

Gateway

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Visitor Programs and Events

Summer 2018

Sandy Hook, New Jersey



Sandy Hook from Twin Lights by Michael Paternoster, 2015

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Sandy Hook is a spit of land just off the coast at the New Jersey shore and known for having one of the most beautiful beaches in the area. But in addition to the swimming and sunbathing there are other fun **things to do** there. Most prominent is the **Sandy Hook Light**, built in 1764, it is the longest continuously operating lighthouse in the US. Plan your visit so you can take a tour offered from 1-4:30 PM each day. Sign up for tours at the Keepers Quarters and have a look at the excellent lighthouse exhibit there also.

On the water Take a two-mile morning paddle to explore Sandy Hook bay from an ideal vantage point—the

water itself. Rangers guide you on a two and a half hour tour of the bayside waters and Skeleton Hill Island. Go to www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777 to make your reservation. Fee-based program.

Enjoy the popular and free **summer concert series**, which will take place at Lot E every Wednesday at 6 PM throughout the summer (courtesy of the Sandy Hook Foundation). See the schedule at right. For Kids: **Junior Ranger (7-12) and Jr. Junior Ranger (3-6)** programs are offered through the summer. Check listings below.

Visit **Fort Hancock Historic Post Area**, located on the north end of the Hook. The mortar battery, bunkers and other military structures tell the story of New York coastal defense through history. Note that you do not need to pay for parking to visit these sites.

Campfires: Sing silly Sandy Hook songs with park rangers, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encour-

aged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! **NO ALCOHOL** is allowed during the program. Parents must supervise their children. Free. Call the Sandy Hook Visitor Center 732-872-5970 for more information.

Please see the listings below for the details of these and many other programs and events. Note that this booklet contains listings for Sandy Hook as well as those for Jamaica Bay and Staten Island.

What's with the ♥? *Gateway's programs are wonderful opportunities to get some exercise. Our hikes, service projects, and paddles are great ways to get your heart going, while you enjoy the natural beauty and historic treasures that surround you. Look for the ♥ next to the program listing for programs that require walks of a mile or more, or moderate physical exertion, and let Gateway pump you up!*

Mailing list? *If you would like to be on our mailing list to receive notifications of events and publication of this guide, send a message to Charles_Markis@nps.gov*

Sandy Hook Lighthouse & Keepers Quarters

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Visitor Center Hours:

Daily, 9 AM – 5 PM

Lighthouse Tours: Daily, 1 PM to 4:30 PM

Tours are first-come, first-served. Children must be 48 inches tall to climb the tower.

Lighthouse tour sign-ups start at 12PM in the 1883 Keeper's Quarters. Visit the lighthouse keepers quarters exhibits on New Jersey lighthouses, a rotating art exhibit, and visit the gift shop. Grounds and video in adjacent barn are always open. Groups must make advance reservations. Call 732-872-5970 for more information.

Eastern National Gift Shop

Visitor Center/Keepers Quarters

Daily, 9 AM – 5 PM

History House

Fort Hancock's Officers Row, Building 1

Daily, 1 PM – 5 PM

An 1898 lieutenant's quarters on "Officers Row" overlooking Sandy Hook Bay is furnished to the WWII era, the busiest time in the fort's history.

Battery Potter Tours

Saturdays and Sundays

June 2 through August 26

1 PM – 4:30 PM

Explore and tour Sandy Hook's oldest disappearing gun battery, and the first concrete disappearing gun battery ever built in America, completed in 1895. Rangers lead tours every 15 minutes.

Mortar Battery Tours

Saturdays and Sundays

June 2 through August 26

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Join a ranger guided tour of the Mortar Battery and learn about the first Endicott era (1890 – 1910) concrete gun battery built on Sandy Hook. Rangers lead tours every 15 minutes.

Nine Gun Battery Tours

Saturdays and Sundays

June 2 through August 26

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Explore and tour the north end of Fort Hancock's Nine Gun Battery the longest gun battery the U.S. Army ever built for harbor defense. When construction began in 1897, the battery was originally intended to mount three 10-inch caliber disappearing guns, but when construction was completed in 1904 an additional six 12-inch caliber disappearing guns were replaced, creating a nine gun battery

that operated until 1944. Rangers lead tours every 15 minutes.

Fort Hancock Museum

Building #28

Saturdays & Sundays

June 2 through August 26

1 PM – 5 PM

From the Revolutionary War to the Cold War, Sandy Hook boasts a rich military history. Stop in and learn about Sandy Hook's history from cannons to missiles.

Birding on the Deck

Parking Lot M, Observation Deck

Saturday & Sunday

June 2 through August 26

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Visit a ranger on top of the observation deck. A scope will be set up to view and learn how to identify osprey, egrets, and songbirds.

Nike Missile Radar Site

Tours are cancelled for the summer. The radar site is under construction and is closed to the public.

Marine Science Day Camp NJ Sea Grant Consortium, Building #22

Registration: *July - August*

9 AM – 3 PM, Weekdays

NJ Sea Grant Consortium's Marine Science Day Camp is for children who love the ocean and want to learn more about it. The camp is held at NJS GC - Building #22 and led by experienced NJS GC science educa-



Lighthouse tours are offered 1-4:30 daily.

BEACH CONCERT INFORMATION:

Enjoy the popular and free summer concert series, which will take place at LOT E every Wednesday at 6 PM throughout the summer (courtesy of the Sandy Hook Foundation). Remember: beach parking fees are in effect until 5 PM. Call 732-291-7733 or sandyhookfoundation.org for weather updates. Cancellations are made by 2 p.m. Weather permitting; the summer 2018 schedule is as follows:

June 6: The Big Hix

June 13: The Haven with guests Guilty Pleasure (5:30 PM start)

June 20: The Sensational Soul Cruisers

June 27: Tim McLoone and the Shirleys

July 4: No Concert

July 11: The Nerds

July 18: The Shots

July 25: The Carl Gentry Band

August 1: The Disco Connection featuring Lisa Sherman

August 8: To be announced

August 15: Jobonnano and the Godsons of

tors for boys and girls in grades 3 through 9. Camp begins July 9. For details including registration information visit njseagrant.org/education/marine-science-day-camp or call 732-872-1300 x19. Fee-based program.

RECURRING WEEKDAY OFFERINGS

Mondays

Canoe Cruise

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot (between Lot D and Lot E)

June 18 through August 27

9:15 AM - 12 PM

Take a two-mile morning paddle to explore Sandy Hook bay from an ideal vantage point—the water itself. Rangers guide you on a two and a half hour tour of the bayside waters and Skeleton Hill Island. Go to www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777 to make your reservation. Fee-based program.

Seining on the Bay

Lot C- Bayside

June 18 through August 27

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Beach seining is a field activity that generates audience excitement and enthusiasm for learning. Children will learn about the animals lurking just beneath the surface of Sandy Hook

Bay, and their roles in the habitat.

Crustacean of the Day

Beach Lot E, Center Beach Chute
June 18 through August 27
2 PM – 4 PM

Park rangers reveal fun facts and provide a hands-on crustacean pool to share with beachgoers of all ages. Drop in to observe and handle creatures native to Sandy Hook Bay.

Tuesdays

Canoe Cruise

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(between Lot D and Lot E)
June 19 through August 28
9:15 AM – 12 PM

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Junior Ranger

June 26 through August 28
Children ages 7 to 12 years old
See Junior Ranger section below for rotating schedule of programs.

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Wednesdays

Canoe Cruise

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(between Lot D and Lot E)
June 20 through August 29
9:15 AM – 12 PM

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Junior Jr. Ranger

June 20 through August 29
10 AM – 11 AM

Children ages 3 to 6 years old
See Junior Jr. Ranger section for rotating schedule of programs.

Thursdays

Canoe Cruise

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(between Lot D and Lot E)
June 21 through August 30
9:15 AM – 12 PM

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Junior Ranger

June 28 through August 30
Children ages 7 to 12 years old
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Fridays

Canoe Cruise

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(between Lot D and Lot E)
June 22 through August 31
9:15 AM – 12 PM

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goers of all ages. Drop in to observe and handle creatures native to Sandy Hook Bay.

Saturdays

Yoga on the Beach

Beach Lot E, Center Beach Chute
June 2 – August 25
8 AM – 9 AM

Begin your Saturday with a peaceful, yet vigorous, traditional Vinyasa yoga practice on the beach. The practice is open to everyone and all levels, from beginners to advanced, and will focus on flowing through basic poses and maintaining poses with proper alignment. Please bring a large, sturdy beach blanket and wear light, comfortable workout attire. Hydration is also important, so please bring your own water (refillable bottles).

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS:

Ages 7 to 12

These programs are being offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from late June through August. Parents must accompany their children for the duration of the programs. All programs are free, but reservations are required. Call 732-872-5970 to reserve.

Junior Ranger “A” Team

Mortar Battery
Thursday, July 12
Tuesday, August 28
10 AM – 11:30 AM

The Sandy Hook Mortar Battery was the first concrete mortar battery of its kind built for American harbor defense. Learn how each firing pit or pit section (four firing pits in total = 192 soldiers), consisting of 48 enlisted men, worked together to fire half-ton armor-piercing projectile mortars. Children will learn how to work together as a team and build communication skills.

Junior Ranger Astronomer

Beach Lot E, Beach Plaza
Thursday, July 26
Tuesday, August 28
8 PM – 10:30 PM

Learn how to identify planets and star constellations in the night sky. Telescopes will be set up. Bring telescopes if available.

Junior Ranger History House Detectives

North Beach, Beach Plaza
Tuesday, July 31
Tuesday, August 21
10 AM – 11:30 AM

Children will look for historical items in the rooms of the History House to discover a more complete understanding of the time period, and develop a fuller appreciation of history during the early 1940s.

Junior Ranger Holly Forest

US Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(between Lot D and Lot E)

Tuesday, July 10

Thursday, August 23

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Children will learn about the natural and cultural history of the Holly forest in Sandy Hook and learn why these trees are so important to the ecosystem and wildlife. ♥ 1 mile

Junior Ranger Lifeguard - Water Rescue Techniques

Beach Lot E, Center Beach Chute

Thursday, July 19

Thursday, August 30

6 PM – 7:30

Lifeguards are responsible for the safety and well-being of people on the beach. Learn what it takes to be a lifeguard and the skillset/tools needed to save lives.

Junior Ranger Lifesaver

U.S. Life-Saving Station Parking Lot
(between Lot D and Lot E)

Tuesday, June 26

Thursday, August 2

10 AM – 12 PM

Children will learn about the history of the US Life-Saving Service and about the daily duties of the life-saving crew. The rescue equipment, used in the beach apparatus drill, will be available for children to touch and learn about their value and function

Junior Ranger Light Keeper

Keepers Quarters/Visitor Center

Tuesday, July 3

Tuesday, August 7

7 PM – 8:30 PM

Celebrate this great day by climbing the lighthouse with Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keeper Samuel P. Jewell. Learn what it was like to be a lighthouse keeper during the 18th Century. Must be 48” or taller to climb the lighthouse.

Junior Ranger Marine Invader

Horseshoe Cove

Thursday, July 5

Thursday, August 9

10 AM – 11:30 AM

Participate in citizen scientist work by helping rangers find, catch, identify and track non-native/invasive Asian Shore

Crab, and explore its potential impact on native crab species. Parents must stay with their children for the duration of the program. Be prepared to get wet.

Junior Ranger Scientist

North Beach, Beach Plaza

Tuesday, July 17

Thursday, August 16

1 PM – 3 PM

The program encourages children to develop an awareness of people’s impact on wildlife (endangered species, extinction, shrinking habitats, loss of migratory corridors). Children will become plover investigators and figure out what predators are threatening plover chicks, and invent solutions to help plovers survive.

Junior Ranger Yoga

Beach Lot E, Center Chute; Stage Area

Thursday, June 28

Tuesday, July 24

6 PM – 7 PM

As we wind down for the day, come say thanks to the sun and the day for being so good to us. We will stretch and imitate the natural environment around us. Wear loose fitting clothing and bring a beach towel and water.

Junior Jr. Ranger Programs: Ages 3 to 6

This free programs teach young children about the habitats and history of Sandy Hook through fun, hands-on activities. The programs are being offered from 10 AM to

PARK AND COOPERATOR PROGRAMS:

JUNE

National Trails Day

Beach Lot B, Beach Plaza

Saturday, June 2

10 AM – 12 PM

Get fit and lean, and enjoy the outdoors! Join a park ranger and bike the Multiple Use Path from the beginning of the path to the end of the path. Followed up with a beach clean-up in Fort Hancock. Don’t forget your bicycle, helmet and water. No reservations, just show up.

The Big Three: Battery Potter, Battery Granger and Mortar Battery

Sunday, June 3

5 PM – 7 PM

11 AM weekly on Wednesdays from June 27 to August 29. Children will learn through hikes, walks, and demonstrations. Parents are required to accompany their children for the entire program. Space is limited, call (732) 872-5970 to make free reservations.

June 20: Splishy, Splashy, Squishy: Let’s go seining! Meet at Horseshoe Cove

June 27: Junior Yoga, Meet at Guardian Park

July 11: Crustacean of the Day? Meet at Guardian Park

July 18: Painting in the Park, Meet at Guardian Park

July 25: Fill the Bill, Meet at Guardian Park

August 1: What is the Buzz about Bees? Meet at Guardian Park

August 8: Sensory Nature Walk, Meet at Guardian Park

August 15: Endangered Species, Meet at Guardian Park

August 22: Creepy Crawlies, Meet at Guardian Park

August 29: Splishy, Splashy, Squishy: Let’s Go Seining! Meet at Horseshoe Cove Park at Battery Potter to meet with park staff to explore Potter, then walk to Battery Granger and lastly the Mortar Battery. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a flashlight and insect repellent. Call 732-872-5970 to make reservations.

World Oceans Day: Our Oceans, Our Future

Beach Lot C, Beach Plaza

Friday, June 8

10 AM – 12 PM

On World Oceans Day people around our blue planet celebrate and honor the ocean, which connects us all. Celebrate your love for the oceans and start creating a healthier ocean and a better future. Help the park rangers clean the beach and learn about solutions to plastic pollution with our park partner Clean Ocean Action.

Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Theater Parking Lot, North of Officers Row
Sunday, June 10

10 AM – 12 PM

Join a ranger on a guided bicycle tour of Fort Hancock, highlighting everything from batteries to beaches. Bring a bike helmet and call 732-872-5970 for free reservations. ♥ 3 miles.

Stars of Sandy Hook

Beach Lot E, Beach Plaza

Tuesday, June 19

8 PM – 11 PM

Join a park ranger and S.T.A.R Astronomy to view the moon phase and constellations. Bring binoculars and/or telescopes. Free.

Summer Solstice Walk

American Littoral Society Headquarters,
Building #18, Officers Row

Thursday, June 21

6 PM - 8 PM

Celebrate the first day of summer and the longest day of the year with a stroll on the Hook. Society naturalists will identify coastal flora and fauna, as well as the history of Sandy Hook. A special tour inside a gun battery may be included. Cost: Free. Call 732-291-0055 to make reservations. ♥ 2 miles.

Monmouth County Audubon Society Bird Walk

U.S. Life Saving Station Parking Lot
(between Lot D and Lot E)

Thursday, June 21

6 PM – 8 PM

Look for nesting Osprey, herons, and egrets from Spermaceti Cove boardwalk. Free. ♥ 1 mile.

Family Friendly Campfire on the Beach

Beach Lot E, South Beach Chute

Friday, June 22

7:30 PM – 9 PM

Sing silly Sandy Hook songs with park rangers, and hear true stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! NO ALCOHOL allowed during the program. Parents must supervise their children. Free. Call the Sandy Hook Visitor Center 732-872-5970 for more information.

Going Bunkers: Battery Mills

Sunday, June 24

6 PM – 7:30 PM

Explore and tour one of two of Fort Hancock's long range and well-hidden gun batteries that went into use shortly after WWI through WWII. Meet park staff at the old Visitor Center Parking Lot between Parking Lot D and Lot E, then car caravan to Battery Mills. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, and bring a flashlight and insect repellent. Free, call 732-872-5970 to make reservations.

Night Hike

Beach Lot C, Beach Plaza

Saturday, June 30

7 PM – 8:30 PM

Explore various parts of Sandy Hook's ecosystem and history with this summer's series of night hikes. This night's one mile hike features bayside exploration during the high season for horseshoe crab sightings. Don't forget to wear good sand walking shoes and bug repellent. Free, call 732-872-5970 to make reservations. ♥ 1 mile.

JULY

Fort Hancock Bike Tour

Theater Parking Lot, North of Officers Row

Saturday, July 7

5 PM – 7 PM

Join a ranger on a guided bicycle tour highlighting everything from gun batteries to beaches. Bring a helmet and call 732-872-5970 to make reservations. Free. ♥ 3 miles.

Sunset Seining

American Littoral Society Headquarters,
Building 18, Officers Row

Wednesday, July 11

6 PM – 8 PM

Discover the diverse wildlife inhabiting our coast. After a short talk on the Society's front porch, you will drive to Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook bay for a seining adventure. Participants are invited to help pull our 40 foot seine net through the bay, and experience the excitement of learning about the fish and other critters caught. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Cost: \$5 per person, free for member families. Contact: 732-291-0055 for information and reservations.

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Monmouth County Audubon Society Bird Walk

Parking Lot M

Thursday, July 19

6 PM – 8 PM

Hike to the end of Fisherman's Trail to look for nesting Piping plovers, terns, and other nesting birds. Bring binoculars, insect repellent, and wear comfortable shoes. Free. ♥ 2 miles

Stars of Sandy Hook

Beach Lot E, Beach Plaza

Thursday, July 19

8 PM – 11 PM

Join a park ranger and S.T.A.R Astronomy to view the moon phase and constellations. Bring binoculars and/or telescopes. Free.

Family Friendly Campfire on the Beach

Beach Lot E, South Beach Chute

Friday, July 20

7:30 PM – 9 PM

Sing silly Sandy Hook songs with park rangers, and hear stories from days of yore surrounding the history and mysteries of the Hook. Participants are encouraged to bring beach blankets or chairs, snacks, bug spray, family and friends! NO ALCOHOL is allowed during the program. Parents must supervise their children. Free. Call the Sandy Hook Visitor Center 732-872-5970 for more information.

Holly Forest Night Prowl

Beach Lot E, Beach Plaza

Sunday, July 22

7:30 PM – 9 PM

Explore the Sandy Hook Holly Forest on this sensory led tour with a ranger. Family fun for everyone! Bring insect repellent, flashlight, and wear comfortable walking shoes. ♥ 1 mile.

34th NPS All-Women Lifeguard Tournament

Beach Lot E

Wednesday, July 25

9 AM – 6 PM

Come and cheer on the women in this exciting annual competition at Sandy Hook. They will be representing beach patrols from the East Coast and elsewhere. These women are outstanding role models and encourage other women to become surf-lifeguards in the future. Please call 800-678-7946 for more information about this event and becoming a lifeguard at Sandy Hook.

Sunset Seining

American Littoral Society Headquarters,
Building 18, Officers Row

Wednesday, July 25

6 PM – 8 PM

Discover the diverse wildlife inhabiting our coast. After a short talk on the Society's front porch, you will drive over to Horseshoe Cove on Sandy Hook bay for a seining adventure. Participants are invited to help pull our 40 foot seine net through the bay, and experience the excitement of learning about the fish and other critters caught. Wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Cost: \$5 per person, free for member families. Contact: 732-291-0055 for information and reservations.

Night Hike - Full Buck Moon

Beach Lot E, Beach Plaza

Friday, July 27

7:30 PM – 9 PM

Explore various parts of Sandy Hook's ecosystem during the full buck moon. At this time of year a buck's antlers are in full growth mode. This night hike features walking along the beach, which is always an interesting adventure. Bring a flashlight, bug repellent, and wear shoes you can get wet. Free, but reservations required, call 732-872-5970. ♥ 1 mile.

Battery Gunnison/New Peck Preserved

Saturday, July 28

12 PM – 5 PM

The Army Ground Forces Association is a volunteer group in WWII era uniforms performing restoration projects and interpreting Battery Gunnison/New Peck. Visitors are invited to stop by to chat and learn more about restoration of Battery Gunnison/New Peck, and the historic time period of July 1943 at Fort Hancock during this restoration and work period.

AUGUST

Fort Hancock Bike Tour, North of Officers Row

Theater Parking Lot

Saturday, August 4

5 PM – 7 PM

Bicycle with a ranger on a guided tour and learn about everything from gun batteries to beaches. Bring a helmet and call 732-872-5970 to make reservations. ♥ 3 miles.

National Lighthouse Day

Sandy Hook Lighthouse

Tuesday, August 7

12 PM – 5 PM

National Lighthouse Day honors the beacon of light that for hundreds of years symbolized safety and security for ships and boats at sea. Visit the Sandy Hook Lighthouse and learn about the oldest operating

lighthouse in the nation with the long-serving Lighthouse Keeper Samuel P. Jewell (1869-1907). Learn what it was like to be a lighthouse keeper during the 18th Century. Must be 48" or taller to climb the lighthouse. Wear appropriate footwear.

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Bird Walk

Monmouth County Audubon Society

Parking Lot M

Thursday, August 16

6 PM – 8 PM

Walk out Fisherman's Trail to the ocean to look for shorebirds, Piping plover and early migrants. Bring binoculars, insect repellent, and wear comfortable shoes. Free. ♥ 2 miles.

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Founders Day – 102nd Birthday of the National Park Service

Visitor Center/Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

Saturday, August 25

10 AM – 3 PM

Celebrate Founders Day (NPS 102st Birthday) with the National Park Service, and participate in various NPS themed games/activities/trivia. Cake and refreshments will be served in the Visitor Center. Free.

Shore Birds and Wild Edibles

Parking Lot M

Saturday, August 25

9 AM – 11 AM

Join American Littoral Society naturalists for a hike down a sandy path to one of the least visited beaches at Sandy Hook. Along the way we will identify some of the Hook's edible plants that were an important food source for the early settlers and Native Americans that once inhabited this area. Once we reach the tip of Sandy Hook, we will have the chance to observe shore birds feeding along the mud flats. Bring binoculars, comfortable walking shoes, and lots of sunscreen! Cost: \$5 per person, free for member families. Contact: 732-291-0055 for more information and to reserve. ♥ 1 mile.

Fort Hancock Bike Tour