Striper Club during a morning of fun and fish. Afterwards, continue fishing along Fort Tilden Beach. Bring a rod and reel, if you have one. Reservations required.

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Building 69  
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Canarsie Pier  
(718) 763 - 2202

Floyd Bennett Field  
(718) 338 - 3799

Fort Tilden  
(718) 318 - 4300

Jacob Riis Park  
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Jamaica Bay  
Education Programs  
(718) 338 - 4306

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
(718) 318 - 4340

Plumb Beach  
(718) 338 - 3799

Research Learning Center  
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(718) 338 - 3338 ext. 222

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The National Park Service  
preserves and protects the special  
places set aside by the American  
people so that all might experience  
our heritage.

### **Seining for Marine Treasures**

Floyd Bennett Field  
Main Entrance Ranger Station  
Saturday, June 21  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Spend a morning at the seaplane  
ramp with American Littoral Society  
naturalist Mickey Maxwell Cohen  
and learn the technique of hauling a  
beach seine to retrieve samples of the  
marine life that resides in Jamaica  
Bay. Nets and waders will be  
provided. Bring binoculars, water,  
sun and insect protection.  
Reservations required.

### **Beach Cleanup**

Canarsie Pier Ranger Station  
Saturday, June 21  
10 a.m. – noon  
We need your help to keep our  
beaches clean!! Please join us as we  
clear debris from the shoreline.  
Wear old shoes; bring work gloves  
and drinking water.

### **The Nature of Summer**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
Sunday, June 22  
10 a.m. – noon  
Each season has its own sights,  
sounds, and smells. Let a park ranger  
lead you through an exploration of a  
sense of summer. Bring binoculars  
and sun/insect protection.  
Reservations required.

### **Ogling Ospreys**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
Sunday, June 29  
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Experience the excitement of ogling  
(observing) an Osprey family with a  
park ranger. Bring binoculars and  
sun/insect protection. Reservations  
required.

## **July**

### **Beach Campfire**

Jacob Riis Park  
Bay 14  
Thursday, July 3  
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
The July 4 weekend begins with a  
National Park Service tradition. Park  
rangers and volunteers talk about the  
treasures found at the park. A sing-  
along follows. Bring a chair or  
blanket. Reservations required.

### **Fly with a Buddy Box**

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Tuesday, July 8  
7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Discover the benefits of learning to  
fly utilizing a “buddy box.”

### **Emergency Communication**

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Wednesday, July 9  
7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Members of the Kings County Radio  
Club will provide guidance on setting  
up emergency communications in  
the event of a disaster or emergency.

### **Let's Go Fishing**

Canarsie Pier Ranger Station  
Saturday, July 12  
Noon – 2 p.m.  
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon fishing at  
the pier. Fishing rods will be  
provided or you can bring your own.

### **Butterfly Count Challenge**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
Sunday, July 13  
10 a.m. – noon  
Pearl crescents, painted ladies, and  
cabbage whites are out and about.  
Join a National Park Service  
naturalist on an adventure to find  
beautiful flying pollinators and keep  
track of what you see. Bring  
binoculars, water, and sun/insect  
protection. Reservations required.

### **Radio Controlled Flying**

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Thursday, July 17  
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Discuss radios, control linkages, and  
assembly completion with the  
experts from the Radio Control  
Society of Marine Park.

### **Night of the Moths**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge  
Friday, July 18  
8 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Discover these often overlooked and  
seldom seen inhabitants of the night  
with moth expert Steve Walter. After  
an introduction to the moths of  
Jamaica Bay, step outside into their  
world. Reservations required.

## **Breezy Birds**

Fort Tilden, Building 1

Saturday, July 19

9 a.m. – noon

Car pool to the tip of Breezy Point for this birding trek with naturalist Ron Bourque. While people go to the summer shore for pleasure, the piping plovers, common terns, black skimmers, and American oystercatchers are there for the serious business of reproduction. Watch the birds as they raise their young and make a living at the beach. Bring binoculars, water, and sun/insect protection. Reservations required.

## **Kite Flying**

Canarsie Pier Ranger Station

Saturday, July 19

Noon – 2 p.m.

Assemble, design and fly your very own kite. All supplies will be provided.

## **Along the Beach at Fort Tilden**

Fort Tilden, Building 1

Sunday, July 20

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Join naturalist Mickey Maxwell Cohen of the American Littoral Society to explore the shorebirds, fish, crabs, and seashells that populate this ocean beach. On the way, learn about Fort Tilden's historic role in defending the nation. Bring binoculars, water, sensible footwear, and sun/insect protection. Reservations required.

## **Beautiful Butterflies**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, July 20

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Kids, ages 4 and up, accompanied by an adult, will discover the magic of these winged beauties at Jamaica Bay. Begin inside with an activity, and then it's out to find butterflies – monarchs, red admirals, swallowtails, and more! Reservations required.

## **NYC Audubon**

### **Shorebird Walk**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, July 26

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Walk the East Pond shoreline with naturalist Don Riepe and learn why Jamaica Bay is a hotspot for migrant shorebirds. Wear waterproof boots; bring binoculars, insect/sun protection.

### **Kayak Jamaica Bay**

Rockaway Point Yacht Club

Sunday, July 27

Noon – 5 p.m.

Join members of the Rockaway Point Yacht Club and learn how to kayak. Space is limited. Reservations required.

## **August**

### **Summer Blossoms**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, August 2

10 a.m. – noon

A park volunteer will show you the way to wildflowers along the trails of the refuge. Bring insect/sun protection and drinking water. Reservations required.

### **Shorebird Stopover**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, August 3

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

With naturalist Ron Bourque, take a look at shorebirds stopping over at the refuge to rest and feed before continuing their long flight to South America. Wear waterproof footwear. Bring binoculars, water, and sun/insect protection. Reservations required.

### **Shorebirds: 101**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, August 10

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Beginning birders are invited to gather tips and tricks to identifying shorebirds. Wear footwear for wet and muddy conditions. Bring binoculars, water, sun/insect protection. Reservations required.

## **Model Aircraft Engines**

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Tuesday, August 12

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

What's the difference between a 2-stroke and a 4-stroke engine? Learn about different engines from members of the Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society.

## **Fun with Ham Radios**

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Wednesday, August 13

7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join the Kings County Radio Club for tips on setting up a low power portable amateur radio, and for saving money while you're at it.

## **Surf Casting Clinic**

Fort Tilden, Building 1

Saturday, August 16

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of surf fishing with members of the Gateway Striper Club during a morning of fun, fish, sun and surf. Afterwards continue fishing along Fort Tilden Beach. Bring a rod and reel, if you have one. Reservations required.

## **Radio Controlled Flying Tips**

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitor Center

Thursday, August 21

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join the Radio Control Society of Marine Park to discuss radio control flying tips and tricks.

## **Shorebird Festival**

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, August 24

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Start out the day with a hike around the West Pond to look for shorebirds and other avian migrants. At mid-morning enjoy indoor presentations by birding experts Kevin Karlson and Don Riepe on the biology, behavior and conservation of shorebirds. Break for lunch then head over to the East Pond for more serious shorebird viewing. Bring binoculars, drinking water, sun and insect protection, waterproof boots, and lunch. Reservations required.

## Beach Campfire

Jacob Riis Park  
Bay 14

Friday, August 29

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Kick off the Labor Day weekend with a National Park Service tradition. Rangers and volunteers will give talks on the natural and historic treasures found at the park, in a beautiful beach setting. A sing-along will follow. Bring a chair or blanket. Reservations required.

## Exploring the Trails of Dead Horse Bay

Floyd Bennett Field  
Main Entrance Ranger Station  
Saturday, August 30

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Hike the trails and beach at Dead Horse Bay, along the edge of Jamaica Bay. Join Mickey Maxwell Cohen of the Littoral Society in exploring woodlands, coastal thickets, and a treasure-laden beach. Bring binoculars, water, sun/insect protection. Reservations required.

## Let's Go Fishing

Canarsie Pier Ranger Station  
Saturday, August 30

Noon – 2 p.m.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon fishing at the pier. Fishing rods will be provided or you can bring your own.

## Why do we ask for reservations?

The National Park Service asks for reservations on many programs for a variety of reasons. While we do our best to accommodate everyone, group size on some programs may be limited. This could be due to capacity on boats or other vehicles, or to minimize impact on the environment. Additionally, some programs may be cancelled or changed due to issues beyond our control, such as severe weather. If a program is going to be cancelled, we will make every effort to contact the people or groups that have made reservations within a reasonable amount of time. However, sometimes this is not possible. When planning to attend a park program, please call ahead.

## Continuing Programs

### Aviation at Floyd Bennett Field

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Saturdays

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

From Barnstormers to sub-hunters, find out about the “Golden Age” of Aviation and Floyd Bennett Field’s crucial role in World War II.

### Canarsie Concert Series

Canarsie Pier Ranger Station  
Thursdays

June 12 – August 28

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Join us on the pier to listen to live jazz, R & B, pop, and “old school” music. Call (718) 338 – 3799 for information on our upcoming talent shows and “open mic” nights.

### Explore NYC's First Control Tower

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Sundays

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Find out how New York City’s first municipal airport worked. Get a panoramic view of Floyd Bennett Field and Jamaica Bay.

### Fly Fishing Workshops

Floyd Bennett Field  
Sundays

10 a.m. – noon

Join expert fishermen for 5 workshops that will cover the art of fly casting. Equipment will be provided. There is a \$50 fee. Space is limited; reservations required. Call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information.

### HARP

Floyd Bennett Field  
Hangar B

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Observe volunteers of the Historic Aircraft Restoration Project as they restore vintage aircraft.

For updated program information, visit us at [www.nps.gov/gate](http://www.nps.gov/gate)

## Introduction to Canoeing

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Saturday, June 21, July 12 & 26 and August 2, 9 & 30

10 a.m. – noon

No boating experience required. Participants should expect physical exertion. Bring a bottle of water and sunscreen. There is a fee. Space is limited, reservations required. Call 718-338-3799.

## Individual Sailing Instruction Program

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Thursdays, June 26 – August 28  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

This program will provide beginner and intermediate sailing instruction. There is a fee. Space is limited; make reservations after June 1st. Call 718-338-3799.

## Jacob Riis Park Walking Tour

Jacob Riis Park  
Bathhouse Entry Pavilion  
Daily, July 4 – September 1  
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join a park ranger on a walking tour of historic Jacob Riis Park.

## Youth Group Camping

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ecology Village  
Monday through Thursday  
July 7 – August 28

Kids camp overnight in tents, prepare meals outdoors, practice teamwork and explore nature in the urban outback of Floyd Bennett Field. Call (718) 338-4306 for more information on leader training, fees and scheduling.

## Youth Group Sailing

Floyd Bennett Field  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
July 8 – August 28, 9 a.m. – noon

Youth groups develop an appreciation of local natural resources while learning the basics of sailing. Program accommodates 25 participants per day. Space is limited, reservations required. Call 718-338-3799.

## Floyd Bennett Gardens Association

FBGA offers community gardens and educational workshops to the public at Floyd Bennett Field. For more information call the FBGA at (718) 338-4255.

### Made for the Shade

Community Garden Gazebo  
Sunday, June 1  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

You can have a beautiful garden regardless of how much sun it receives. Learn about the many annual and perennial varieties that will shine for you where the sun doesn't.

### Plant Genetics – Create Your Own Hybrids

Community Garden Gazebo  
Saturday, June 7  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Ever wonder where new varieties of vegetables come from? Did you ever wish you could combine two of your favorite varieties into one plant? Come and learn the secrets of creating your own hybrid.

### Medicinal Uses for Culinary Herbs

Ryan Visitor Center  
Saturday, June 14  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Many of the herbs and spices we grow can do double duty. Not only do they make your food taste better, they can also make you feel better.

### Drying Flowers and Herbs

Ryan Visitor Center  
Saturday, July 12  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

We will be demonstrating a variety of techniques to dry your flowers and herbs for later use. Techniques covered will include air drying, silica gel, flower presses, microwave drying, oven drying and more. Bring your own flowers and herbs if you want to dry them or just come and watch the demonstrations. Space is limited. Registration required. Call (718) 535- 7990 or e-mail FBGAgardens@aol.com.

### Planning the Fall Garden

Community Garden Gazebo  
Saturday, July 19  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Enjoy fresh vegetables even after the first frost. Learn what to plant as your summer garden fades, and get tips for extending your harvest.

### Seasonal Wreaths and Arrangements

Ryan Visitor Center  
Saturday, August 23  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Materials will be provided but please bring any that you would like to add to our collection. Space is limited. Registration required. Call (718) 535 – 7990, or e – mail FBGAgardens@aol.com.

## Rockaway Artist Alliance

Fort Tilden  
Studio 6 and Studio 7  
Saturdays and Sundays  
Noon – 4 p.m.

All exhibits are free of charge. For information, call the RAA at (718) 474 – 0861, or visit [www.rockawayartistsalliance.com](http://www.rockawayartistsalliance.com).

### Good and Plenty

Studio 7  
June 7 – June 22

### Open Mic Night

Studio 7  
8 p.m.  
Free live music every Thursday Night.

## Rockaway Theater Company

The Rockaway Theater Company presents a selection of musicals, comedies and dramas at Fort Tilden's historic Post Theater. For additional information, including audition dates or to purchase tickets call (718) 850 – 2450.

### The Music Man

July 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8 p.m.  
July 6, 13 at 2 p.m.

### The Philadelphia Story

August 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 at 8 p.m.  
August 17, 24 at 2 p.m.



Photo Courtesy RMAC

## Rockaway Music and Arts Council

### Sunset Picnic Concert Series

Jacob Riis Park  
Bay 9 Mall  
Sundays, June 29, July 13, July 27,  
August 10, August 24  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Free Admission

The Rockaway Music and Arts Council present its annual series of evening concerts, featuring a wide variety of musical styles at Jacob Riis Park. All are welcome!

## Getting To Jamaica Bay

### Floyd Bennett Field

**By Mass Transit:** IRT #2 (also #5 at rush hours) subway to Flatbush Avenue. Transfer to Rockaway Park - bound Q - 35 bus. Ask driver to let you off at the park entrance.

**By Car:** Belt parkway to Exit 11S; take Flatbush Avenue south to main entrance.

### Fort Tilden and Jacob Riis Park

**By Mass Transit:** IRT #2 (also #5 at rush hours) subway to Flatbush Avenue. Transfer to Rockaway Park - bound Q - 35 bus. Or take IND A subway to Rockaway Park, then transfer to Q - 35 or Q -22 bus.

**By Ferry:** Call (718) 318 - RIIS, or visit [www.nywatertaxi.com](http://www.nywatertaxi.com) for information on fares and schedule.

**By Car:** Belt parkway to Exit 11S; take Flatbush Avenue south across the Marine Parkway Bridge. Follow signs to either Fort Tilden or Jacob Riis Park. Or use the Cross Bay Bridge to Beach Channel Drive west.

### Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

**By Mass Transit:** IND A subway to Broad Channel Station. Walk west on Noel Road to Cross Bay Boulevard. Turn right and walk about 3/4 of a mile to the Refuge Visitor Contact Station. Or take the Q - 21 from Liberty Avenue (Queens) or 116th Street (Rockaway) to the Refuge entrance. Also, the Q -53 express bus from 61st Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Queens to the Refuge entrance.

**By Car:** Belt Parkway to Exit 17 S; take Cross Bay Boulevard south across the Congressman Joseph A. Addabbo (North Channel) Bridge. The Refuge entrance is approximately 1 1/2 miles past the bridge on the right. Or take the Cross Bay Bridge from Rockaway to Cross Bay Boulevard. Proceed north through Broad Channel. The Refuge entrance is approximately 1 1/2 miles from the bridge on the left.

## Concessions

Gateway National Recreation Area's concessionaires offer a variety of recreational opportunities to our visitors. For information, call the concession about the activities that you are interested in.

### Aviator Sports and Recreation

Floyd Bennett Field  
Hangars 5 - 8  
(718) 758 - 9800  
Sports and athletic complex.

### Brooklyn Golf Center

(718) 253 - 6816  
Driving range and lessons.

### Jacob Riis Park Golf Course

(718) 474 - 1623  
18 hole par 3 pitch and putt golf course.

### Gateway Marina

Floyd Bennett Field  
(718) 252 - 8761  
Boating and boat docking facilities.

### Jamaica Bay Riding Academy

Bergen Beach  
(718) 351 - 8949  
Horseback riding and lessons.

### Riis Landing

Fort Tilden  
(718) 318 - RIIS (7447)  
Excursion cruises and ferry service.

## Call for Volunteers!

Gateway National Recreation Area is seeking people interested in joining the Volunteer In Parks program. Gateway offers volunteers a wide variety of opportunities for service. These include assisting with public and education programming, sailing and boating programs, visitor center operations, natural resource management, historic aircraft restoration, trail maintenance, and many other activities.

Apply directly to the site where you are interested in volunteering.



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NPS Photo by Jessica Browning



## Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to the Jamaica Bay Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area – we are glad you are here! Whether remotely ([www.nps.gov/gate](http://www.nps.gov/gate)) or in person, you will be “met” by a cadre of professionals who want you to have a safe and enjoyable visit.

These National Park Service employees, volunteers, and partners have some exciting news to share. Beginning July 4, visitors will be able to arrive to the park by ferry on holidays and weekends through September 1. Bring your bike to explore Fort Tilden, beach towel to sink into the sand at Jacob Riis Bathhouse, or join a ranger for a

guided walk. Five ferry “nature tours” will also be offered. Times will be posted on our web page.

This two-year “pilot” ferry service also includes regularly scheduled runs Mondays through Fridays. All ferries travel between Pier 11-Wall Street in Manhattan and NPS Riis Landing on the Rockaway Peninsula, via the Brooklyn Army Terminal. The service is in partnership with the City of New York and its Economic Development Corporation. NY Water Taxi (TWFM Ferry, Inc.) is the ferry provider ([nywatertaxi.com](http://nywatertaxi.com)). Whether it is a first voyage or your hundredth, you can enjoy being on the water passing by other National Parks of New York Harbor; in the distance, you can even see Gateway’s other two units, Staten Island and Sandy Hook.

National parks preserve “slices” of America’s cultural and natural heritage. Gateway was established a century after Yellowstone, the world’s first national park. National parks are an American invention, like baseball and apple pie. We thank you for spending time with us – all indications are that this should be one of our busiest summers in many years. Thanks to the President’s National Parks Centennial Challenge, Gateway is the recipient of increased summer staff to meet these needs. Enjoy your visit!

Sincerely,

*Sue E Eckert*

Superintendent  
Jamaica Bay Unit

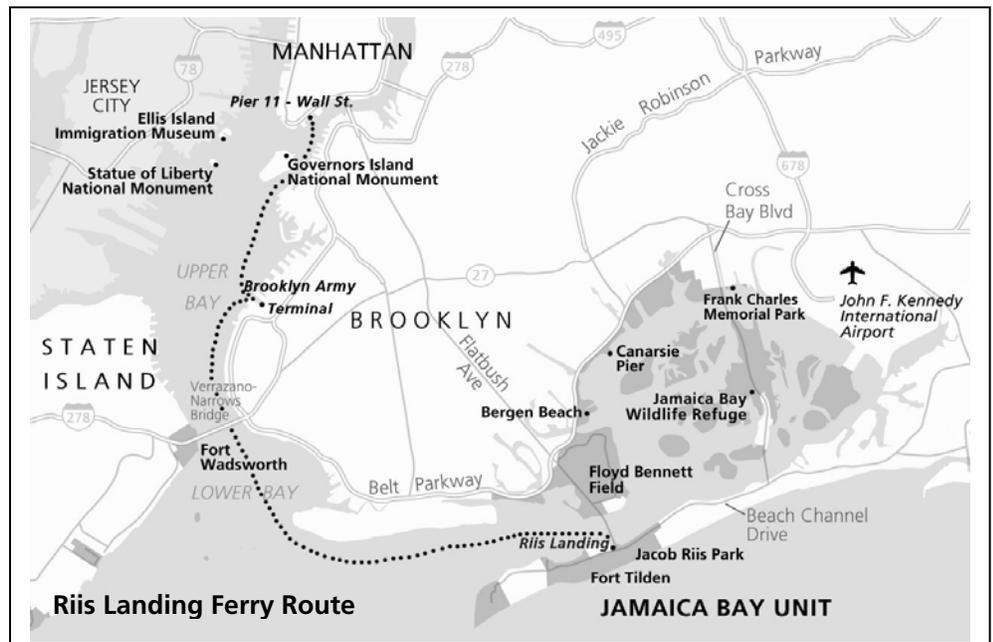


The Plumb Beach clean-up for Earth Day was a huge success thanks to the American Littoral Society and other park volunteers. (Photos by Don Riepe)



Passengers disembark at Riis Landing

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Jamaica Bay has a secret, and the summer is best time to learn what it is. The warm weather reveals America's first urban national park in all its glory! Come and enjoy the entire park. There are boats for you to sail or paddle, ospreys for you to observe, and our shared history for you to discover.

Roam on a nature trail, ride a bike along a runway, or take a cooling swim in the ocean. Enjoy a few hours of solitude in a maritime forest, play golf, or catch some fish. This summer, take some time to explore the National Park that you can visit without leaving the city – Gateway's Jamaica Bay!