

Fire Island

National Park Service
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Fire Island National Seashore
Long Island, New York



Visitor Programs and Events—May 2017

I Love My Park

A New York Statewide Day of Service, Saturday May 6

To register and for more information email: FIIS_Information@nps.gov or call 631-687-4780.

Pollinator Garden Prep, Patchogue/Watch Hill Ferry Terminal, 10 am–12 pm

Use your green thumbs to prepare the native plant pollinator garden for the growing the season. The garden is a registered monarch wayside and needs your help to keep it growing.

Sailors Haven Spruce Up, Sailors Haven Visitor Center, 9 am–2 pm

Help ready this popular Fire Island National Seashore destination for the busy season. Participants will conduct bay-side and ocean shore clean-ups as well as remove trail side debris that has accumulated over the winter months.

Wilderness Pick It Up! Coastal Cleanup, Wilderness Visitor Center, 10 am–12 pm

Join the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation to help clear Fire Island's ocean shore of unsightly and harmful marine debris. For more information call 631-369-9840 or email education@riverheadfoundation.org

Beach to Bay Cleanup, Fire Island Lighthouse, 10 am–12 pm

Be the solution to marine pollution! Collect marine debris from ocean and bayside beaches fringing the iconic Fire Island Lighthouse.

Wilderness Visitor Center

Call for information:

631-281-3010

Parking is available at Smith Point County Park.

Birding the Beach

Sunday, May 7

9 am–11:30 am

It's the peak of the spring bird migration on Fire Island and a great opportunity to observe warblers, migratory shorebirds, and early nesting barrier island birds. Bring binoculars. 3 miles round-trip.

Mother's Day Breach Hike

Sunday, May 14

3 pm–6 pm

Reservations Required.

Experience Fire Island's dynamic shore during this 3-mile family-friendly hike to the wilderness breach and back.

See spring birds, the greening back dune swale, sand and sea. Dress for the weather and for walking on sand.

For reservations and more information contact: FIIS_Information@nps.gov or call: (631) 281-3010 (weekends).

Junior Ranger— Endangered Species Champion

Saturday, May 20

1 pm–2:30 pm

Kids ages 7-12 and their caregivers will learn about endangered beach nesting shorebirds and how to help protect them. This family friendly program will include a fun indoor "Plover Lover" activity and a beach walk in search of the tiny shorebirds.



William Floyd Estate

Call for information:

631-399-2030

Parking is available on site.

Honoring International Migratory Bird Day at the William Floyd Estate

Saturday, May 13

9 am–11:30 am

May is peak month for the spring bird migration on Long Island, and internationally. Search with a park ranger for neo-tropical songbirds in the fields and forests of the William Floyd Estate. We'll be on the lookout for tanagers, thrushes, grosbeaks and warblers, to name just a few. 3 miles round-trip. Bring insect/tick repellent and binoculars if you have them.

Sailors Haven Visitor Center

Call for information:

631-687-4780

By Sailors Haven Ferry, Sayville

Sunken Forest Tours

Saturday–Sunday (Starting May 13)

11:15 am–1 pm

Explore Fire Island's wilder side and its special blend of barrier island ecology during this guided tour of the Sunken Forest—a centuries old globally rare holly maritime forest.

Fire Island Lighthouse

Call for reservations and

information: 631-661-4876

Parking is available at Field #5, Robert Moses State Park.

Tower Tours

Weekends, 10 am–5 pm

Weekdays, 1 pm–3 pm

42" Height Requirement. Fee.

Call ahead for weekday availability.

Fire Island Lighthouse

Book Launch

Saturday, May 6

1 pm–3 pm

Fresnel Lens Building

Author Bill Blyer will be on hand for a presentation and book signing for his newly published *Fire Island Lighthouse: Long Island's Welcoming Beacon*. The book highlights the compelling history and grandeur of the iconic and cherished Fire Island landmark.

Early Morning Tower Tour

Saturday, May 13

5:15 am–7 am

Reservations Required. Fee.

Enjoy the scenery from the top of the tower as the sun rises. Tour includes a "light" breakfast. Come early to catch the pre-dawn colors as you walk from the parking field to the lighthouse.

Bring a flashlight. Sunrise is at 5:40 am.

Seashore Birding on International Migratory Bird Day

Saturday, May 13

9 am–11 am

Robert Moses Field #5

It's International Migratory Bird Day and a perfect time to go bird watching at the Fire Island Lighthouse. Meet a Park Ranger at Robert Moses State Park, Field #5 and bird along the beach and boardwalks surrounding the iconic lighthouse. May is Citizen Science Month—information on birds sighted during this program will be uploaded to eBird.org. Bring binoculars if you have them.

For more information contact: FIIS_Information@nps.gov or call: (631) 687-4780 (weekdays).

Kids to Park Day Hike on Fire Island

Saturday, May 20

9:30 am–2 pm

Reservations Required.

Kids ages 10 and up and their caregivers are invited to join this special Kid to Parks Day program. Hike with park rangers along ocean and bay shores from the Fire Island Lighthouse to the community of Saltaire and explore nature and history as you go. Dress for the weather; bring a bag lunch and drinking water. 3 miles round-trip.

For reservations and more information contact: FIIS_Information@nps.gov or call: (631) 687-4780.

Plein Air Art Show

Friday & Saturday, May 26–27

10 am–2 pm

Artists from Wet Paints Studio Group will be painting En Plein Air in the shadow of the Fire Island Lighthouse. All artwork will be on display through June 11 and for sale with a portion of the proceeds donated to the Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

For information and updates:

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Fire Island National Seashore Facilities—May 2017

Park Headquarters in Patchogue: 631-687-4750

Open all year, Monday–Friday, 9 am–4 pm (Closed on federal holidays)

Fire Island Lighthouse: 631-661-4876

Monday–Friday, 10 am–4 pm; Saturday–Sunday, 10 am–5 pm

Sailors Haven Visitor Center: 631-597-6183

May 13–May 21: Saturday–Sunday, 10 am–2:30 pm

May 27–May 29: Saturday–Sunday & Holidays, 10 am–4 pm

Watch Hill Facilities

Closed during marina construction. Visit the park website for updates.

Wilderness Visitor Center: 631-281-3010

Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, 9 am–4 pm

William Floyd Estate: 631-399-2030

Grounds: May 26–Nov 11: Friday–Sunday, & Holidays, 9 am–5 pm

Patchogue-Watch Hill Ferry Terminal

Closed, but watch for special programs