

# ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK

## VISITOR'S GUIDE 2025



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Thursday • 6:00 pm

Traders Cove  
Marina Park  
Mantoloking Road  
Thursday • 10:00 am



Mantoloking Yacht Club  
1228 Bay Avenue  
Friday • 10:00 am

Normandy Beach  
Yacht Club  
541 Broad Ave at 7th Ave  
Wednesday • 10:00 am

*Subject to  
weather conditions*

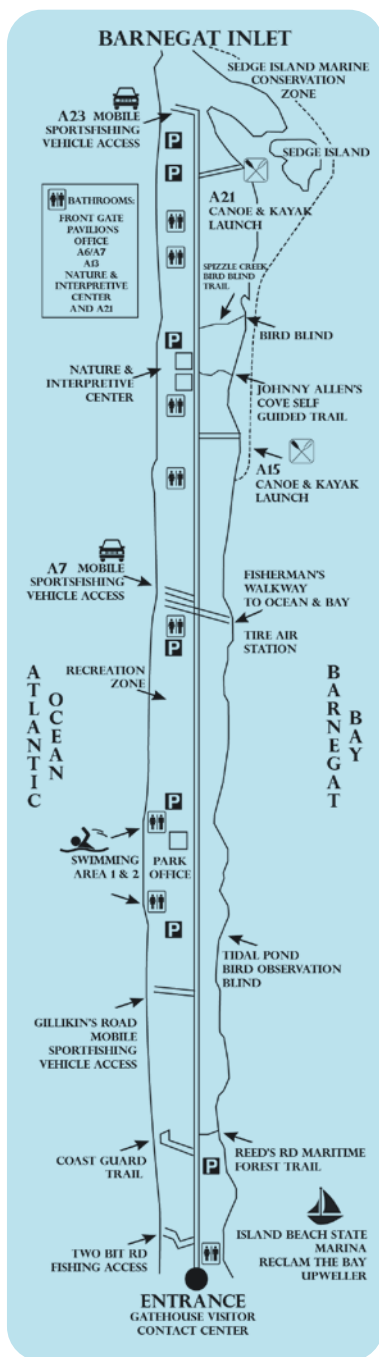


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UPWELLER  
LOCATIONS










Visit our Jenkinson's  
Aquarium Exhibit



# Welcome to IBSP!

Whether it's your first visit or your 100th, we hope you enjoy the peace and serenity of IBSP's 3,000 acres and 10 miles of undeveloped coastline. A gem of the NJ State Park system, IBSP is a tranquil oasis quietly tucked away from the nearby bustling Jersey Shore towns, offering pristine white sand beaches, towering sand dunes, miles of ecologically diverse Barnegat Bay shoreline, 9 distinct and nationally recognized plant communities, and tremendous wildlife biodiversity! As you can imagine, it is quite a delicate balance for Park staff to ensure a positive visitors' experience while preserving and protecting the island's natural resources. Park staff work tirelessly throughout the year to achieve this mission and these are a few of the notable happenings: 1) Judges Shack has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places, 2) Sea Beach Amaranth, a State and federally-listed plant, is making a comeback in the Park, 3) brand new merchandise is available at the park office, 4) the Tidal Pond Trail has been safely re-routed to the west as a result of severe bayside erosion and 5) new trail markers were installed on each beach access path. It is our mission to preserve IBSP for future generations and we kindly ask for your support and effort along the way. Please enjoy all that the park has to offer, but please respect the rules and regulations! Always remember to bring your trash home with you, stay on marked trails, enjoy wildlife from a distance and most importantly, leave IBSP a little better than you found it!

— Jenifer Clayton, *Superintendent*

 <p><u>HOURS</u></p> <p><b>Memorial Day— Labor Day</b> Weekdays 8am-8pm Weekend/Holiday 7am-8pm <b>Labor Day— Memorial Day</b> Everyday 8am—sunset</p>	 <p><u>FEES</u></p> <p><b>Memorial day -Labor Day</b> Weekdays Residents \$6.00 Non Residents \$12.00 Weekend and Holidays Residents \$10.00 Non Residents \$20.00 <b>Off-Season</b> Daily Fee NJ Residents</p>
 <p><u>PETS</u></p> <p>Must be on leash no greater than 6ft Not permitted in Swimming Areas, Spizzle Creek Trail or in the Northern Natural Area (NNA) 4/1—9/15</p> <p>NNA: Park entrance south to Swimming Area #1</p>	 <p><u>SWIMMING</u></p> <p>Lifeguards 10am-6pm Weekends beginning May 24 Daily beginning June 14 Swimming Area 2 opens June 14 <b>NO LIFEGUARDS = NO SWIMMING</b></p>
 <p><u>BIKING</u></p> <p>Cycling is permitted on shoulder only Children under 14 must wear helmet</p>	 <p><u>TIDES</u></p> <div> <div>Ocean Tides</div>  </div> <div> <div>Bay Tides</div>  </div>
 <p><u>GARBAGE/RECYCLING</u></p> <p>Please bring your trash home with you when possible. Dumpsters are located at Swimming Area 1 &amp; 2, Parking Lots A7 &amp; A23</p>	 <p><u>WEATHER</u></p> <p>IBSP has a weather station! Click QR code for up to date, local weather forecast</p> 



#### PICKNICKING

Picnicking - anywhere except the NNA  
Grill—South of Swimming Area #2  
Picnic tables- Nature center



#### RESTROOMS

Gatehouse  
Swimming Area 1 & 2  
Nature Center  
A6, A13, A19, A21



#### SURFING, SCUBA, WINDBOARDING

Surfing & Wind Boarding —South of  
Swimming Area 2  
Scuba—anywhere with valid certification  
Please register at the Park Office



#### HORSEBACK RIDING

October through April on southern 6  
miles of Ocean Beach  
Reservation Required  
Please clean up after horses



#### MOBILE SPORT FISHING

MSFV permits are sold out for 2025  
Additional permits available 10/1/25  
Air stations located at Park Office and  
Parking lot A6/A7



#### KAYAKING

Bayside only. No ocean Kayaking.  
Launches at Parking Lots A15 & A21  
No parking at A21. Unloading only.

## PROHIBITED





Island Beach State Park  
NJDEP

**EMERGENCY—Dial 911**

**Park Office**

732-793-0506

**Park Police**

877-WARN-DEP



**Medical Services**

**IBSP First Aid**

Swimming Area 1 & 2

**TriBoro First Aid**

732-830-3236

**Community Medical Center**

(732) 557-8000



**Nature & Interpretive Center**

Located 7 miles south of gate

Live animals, fish tanks, historic and ecological displays

Summer Hours Daily, 10am-4pm  
(subject to change)



**Accessibility**

**Beach wheelchairs** - available at Swimming Areas 1 & 2, when Life-guards are present

**Service animals** - welcomed but must be leashed at all times



**Swimming Areas**

**Swimming Area #1**

Restrooms, Changing Rooms, Outside Showers, Food Court, Red Fox Tiki Bar, Nature Programs

**Swimming Area #2**

Restrooms, Changing Rooms, Outside Showers, Food Court

**Southern Swimming Area**  
Bathrooms



**Lost & Found**

Park Office—732-793-0506







## Kayaking

Kayaking opportunities are endless in the Sedge Islands Marine conservation Zone. Launches are located at parking lots A15 & A21. Click QR Code for Sedge Map



## Fishing

One of the most popular things to do at IBSP! Permitted 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, this sport is sure to create lasting memories. Click QR Code for rules & regs



## Hiking

IBSP has a total of 8 trails, each under one mile. Visitors may also choose to explore the 10 miles of pure white sand beaches. Click QR code for trails map



## Clamming

Recreational clamming is permitted anywhere within the Sedge Islands Marine Conservation Zone on any day except Sunday. Click QR code for clamming regs and license info



## Birding

IBSP is a popular stopover on the Atlantic Flyway, a major north-south bird migration route. IBSP hosts an incredible diversity of birds each year and is a hotspot for local birders. Click QR code for Audubon Society



## Photography

Recreational photography opportunities are endless at IBSP. From historic shacks to stunning landscapes, there's no short of amazing locations to capture your photos. Click QR code for IBSP Photos



## IBSP NATURE PROGRAMS

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[www.islandbeachnatureprograms.org](http://www.islandbeachnatureprograms.org)

# REGISTER TODAY



IBSP's guided programs are designed to showcase the unique ecosystems of NJ's largest undeveloped barrier island. We offer outdoor events and programs for all ages. Our programs are diverse and intended to feed your mind, body and soul with the natural wonders of Island Beach State Park.

### WHAT TO BRING



Water  
Bottle



Comfortable  
Clothes



Sunscreen  
& Hat

### WE OFFER

- Kayak Trips
- Surf Fishing Clinics
- History Hikes
- Surfing Lessons
- & so much more!



## Two Cameras Live Stream Island Beach State Park to the World

Join the thousands of people who tune in for a virtual look at Island Beach State Park. The beach camera, mounted at Swimming Area 1, shows viewers current beach conditions. It is used daily by surfers, fisherman, and beach goers. The Pete McLain Osprey Camera provides a live stream of the osprey nest located near the Interpretive Center. The cameras require regular maintenance and can be quite costly. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Friends of IBSP to help keep the camera running.



[www.friendsofibsp.org/live-cams/oba1-beach-cam/](http://www.friendsofibsp.org/live-cams/oba1-beach-cam/)

**Beach  
Camera:**



**Osprey  
Camera:**



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email at [info@friendsofislandbeach.org](mailto:info@friendsofislandbeach.org)



*Photo by Ray Yeager*



The Friends of Island Beach State Park is a non-profit volunteer run organization. Our mission is to further public appreciation and stewardship of the park. Our members come from a wide range of backgrounds, but have in common a love for this beautiful state Park. Together, we accomplished so much this past year!

- Bagged thousands of shells to create a living shoreline and reduce erosion along Barnegat Bay.
- Maintained trails and built boardwalks.
- Donated much needed equipment to enhance visitor experience in the Park.
- Partnered with POAC to offer a day of fun and surf to the autism community.
- Hosted wonderful events including a New Years Day Walk, Lecture Series, Festivals, Junior Surf Tournament, and more!
- Raised thousands of dollars to support the Park and put in over 5,000 volunteer hours!



Contact "[info@friendsofislandbeach.org](mailto:info@friendsofislandbeach.org)" to learn more.



# May Day

## SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am-3:00pm

CRAFT VENDORS  
LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD TRUCKS  
A PLANT SALE  
& MORE!

*Dogs on a leash welcome.*

Island Beach State Park  
Swimming Area 1



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*Save the Date!*

**SATURDAY  
MAY 17**

**SEASIDE PARK**

*Island Beach  
State Park*

**SUNDAY  
MAY 18**

**SANDY HOOK**

*NJSQC  
Headquarters*

**11 AM - 3 PM, BOTH DAYS RAIN OR SHINE  
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## Summer Solstice & Full Moon Party

*Celebrate the  
Summer Solstice  
at IBSP*

# 06.20.2025

4:00-9:30

*Island Beach State Park  
Swimming Area 2*

**Live local band  
Fish & Whistle**



Summer Solstice is one of the most powerful times of the year.

Join IBSP Naturalists and volunteers from Sanctuary Yoga and Meditation as we harness the energy from the longest day of the year and create inner peace, stillness and balance.

*\*Events provided are subject to change and are dependent on weather conditions.*



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IBSP JUNIOR  
NATURALIST  
PROGRAM

AGES 6-12

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Mae Skrba



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# *Island Beach State Park*



Wendi Bennett



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# *Barrier Island Classic* **SURF CONTEST** at Island Beach State Park

**August 20th · 10am - 3pm**

**\$40 Registration Fee**

*No Wave Days: August 21st & 22nd*

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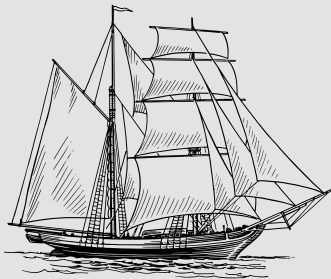




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The Sedge Islands Marine Conservation Zone (SIMCZ) is located along the southwestern end of IBSP. This pristine natural area has a variety of shallow, narrow channels carving the saltmarsh into a series of islands that make it perfect for exploring by kayak. Join us on a guided paddle or access the area on your own at parking lots A15 and A21. Guided paddles include: Sedge Islands Kayak Ecotour, Sunset paddle, Clamming by kayak, and more!

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