



Sandy Hook Visitor Programs

Summer 2008 June, July and August

Summer at the Hook

Lifeguards are on duty at five Sandy Hook beaches from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. For your safety, swim only in life-guarded areas.

Beach parking fees are in effect 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Daily fee is \$10 per vehicle, or \$50 for a seasonal pass, which is available at the Fee Plaza. Visitors with a National Park Service Golden Age Passport (\$10 for age 62 and over) or a Golden Access Passport (free for the disabled) receive a 50% discount on parking fees. There are no fees for pedestrians or bicyclists and no charge for parking at Fort Hancock.

Summer weekends may be busy. When parking areas are full, the park closes until parking becomes available. To avoid weekend delays arrive before 10 a.m. or after 3 p.m. Traffic is never a problem on weekdays.

For information on summer ferry service to Sandy Hook from New York City contact Seastreak Ferry. On the web at: <http://www.seastreak.com/SeaStreak> or 1-800-BOATRIDE.

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Visitor Center is in the historic Spermaceti Cove Life-Saving Station and features exhibits and a bookstore. Call 732-872-5970.

Fort Hancock Museum

Weekends through June 15, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Daily, June 16 through August 15, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekends, beginning August 16, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum is in the former post guardhouse.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse Tours

Weekends, 12 noon to 4:30 p.m.

Weekdays, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tours are first-come, first-served. You must be 48 inches tall to climb the tower. Grounds and video in adjacent barn are always open.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

Weekends, 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Weekdays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibits on New Jersey Lighthouses. Artwork on exhibit for summer season.

History House

Weekends, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesdays in July and August, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A restored 1898 lieutenant's residence on "Officers Row" overlooking Sandy Hook Bay furnished circa 1940s. Exhibits highlight life at Fort Hancock.

Sandy Hook Bird Observatory

Building 20, Fort Hancock's Officers Row. 732-872-2500.

Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June: Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July & August: Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed on Sundays

The New Jersey Audubon Society field center with a bookshop and displays.

Battery Potter

Weekends, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Explore Sandy Hook's oldest gun battery completed in 1894.

Nike Missile Radar Site

Parking Lot L at Horseshoe Cove

Saturdays, June 14, July 12 and August 9, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sundays, June 22, July 20 and August 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tour the site where radar could guide supersonic Nike Missiles guarding New York during the Cold War.

Music on the Hook

Sandy Hook Summer Beach Concerts. On the Beach at Area E, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The Sandy Hook Foundation sponsors this annual free concert series. If weather is a factor, a decision will be made at 2 p.m. on the day of the concert. Go to www.sandyhookfoundationnj.org or call 732-291-7733 for rain cancellations.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Performer</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Performer</i>	
June 18	Cherubs	(Classic Rock)	July 30	Next Generation of Soul	(Funk/Dance)
June 25	The Chuck Lambert Blues Band	(Blues)	August 6	Tim McLoone & The Shirleys	(Rock/Americana)
July 2	Tim McLoone & The Shirleys	(Rock/Americana)	August 13	The Robert Murdoch Band	(British Invasion/60s)
July 9	Philadelphia Funk Authority	(R&B)	August 20	Pat Guadagno & The Candle Brothers	(Folk Rock)
July 16	BethAnne Clayton Band	(Country Rock)	August 27	The Jazz Lobsters Big Band	(Swing)
July 23	Jobonanno & The Godsons of Soul	(Rock & Roll)			

Featured Programs

Art Exhibitions at the Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

Daily, afternoons until 5 p.m.

June: Deborah Redden paints on location. She captures the emotion of a scene in a spontaneous burst of color and brush work that results in a unique expression of artistic energy.

July: Joan Bruno combines her two passions of travel and photography to create images that capture the heart and soul of some of the world's most remote places.

August: Erica Jones is fine arts graduate of Parsons the New School for Design. She has also studied painting in Florence, Italy. She is a freelance artist specializing in painting.

Birding for Beginners

Join a New Jersey Audubon Society naturalist on any of these walks. Open to all skill levels and ages. Bring your binoculars.

Meet at the parking lot of the Sandy Hook Visitor Center at 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 19

An introductory look at some of the many species of birds that inhabit Sandy Hook.

Thursday, July 17

Look for ospreys with their young, along with egrets, terns and more.

Thursday, August 21

This evening walk features migratory shorebirds, terns, egrets and other birds of the seashore.

Family Nights with ALS at Sandy Hook

American Littoral Society
Bldg. 18, Fort Hancock at 6 p.m.

Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22 and 29

Tuesdays, August 5, 12 and 19

Bring the kids and pull a seine net to explore below the waters of Sandy Hook Bay. Reservations required for this fee program. 732-291-0055.

On History's Trail

All Programs begin at 2 p.m.

Five 90 minute tours looking at a different aspect of Sandy Hook's history through the eyes of Park Historian Tom Hoffman. The tour includes both a car caravan and some walking.

Maritime History

Thursday, June 26

Park at Sandy Hook Lighthouse

The Endicott Gun Era

Thursday, July 10

Park at Fort Hancock Museum

Fort Hancock

Thursday, July 24

Park at Fort Hancock Museum

The World War II Years

Thursday, August 7

Park at Fort Hancock Museum

The Cold War Nike Missile Era

Thursday, August 21

Meet at parking Lot N, ¼ mile north of the Ranger Station.

Junior Ranger Programs

Meet at the Sandy Hook Visitor Center at 2 p.m.

These National Park Service park ranger led programs are for children between 7 and 12. Free but reservations needed. 732-872-5970

Junior Naturalist

Fridays, June 27 and July 18

Fridays, August 1 and 15

Explore a Sandy Hook habitat with a National Park Service Ranger.

Junior Environmentalist

Fridays, July 11 and 25

Friday, August 8

Become an environmental steward. Activities include a beach cleanup, learning about our water-shed, recycling and sustainable practices.

Monday Beach Sweep

Meet at the Visitor Center at 9 a.m.

Mondays, July 7 through August 11.

Help clean our beaches. Meet with a ranger for a 90 minute beach sweep. Wear sunscreen and closed toed shoes. Bring your own gloves.

At the Monmouth Beach Cultural Center

Programs begin at 7 p.m.

MBCC, Rt. 36, Monmouth Beach

What is Sandy Hook?

Wednesday, July 9 at 7 p.m.

This slide show is about Sandy Hook's natural and cultural history and its recreational opportunities.

At the Seashore

Wednesday, August 13 at 7 p.m.

This slide program looks at the ferries and railroads that visitors rode to the Jersey Shore in the years before World War II.

F.I.S.H. with the NJ Marine Sciences Consortium - Families Investigate

Science Hands-on

NJ Marine Sciences Consortium

Building 22, Fort Hancock

For information or to register for these fee programs call the NJMSC at 732-872-1300, ext. 20.

Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab- Evening Edition!

Saturday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Salt Marsh Investigation

Friday, July 11 at 1:30 a.m.

On Sandy Shores

Friday, July 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Salt Marsh Investigation

Friday, August 8 at 1:30 p.m.

On Sandy Shores

Friday, August 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Marine Sciences Day Camp

NJ Marine Sciences Consortium

Building 22, Fort Hancock

Six-week Summer Day Camp

Program for grades 3 through 8.

Held in July and August. Scout

Programs to earn badge

requirements are also available.

Reservations needed for these fee programs. Call 732-872-1300 x30 or on the web: www.njmssc.org.

June Program Calendar

JUNE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

				Night Prowl 8 PM
			Holly Forest 10 AM Seine 2-4 PM	Salt Marsh 10 AM Seine 2-4 PM
		Beach Concert 6 PM	NJAS Blrd Walk 6 PM	ALS Solstice Walk 8 PM
Succession 10 AM Seine 2-4 PM	Canoe 10 AM Seine 2-4 PM	Selne 9-11 AM Holly Forest 2 PM	Canoe 9 AM History's Trail 2 PM	Salt Marsh 10 AM Jr. Ranger 2 PM
	Night Prowl 8 PM	Beach Concert 6 PM	Night Seine 8 PM	Fort Hancock 8 PM
Seine 9-11 AM Holly Forest 2 PM				

See the June calendar above for program dates & times. Also see Featured Programs for other programs offered in June.

DAYTIME PROGRAMS

Sandy Hook Lighthouse Day

Saturday, June 7, noon to 4 p.m.
Commemorate the first lighting of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse in 1764. At 2 p.m. meet the park historian for a National Trails Day walk to the tip of Sandy Hook. Learn about the light-houses of Sandy Hook and New York Harbor.

Canoeing Sandy Hook Bay

Meet at Parking Area N, ¼ mile north of Ranger Station
First come-first served. Maximum of 10 people may participate. This activity is for individuals and families. No groups please. Children must be at least 7 years old. We provide lifejackets, canoes and instructions

Holly Forest Ramble

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Explore Sandy Hook's 64 acre maritime holly forest.

Beach Succession Walk

Meet at Parking Area N, ¼ mile north of Ranger Station
Explore the plants and wildlife of our beaches, dunes, and maritime holly forest on this walk across the Hook's different seaside habitats.

Salt Marsh Walk

Parking Area L at Horseshoe Cove
Explore a wetland salt marsh along Sandy Hook Bay.

Seining the Salt Marsh

Parking Lot L at Horseshoe Cove
Walk to Horseshoe Cove's salt marsh anytime to participate in this hands-on activity that explores the creatures in the bay. You may get wet so wear an old pair of sneakers.

EVENING AND NIGHTTIME PROGRAMS

Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Explore a Sandy Hook habitat on this after dark walk. Bring a flashlight and mosquito repellent.

ALS Summer Solstice Walk

Meet at Guardian Park
Friday, June 20 at 8 p.m.
Come early with a picnic and then walk Sandy Hook in the evening with the American Littoral Society. Free.

Horseshoe Crab Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Saturday, June 21 at 8 p.m.
This is the time of year to learn about this ancient creature whose ancestry pre-dates the dinosaurs.

Nighttime Seining Program

Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Thursday, June 26 at 8 p.m.
Seine the salt marsh, and discover the creatures in Sandy Hook Bay that can be found after dark.

Fort Hancock Lantern Tour

Meet at the Fort Hancock Museum
A night time walk around Fort Hancock. Discover history after dark and the small Army town that was home to the soldiers that lived on Sandy Hook from 1898 until 1974.

July Program Calendar

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	1 Canoe 9 AM	2 Salt Marsh 10 AM	3 Canoe 9 AM	4
	Succession 2 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	
	Night Prowl 8 PM	Beach Concert 6 PM		
7 Canoe 9 AM	8 Selne 9-11 AM	9 Canoe 9 AM	10 Canoe 9 AM	11 Salt Marsh 10 AM
Selne 2-4 PM	Holly Forest 2 PM	Succession 2 PM	History's Trail 2 PM	Jr Ranger 2 PM
	Fort Hancock 8 PM	Beach Concert 6 PM	Night Selne 8 PM	Night Prowl 8 PM
14 Selne 9-11 AM	15 Canoe 9 AM	16 Canoe 9 AM	17 Canoe 9 AM	18 Holly Forest 10 AM
Succession 2 PM	Salt Marsh 2 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	Jr Ranger 2 PM
	Night Prowl 8 PM	Beach Concert 6 PM	NJAS Blrd Walk 6 PM	Coastal Guns 8 PM
21 Canoe 9 AM	22 Holly Forest 10 AM	23 Canoe 9 AM	24 Canoe 9 AM	25 Succession 10 AM
Selne 2 PM	Selne 2 PM	Salt Marsh 2 PM	History's Trail 2 PM	Jr Ranger 2 PM
	Fort Hancock 8 PM	Beach Concert 6 PM	Night Selne 8 PM	Night Prowl 8 PM
28 Selne 9 AM	29 Selne 9 AM	30 Canoe 9 AM	31 Canoe 9 AM	
Succession 2 PM	Salt Marsh 2 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	
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Horseshoe Cove Parking Lot
Explore a wetland salt marsh along Sandy Hook Bay.

Battery Gunnison Preserved

Saturday, July 19, noon to 4 p.m.
Sunday, July 20, noon to 4 p.m.
The Army Ground Forces Association is a volunteer group who are restoring and interpreting Battery Gunnison. Members will be in 1943 period Army uniform. Stop by on this work day to chat.

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Visit Gateway NRA on the web at:
www.nps.gov/gate

August Program Calendar

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Holly Forest 10 AM
				Jr Ranger 2 PM
				Coastal Guns 7:30 PM
4 Salt Marsh 10 AM	5 Canoe 9 AM	6 Canoe 9 AM	7 Selne 9-11 AM	8 Succession 10 AM
Selne 2-4 PM	Holly Forest 2 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	History's Trail 2 PM	Jr Ranger 2 PM
	Fort Hancock 7:30 PM	Beach Concert 6 PM	Night Selne 7:30 PM	Night Prowl 7:30 PM
11 Selne 9-11 AM	12 Selne 9-11 AM	13 Canoe 9 AM	14 Canoe 9 AM	15 Salt Marsh 10 AM
XX 2 PM	Holly Forest 2 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	Selne 2-4 PM	Jr Ranger 2 PM
Perseids Meteor 9-11 PM	Night Prowl 7:30 PM	Beach Concert 6 PM	Night Prowl 7:30 PM	Coastal Guns 7:30 PM
18 Canoe 9 AM	19 Canoe 9 AM	20 Selne 9-11 AM	21 Holly Forest 10 AM	22
			History's Trail 2 PM	
		Beach Concert 6 PM	NJAS Bird Walk 6 PM	Night Prowl 7:30 PM
25	26	27 Selne 9-11 AM	28 Canoe 9 AM	29
		Beach Concert 6 PM		

See the August calendar above for program dates & times. Also see Featured Programs for other programs offered in August.

DAYTIME PROGRAMS

Canoeing

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Perseids Meteor Shower Skywatch

Area B Parking Lot Monday, August 11, 9 to 11 p.m. The beach at Area B will be available on this special occasion to view this annual celestial event. The best way to watch for "shooting stars" is to lie on your back, so bring something to lie on. Dress for the weather and bring insect repellent.

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 732-291-2368

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 732-291-7733
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 732-708-9010
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New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail

Sandy Hook is a site on the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail. The purpose of the NJCHT is to provide for public appreciation, education, understanding, and enjoyment of significant natural and cultural sites in the coastal area of New Jersey. For Information, call 856-447-0103 or visit: www.nps.gov/nejc