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VISITOR'S GUIDE 2026

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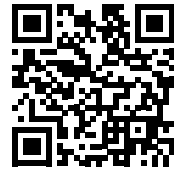
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Thursday • 6:00 pm

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*



For more information
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UPWELLER
LOCATIONS



Visit our Jenkinson's
Aquarium Exhibit

Welcome to IBSP!

The landscape is beautiful. It's pristine. And it's wild. Welcome to your Island Beach State Park (IBSP). We are so happy that you're here.

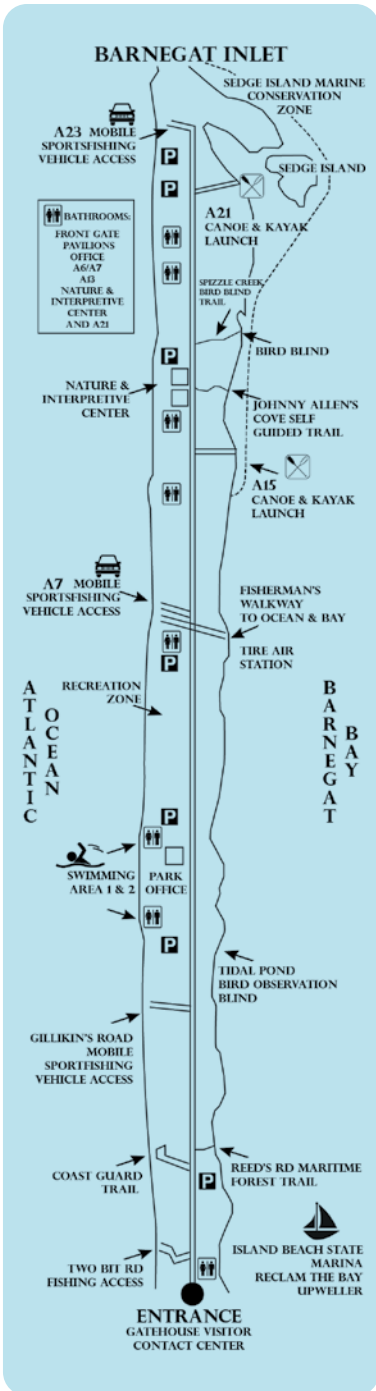
People from all over the world come to IBSP to experience the unspoiled beauty of this undeveloped barrier island, but the parks spirit isn't captured by the crowds. It's captured by the towering sand dunes, sweeping beach vistas, the high stepping dance of shorebirds in the marsh, the thrill of catching a striped bass during a blitz, the sparkling waters of Barnegat Bay and the sheer power of the Atlantic Ocean. It's a delicate balance to preserve and protect the park's natural and historical resources while keeping them accessible for public recreation. Park staff work hard year-round to achieve this balance, and we would like to share a few new upgrades for the 2026 season:

- New historical timeline exhibit in the Interpretive Center
- New living shoreline constructed at the A15 kayak launch
- New traffic patterns at the entrance gate to improve traffic flow
- New fleet of tandem kayaks
- New shower towers at both swimming areas
- And so much more!












Thanks for visiting and if there is anything we can do to make your time here more enjoyable, please let us know!

— Jen Clayton, Superintendent
Charlie Welch, Assistant Superintendent

Island Beach is unique. It is a jewel. There is nothing like it anywhere on earth. - Gov. Alfred Driscoll, 1953



Know Before You Go

 <p><u>HOURS</u> Memorial Day— Labor Day Weekdays 8am-8pm Weekend/Holiday 7am-8pm Labor Day—Memorial Day Everyday 8am—sunset</p>	 <p><u>FEES</u> Memorial day -Labor Day Weekdays Residents \$6.00 Non Residents \$12.00 Weekend and Holidays Residents \$10.00 Non Residents \$20.00 Off-Season Daily Fee NJ Residents</p>
 <p><u>PETS</u> 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 NNA: Park entrance south to Swimming Area #1</p>	 <p><u>SWIMMING</u> Lifeguards 10am-6pm Weekends beginning May 24 Daily beginning June 14 Swimming Area 2 opens June 14 NO LIFEGUARDS = NO SWIMMING</p>
 <p><u>BIKING</u> Cycling is permitted on shoulder only Children under 14 must wear helmet</p>	 <p><u>TIDES</u> Bay Tides Ocean Tides</p>  
 <p><u>GARBAGE/RECYCLING</u> Please bring your trash home with you when possible. Dumpsters are located at Swimming Area 1 & 2, Parking Lots A7 & A23</p>	 <p><u>WEATHER</u> IBSP has a weather station! Click QR code for up to date, local weather forecast</p> 

Know Before You Go



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 2026
Additional permits available 10/1/26
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.

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Know Before You Go



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 Lifeguards 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

TRAIL tracker
SEARCH for park activities
TRACK your current location
VIEW trails & points of interest

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Things To Do



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



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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.

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Live Streaming 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.



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www.friendsofibsp.org/live-cams/oba1-beach-cam/



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Photo by Ray Yeager

FOIBSP Membership



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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 for 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!



May Day

SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 9th
10:00am-3:00pm

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Susan Chillkotowsky-Kain



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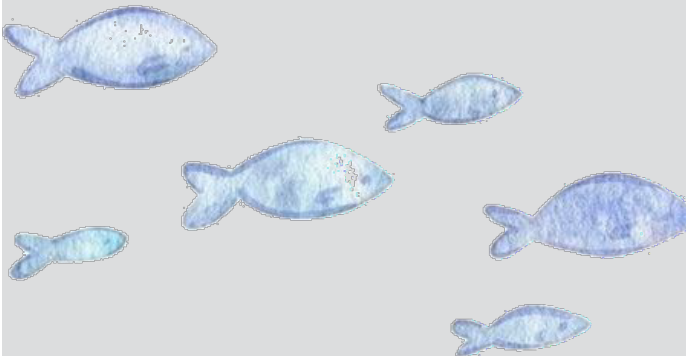
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The Sedge Islands Marine Conservation Zone (SIMCZ) is located along the southwestern end of IBSP. This pristine natural area has a variety of shallow, narrow channels carving the saltmarsh into a series of islands that make it perfect for exploring 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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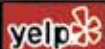
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Shoreline Stabilization

This year, two shoreline stabilization projects were completed, both of which were focused on mitigating the impacts of coastal erosion, climate change and rising sea levels.

A-15 Living Shoreline Project

In corroboration with the NJDEP Office of Coastal Engineering and a grant from the US Department of War (DOW) Rediness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, a living shoreline was constructed at the A15 kayak launch. The project consisted of the installation of four rock T-groins, oyster shells, sand fill and native vegetation, all designed to reduce erosion while enhancing habitat for native wildlife. Work is completed and the kayak launch has reopened to the public.



Tidal Pond Trail Emergency Shoreline Project

Severe ongoing erosion caused a portion of the Tidal Pond Trail to collapse into the Barnegat Bay. As an emergency measure to ensure public safety, the Friends of IBSP and volunteers placed mesh bags filled with clam, oyster and whelk shells along the shoreline to act as a natural seawall. The trail was rerouted to the west and has reopened to the public.

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