



NEW JERSEY BEACH GUIDE 2009



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**A Letter to New Jersey Citizens
from Public Advocate Ronald K. Chen**



Beaches along our waterways are among our most prized natural possessions – an attraction that thousands of New Jersey citizens enjoy each year, especially during the summer season.

In New Jersey, most towns charge a fee to the public to use the beaches. A handful of towns, however, open their beaches free of charge. Some towns offer a full range of amenities, making them inviting destinations for day trippers. Others, unfortunately, have very few services.

The Department of the Public Advocate offers this guide to help citizens find affordable beaches that offer desired amenities – parking, showers, accommodations for people with disabilities and other services that make for a pleasant day at the beach.

The information in this guide was gathered from municipal websites and officials in all New Jersey towns that have either ocean or bay beaches. We are also gathering information about the known private beach clubs that exist in New Jersey, and the guide will soon be updated with that information.

We hope beach-goers across the state find this information helpful as they visit the Jersey shore this summer to enjoy one of our state's most cherished treasures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald K. Chen".

Ronald K. Chen
Public Advocate



History of Beach Access



Rau, William Herman, 1897, Atlantic City; panorama of beach and boardwalk from pier

Public Beaches and the Public Trust

New Jersey courts have long recognized that every individual has rights of access to and use of the beaches, which are among the state's most cherished resources. These guaranteed rights of access to and use of tidal lands, protected by the public trust doctrine, date back before the American Revolution.

Under that doctrine, municipalities serve as trustees to manage public property for the benefit of all and may not discriminate against non-residents. Private groups also may not unreasonably infringe upon public access to or use of the ocean or beaches. The public trust doctrine is a living and evolving principle within the law. In its 1972 ruling in Borough of Neptune v. Borough of Avon-by-the-Sea, the New Jersey Supreme Court explained: "The public trust doctrine, like all common law principles, should not be considered fixed or static, but should be molded and extended to meet the changing conditions and needs of the public it was created to benefit."

The Legislature gave shore communities the authority fifty years ago to recoup the unique costs incurred by operating a beach in a safe, responsible and clean manner. New Jersey courts, however, have long held that municipalities must exercise this power appropriately. The Public Advocate has worked to ensure that all individuals have rights of meaningful, affordable recreational access to and use of beaches. An increasingly large and mobile population has created new challenges for managing New Jersey's priceless shoreline in a way that fairly benefits everyone.

In the 1972 Neptune case, the New Jersey Supreme Court struck down a beach fee schedule that permitted only residents of Avon to purchase season passes to use the beach. The ordinance forced non-residents to pay twice as much as residents to use the beach for the season. The Court recognized that this type of discrimination based on residency is inconsistent with the public trust doctrine, and invalidated the ordinance.

Several years later, in 1978, Public Advocate Stanley Van Ness brought suit against the Borough of Deal claiming the community was improperly restricting beach access. Deal had created a Casino Club open solely to Deal residents. In addition to exclusive use of the recreational facilities at the Casino Club, members had exclusive access to the dry sand beach directly in front of the Club. The dry sand beach is the area of the beach located above the mean high water line. The New Jersey Court applied its Neptune ruling, which focused on the wet sand beach, to the dry sand beach in Deal. The Court held that, under the public trust doctrine, the publicly owned dry sand beach directly in front of the Casino must be open to all equally, regardless of residency. In another 1978 case, Hyland v. Borough of Allenhurst, the Court held that prohibiting the general public from using municipal toilet facilities adjacent to a public beach also was impermissible.

In its 1984 ruling in Matthews v. Bay Head Improvement Association, the Court clarified that the public trust doctrine governs the beach management practices of nominally private associations that control dry sand beaches in a municipality. Seventy of the beach parcels in the Borough were owned by private parties, and the other six were owned and operated by the Bay Head Improvement Association. The Association, a non-profit organization created to benefit the community, had strong ties to the municipal government. Seven out of the nine roads running perpendicular to the shoreline ended at dry sand beaches controlled by the Association. Membership in the Association was restricted to Bay Head residents. The Court found that, while the public had a nominal right to use the land below the mean water line, as a practical matter the public was barred because the Association posted guards to stop non-members from crossing Association property to get to the shoreline. The Court then held that in some circumstances the public trust doctrine implied a right of the public to pass over privately owned dry sand beach for access to and use of the ocean and the wet sand beach. In addition, the Court reasoned that the nature of beach recreation involves swimming as well as intermittent periods of rest, so there was an implied right to use the privately held dry sand beaches in a manner consistent with the nature of that recreational activity. The Court concluded that the Association was permitted to charge a fee to recover the maintenance and personnel costs of its beach management activities, but could not forbid non-residents of Bay Head from fully enjoying the beach.

In 2005, the Court reaffirmed the principles articulated in the Bay Head case and applied them to beaches that were fully privately owned and operated. In the 2005 case, the Atlantis Beach Club was the successor to a State riparian grant from 1907, which included both land below the mean high water line and the adjacent dry sand beach. In 1996, the Atlantis Club began charging a substantial fee to those who wanted to enter, cross or use its private beach. At the time, the U.S. Coast Guard owned the entire wet and dry sand beach to the south, which was closed to the public during summer months. The Court reasoned that, under these circumstances, the Atlantis Club could not charge a prohibitively expensive fee for access to the beach or ocean. The Club controlled one of the few beaches on the ocean side of Lower Township, and there was a large public demand to use the beach. It also had been open to free and unrestricted public use prior to the creation of the private club. The Court required the Club to issue daily and seasonal passes and grant general access to the public. It also ruled that the fees charged to the public were excessive and that the State must approve the fee schedule the Club would charge. The Court explicitly rejected the notion that the Club could charge the public whatever the market would bear, and instead held that fees must be associated with the actual costs of providing basic beach-related services (such as lifeguards, toilets and showers) and the number of people who could safely be accommodated on the property.

New Jersey courts have issued several rulings determining whether a beach fee was reasonable. A lower court concluded that, when beach revenues are used to subsidize year-round municipal expenses, it is a form of discrimination and invalid under the public trust doctrine. In 1989, Public Advocate Alfred Slocum brought a lawsuit against the Borough of Belmar charging that its beach fee schedule was unreasonable and discriminated against non-residents. The Court struck down Belmar's fee schedule because the cost of a daily pass was unjustifiably high compared with the cost of a seasonal pass, and the cost difference between weekday and weekend passes was similarly unfair. The Court held that a community may charge beach fees only to cover those basic costs that are directly related to its beachfront activities. After a detailed review of Belmar's budget, the Court found that non-residents who used the Belmar beach were improperly being forced to subsidize the town's non-beach-related, year-round costs, including police, parks, recreation and garbage disposal, and these expenses should be paid with general tax revenues. The Court held that creating a surplus of beach revenues and using those revenues to subsidize costs not directly associated with beach activities was illegal, and invalidated Belmar's pricing schedule.

In addition to fee schedules, the Supreme Court has also invalidated a zoning ordinance that prohibited recreational use of a privately owned oceanfront lot. Brick Township had zoned a large stretch of beachfront property as single family residential and did not permit public access to or enjoyment of the beach. The owner of a private oceanfront lot challenged the ordinance. The Court struck down the municipal zoning ordinance in 1981 because its prohibition of public recreational access to or use of the beach was inconsistent with the state Municipal Land Use Law and state policies that favored recreational use of the beach. A variety of transactions between the State and beach owners present opportunities to uphold public rights of access and use. Those policies include State regulations requiring that anyone who conducts a regulated activities along the shoreline of any tidal waterway, including grading sand or placing any structure on a beach, must comply with State public access regulations.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has made efforts to ensure that any beach rebuilt or replenished with public funds allows convenient access and use by the taxpaying public. In 2007, the DEP promulgated comprehensive rules specifying the terms and amenities of public access to beaches and other tidal waterways that anyone conducting a regulated activity must provide. The Borough of Avalon challenged those rules as they applied to municipal beaches, objecting to the scope of DEP jurisdiction and the cost of providing public access amenities to beach projects. The majority of beach project funds are federal (67%) and State (25%), and the municipality may recover its costs to operate the beach from beach fees. The federal government requires adequate parking or shuttle service as a condition of beach replenishment funds and prohibits use of those funds on private beaches or any beach that does not provide public access.

The Superior Court of New Jersey decided, in November 2008, that a portion of the challenged regulations is invalid. The regulations struck down by the court would have required shore towns to provide adequate parking or shuttle service, restrooms, and 24-hour beach access as a condition of beach replenishment funding. The court decided that the DEP did not have legislative authority to require these public access terms on municipally owned beaches. The New Jersey Supreme Court denied DEP's petition to review this decision. Since the amount of federal funds appropriated this year to replenish New Jersey beaches is uncertain, the effects of this decision are unknown.

The Public Advocate welcomes your suggestions on how to ensure that New Jersey preserves the rights of access to and use of tidal waterways that we have enjoyed since the earliest days of the United States.

New Jersey Beaches at a Glance 2009

Municipality	Lifeguards	Restrooms	Showers	Changing Rooms	Food Permitted	Daily Badges
Allenhurst	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$7
Asbury Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$5
Atlantic City	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free
Avalon***	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	\$6
Avon By the Sea	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$8
Barnegat Light	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	\$5
Bay Head	Yes	No	No	No	No	\$6
Beach Haven	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$5
Belmar	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$7
Berkeley (On Barnegat Bay)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	\$5/ \$6*
Bradley Beach	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$7/\$8*
Brick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (in restrooms)	Yes	\$5
Brigantine	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$8
Cape May	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$5
Cape May Point	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	\$6
Deal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$6/ \$7*
Harvey Cedars	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	\$6
Highlands (On Raritan Bay)	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Free
Island Beach State Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$6/\$10* (per car)
Keansburg (On Raritan Bay)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free
Lavallette	Yes	No	No	No	No	\$6
Loch Arbour	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$5/ \$6*
Long Beach	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	\$5
Long Branch	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (in restrooms)	Yes	\$5
Longport	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$10**
Lower Township	No Public Ocean Beaches					
Manasquan	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$6/ \$7*
Mantoloking	No	No	No	No	No	\$12**
Margate***	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	\$10**
Middletown (On Raritan Bay)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Free
Monmouth Beach	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	\$8
Neptune (Ocean Grove)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$7
North Wildwood	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Free
Ocean City	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	\$5
Pt. Pleasant (River Beach)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$1
Pt. Pleasant Beach (MD Ave)****	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	\$6/\$7*
Pt. Pleasant Beach (Bradshaw)	Yes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	\$6/\$7*
Sandy Hook - Gateway Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$10/car
Sea Bright	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$8
Sea Girt	Yes	Yes	No	No (season pass)	No	\$8
Sea Isle City	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	\$5
Seaside Heights	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5
Seaside Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$8
Seven Pres. Oceanfront Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$7
Ship Bottom	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	\$7
Spring Lake	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	\$8
Stone Harbor***	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	\$6
Surf City	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	\$7
Toms River (f/k/a Dover)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$5
Upper Township	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Free
Ventnor***	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	\$10**
Wildwood	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Free
Wildwood Crest	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Free

*Two separate prices indicate that the weekday rate differs from the weekend/holiday rate.

**Municipal beach does not charge a daily rate and, therefore, a visitor must pay either a seasonal or weekly rate for the day.

***This indicates reciprocity of beach tags between towns.

****Most of the beach is operated by private entities. The municipal beach is located at the south end of the borough.

Monmouth County Beaches



Allenhurst

Fee: Daily: \$7. Free for children 11 and under.

Beach Season: May 22 through Sept. 7.

Restrooms and Showers: Public restrooms and outdoor showers are located at Cedar Avenue. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Parking for all access points is free in a lot or on nearby streets.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from May 22 to Sept. 7. After school begins, there may be only one lifeguard on duty.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Visitors with disabilities can enter the beach at Cedar Avenue. Two beach wheelchairs are available upon request to any beach employee.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted, as are coolers. Open flame, even from a barbeque, is not permitted.

Additional Info: Smoking is permitted on the beach.

The Cedar Avenue Street End is the only point at which the public can enter the beach and it is the only spot at which amenities are available.

For more information, call (732) 531-2757 or visit www.allenhurstnj.org.

Asbury Park

Fee: Daily, including holidays: \$5. Season: \$50; \$15 for children aged 13 to 17 and adults aged 63 and older. Free for children aged 12 or younger and for active duty military personnel and their dependents upon presentation of a DOD Uniformed Card or an award letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Badges can be purchased at the boardwalk.

Beach Season: The beaches at 3rd and 5th avenues open on Memorial Day weekend. All beaches will be open by June 22 and will close after Labor Day weekend.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located on the boardwalk and Ocean and 1st avenues. Access to pavilions is available at points where the boardwalk intersects with 7th, 3rd and 4th avenues. Showers are located at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th Avenue beaches. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Non-metered, on-street parking is available.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty only at the 3rd Avenue beach on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until June 21. After that, they are on duty daily at 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 8th Avenue beaches through Labor Day Weekend.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors with disabilities can enter the beach at all boardwalk access points. Beach wheelchairs are available from a beach office at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and the boardwalk.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted, as are coolers.

Additional Info: Sunbathing and surfing-only beach locations and dates have not yet been determined. Food stands, restaurants, bars and stores are located along the boardwalk and Ocean Avenue.

For more information call (732) 775-0900 or visit www.cityofasburypark.com.

Avon

Fee: Daily: \$8. Season: \$75; \$35 for children aged 12 to 18 and for adults aged 65 and older. Children aged 11 or younger are free. Beach tags are on sale every day at the beachfront from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Norwood, Sylvania and Washington avenues.

Beach Season: Open only on weekends from Memorial Day until June 14. After that, open daily through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at Norwood and Lincoln avenues. Showers are available at the entrance to each beach. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Non-metered, on-street parking is available, and there is a free municipal lot at the north end of Ocean Avenue.

Lifeguards: On duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at seven or eight stations.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors with disabilities can enter the beach at East End, Garfield, and Washington avenues.

Public restrooms are accessible to visitors with disabilities. Beach wheelchairs are also available, upon request, for no cost.

Food: Alcoholic beverages and barbeque cooking are prohibited. Packed lunches are permitted.

Additional Info: Guarded bathing is available at East End, Norwood, Sylvania, Garfield, Lincoln and Washington avenues. Surfing at Woodland Avenue.

Visitors can fish at jetties and in Shark River. There is a launch for small boats at East End Avenue.

The boardwalk extends from Norwood Avenue to the Shark River.

Additional bathrooms are available at the municipal pool, however, only residents who purchase a seasonal membership may use them. Seasonal memberships are available only to residents at a cost of \$70 for adults and \$50 for children and seniors.

For more information, call (732) 502-4510 or see www.avonbytheseanjersey.com

Belmar

Fee: Daily: \$7. Season: \$50; \$15 for adults aged 62 or older and individuals with disabilities with SSA proof of disability. Free to children aged 15 or under and to those serving in the military. Badges are sold on weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Daily passes are sold for the duration of the beach season.

Beach Season: Open only on weekends from Memorial Day until June 14. After that, open daily through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are available at 3rd, 5th, 8th, 10th, 16th and 19th avenues. Showers are on the beach. There are no changing rooms, but beach visitors are allowed to change in the restrooms.

Parking: Metered parking is available along the east side of Ocean Avenue, and free on-street parking is available along side streets.

For more information, call (732) 681-9191 or visit www.belmar.com

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty along the 21 blocks of beach from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Beginning June 15, lifeguards are on duty daily.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors with disabilities can enter the beach at 3rd, 10th and 20th avenues. Accessible parking is available on each block. Beach wheelchairs are available upon request, but visitors with disabilities must contact a lifeguard to obtain one. Public restrooms are accessible for visitors with disabilities.

Food: Food and one-gallon coolers are allowed. Glass and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Additional Info: The boardwalk offers food stands and restaurants, including outdoor cafes, small shops and public restrooms. Smoking is allowed in designated areas of the beach. Fires are allowed with a permit. Surfing and boogie boarding are allowed on designated areas of the beach on the advice of a Lifeguard. A movie is shown at 8th Avenue on every Sunday starting June 28; admission to these showings is free.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Bradley Beach

Fee: Daily: \$7 on weekdays and \$8 on weekends and holidays. Season: \$65; \$25 for children aged 14 to 15 and adults aged 60 or older. Free for children aged 13 and under.

Beach Season: Open weekends only from Memorial Day until June 14 and daily from June 17 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Public restrooms are located at Newark, La Reine, 3rd and Evergreen avenues. Showers are located on the beach. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Parking is free on the west side of Ocean Ave. and costs \$1 per hour on the east side. Change machines are located at Brinley Avenue, 2nd Avenue, 3rd Avenue, LaReine Avenue, and Cliff Avenue.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and weekdays beginning June 22.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The beach is accessible to visitors who use wheelchairs at Newark and 2nd avenues, and beach wheelchairs are available.

Deal

Conover Pavilion

Fee: Daily: \$6 on weekdays and \$7 on weekends and holidays. Season: \$125. Free for children aged 11 and under.

Beach Season: The full season for Conover Pavilion runs June 20th through September 4th. Open weekends only, May 23, 24 & 25th, May 30 & 31, June 6 & 7, June 13 & 14. Open daily June 15 through Labor Day. Services available will depend on the availability of staff.

Restrooms and Showers: Changing rooms and two sets of restrooms are available for public use and are located in the pavilion. Showers are on the beach and in the locker rooms.

Parking: Free parking is available in lots and on the streets.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekends beginning Memorial Day; starting June 15, lifeguards will be on duty daily through Labor Day.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Barbeque cooking is not.

Additional Info: Bicycles are allowed on the boardwalk from Midnight until 10 a.m. during the beach season. Fishing is allowed on beach jetties at Lake Terrace, Park Place and Brinley and 2nd avenues at the discretion of lifeguards. Surfing is allowed at the 3rd Avenue beach. The one-mile boardwalk has concessions, a playground, miniature golf and a bandstand gazebo. From June 26 through Sept. 4, concerts take place at 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

Toddler parks for children aged 1 to 4 are located at the beaches at Cliff, La Reine and 2nd avenues.

For more information, call (732) 776-2994 or visit www.bradleybeachonline.com.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Wheelchair ramps onto the beach are located in front of the pavilion. Beach wheelchairs are not available.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are allowed as long as their remnants are cleaned up.

Additional Info: The Conover Pavilion is open to the public. It has a snack bar, tables, chairs, a deck, a covered porch, volleyball nets and a playground with swings. The use of a locker large enough for one person's possessions costs \$140 for the season. The season rate for a bathhouse for two members of an immediate family is \$300. The cost is \$100 for each additional immediate family member aged 12 to 17, and \$125 for each immediate family member aged 18 or older.

Only one public access point leads to the beach.

For more information, starting in late June, there is a direct beach line at (732) 531-0319, (732) 531-0404 (starting in late June) or visit www.dealborough.com.

Highlands

Fee: Free.

Beach Season: Late June through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Public restrooms are located in the community center at Snug Harbor Beach as well as portable toilets at Snug Harbor and Miller. Other restrooms are located within walking distance of the beach, but no showers or changing rooms are available.

Parking: There is nominal free parking at Snug Harbor Beach and Miller Street Beach. South Bay Avenue Beach has non-designated neighborhood parking. A municipal lot is located within walking distance of South Bay Avenue Beach.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty at Snug Harbor Beach and Miller Street Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from late June until Labor Day. South Bay Avenue Beach is not regularly staffed, but is accessible to the public and signs are posted indicating that no lifeguards are on duty.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: There is a walkway from street parking to the beach that is accessible to visitors with disabilities, but there is no access to the water line. Beach wheelchairs are not available.

Food: Coolers are permitted, glass containers and alcohol are not. Open flame, even from barbeques, is prohibited.

Additional Info: Snug Harbor is the largest of the beach areas. A basketball court, tennis court, beach volleyball court and skateboard park are at or near the Snug Harbor Beach. There are restaurants and convenience stores in town. Boat rentals are available at the marinas, and farmers markets are open on or near the beaches on Saturdays at Huddy Park, Waterwitch and Bay avenues. Smoking on the beach is prohibited.

S. Bay Avenue beach will be periodically closed throughout the summer due to a DOT project to replace the bridge to Sandy Hook. This construction project is expected to last until 2012. The beach is not permanently closed, but please be aware of the construction.

For more information, call (732) 872-1959 or visit

Keansburg

Fee: Free.

Beach Season: Year-round. Swimming is permitted from daybreak until dusk, and visitors are allowed to remain on the beach until 11 p.m. daily.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at the intersection of Beachway and Belleview avenues. Showers are available along the bike path immediately inland of the beach. Changing rooms are located near the metered parking on Beachway south of the amusement park.

Parking: Parking is available in a private lot between the boardwalks and amusement park for \$3 Monday - Thursday and \$5 Friday-Sunday. Parking on street and in municipal lot is metered from May 15 to Sept. 15 but free during the remainder of the year.

Lifeguards: No lifeguards.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The wooden boardwalks provide ramps for beach access. The restrooms and showers located at the intersection of Beachway and Belleview avenues are wheelchair-accessible. Beach wheelchairs are not available.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Coolers are permitted.

Additional Info: Smoking on the beach is prohibited. Food vendors are located on the boardwalk. An extension of the Henry Hudson bike path along the Bayshore has been completed through Keansburg.

This beach is located on Raritan Bay, not on the ocean.

For more information, call (732) 787-0215 ext. 111 or visit www.keansburgboro.com.

Loch Arbour

Fee: Daily: \$5 on weekdays and \$6 on weekends and holidays. Season: \$90; \$50 for adults aged 62 or older. Free for children 11 and under. **Badges often sell out early in the season; call the town for badge availability.**

Season badge applications at <http://www.locharbournj.us/locharbourfaqs.html>. Badges are available for pick-up from Village Beach gatehouse, Euclid Avenue and Ocean Place.

Beach Season: Open weekends only from May 23 through June 21, after which the beach is open daily through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms and showers are located at the pavilion; however, changing rooms are not available. The pavilion is open to any person displaying a beach badge.

Parking: Metered parking is available on adjacent streets and free parking on nearby streets. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, daily parking is available in the lot at the beach for \$6 per vehicle on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Long Branch

Fee: Daily: \$5. Season: \$35. Free for children aged 13 to 17 with a student ID, children aged 12 and under, adults aged 62 or older, and people with disabilities.

Cash Only -Badges may be purchased at the Long Branch Recreation Office, located at 3 Bay Ave., Long Branch, Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. On weekends, badges are available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seasonal badges are also available daily at the Beach Office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Beach Season: Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are available at West End Ave., Cottage Pl., Morris Ave., Laird St., North Bath Ave., and Great Lawn beaches. Portable toilets are available at Seaview Ave. Indoor showers are available at North Bath and Morris beaches. Outdoor showers are located at all beaches. Changing in restrooms is allowed.

Parking: On-street and off-street parking is available.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5

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Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors with disabilities can access the beach. One beach wheelchair is available to reserve in the gatehouse at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Ocean Place.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted, as are coolers. Glass bottles are not, nor is barbeque cooking.

Additional Info: The beach has a volleyball net. An outdoor dining area and snack bar are located at the pavilion. Restaurants and shops are located three blocks west on Main Street.

For more information or call (732) 531-4740 or visit www.locharbournj.us.

p.m., on weekends only from Memorial Day through June 14, after which they are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Labor Day. Posted at or near the beach entrances at Seaview Ave., Great Lawn, Madison Ave., Laird St., Chelsea Ave., Melrose Terrace, Morris Ave., Pavilion Ave., North Bath Ave., South Bath Ave., Cottage Pl., West End Ave., and Brighton Ave.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Beach wheelchairs are available at both the Morris Avenue beach and Chelsea Avenue beach, both of which are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Ramps (sand) are located at: the Great Lawn, Madison, Morris, and Melrose. Ramps (boards) are at Chelsea and Cottage Pl.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Glass containers are not. Coolers will be checked.

Additional Info: Smoking is permitted at designated areas on the beach. A concession stand is located at the West End Beach. Pier Village, located at Chelsea Beach, offers restaurants and shopping. For more information, call (732) 571-6545 or visit www.visitlongbranch.com.

Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park Monmouth County Park System

This is a Monmouth County Park located within the City of Long Branch.

Fee: Daily fee is \$7 for individuals aged 12 and older. Children aged 11 and younger are free. Season: \$60 for those aged 17 through 64; \$42 for those aged 12 through 16; and \$23 for those aged 65 and older. (Mid-season rates are available after August 1.) Season badges are valid through September 7, 2009.

Beach Season: Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms and showers are available on the beach. Changing rooms are located at all restrooms.

Parking: The park has four parking lots providing approximately 800 parking spaces. Daily parking: \$6. Season parking pass: \$55.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekends only starting Saturday May 23, every day from Saturday June 13 through Monday September 7, and on the weekend of September 12 and 13.

Manasquan

Fee: Daily: \$6 on weekdays and \$7 on weekends and holidays. Weekly: \$30. Season: \$60; \$30 for children aged 12 to 16 with ID; \$20 for adults aged 65 or older. Season pass available for people with disabilities for half of the cost for their age group (i.e. \$15 aged 12-16 and \$10 aged 65 & over). Free for children 11 and under and for military personnel and their dependents.

Beach Season: Open weekends only from Memorial Day through June 21 and every day from June 22 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Public restrooms and water fountains are available at the entrances to the beaches at Ocean Avenue, Brielle Road and the inlet beaches. Showers are located on the beach near most beach entrances. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Daily: \$11 Fridays through Sundays and holidays; \$6 Mondays through Thursdays. Season: \$75. Municipal lots are located at 2nd, 3rd, 4th and Pompano avenues. Limited parking is available on the street, and at the train station, about 1/2-mile from the beach.

N.B.: Seasonal parking passes are sold out, but daily passes are still available.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors with disabilities can access the beach via ramps. The park includes accessible parking spaces and beach wheelchairs are available.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted, as are coolers. Glass bottles are not, nor is barbeque cooking.

Additional Info: The park is approximately 38 acres and includes a boat launch, activity center, open shelter with picnic tables, Skateplex, playground, sand volleyball court and pavilion with snack bar. The Skateplex includes a rink for inline skating and roller hockey, and a skatepark with a bowl and a series of quarter pipes and wedges, and is open year-round.

For more information or call (732) 229-7025 (Park Rangers) or (732) 229-0924 (Seasonal Pavilion Office) or visit www.monmouthcountyparks.com. Mailing address: 221 Ocean Avenue North, Long Branch, NJ 07740

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekends only from Memorial Day through June 14 and every day from June 20 through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Elks Beach at Ocean Avenue is accessible and beach wheelchairs are available upon request from staff members at Elks Beach.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted, as are coolers. Glass containers are not permitted.

Additional Info: Smoking is prohibited outside of designated areas. Swings are located at Recreation Beach, between Riddle Way and Main Beach. Gazebos with benches are located at the boardwalk entrances to Riddle Way and Inlet Beaches. Park benches are available along the macadam walkway from the inlet to Elks Beach at Ocean Avenue. Food stands are located at Ocean Avenue and Main beaches and within walking distance of the Inlet Beach.

For more information, call (732) 223-0544 or (732) 223-1221 during the beach season or visit www.manasquan-nj.com.

Middletown

Fee: Free.

Beach Season: Open weekends only, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., from May 23 through June 21 and every day from June 22 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Public restrooms and showers are located at Ideal Beach. A portable toilet is located at Leonardo Beach. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Free street parking is available near the beaches.

Lifeguards: Both Leonardo and Ideal beaches have lifeguards on duty from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends only Memorial Day through June 21 and every day June 22 through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors with disabilities can enter at Leonardo Beach. No beach wheelchairs are available. The public restroom on Leonardo Beach (a portable toilet) is accessible to visitors with disabilities.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Barbeque cooking is not permitted.

Additional Info: This beach is located on Raritan Bay, not on the ocean. No motor crafts or waterskiing allowed.

For more information, call (732) 615-2263 or visit www.middletownnj.org.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Monmouth Beach

Fee: Daily: \$8. Season: \$70. Free for children aged 11 and under.

Use of the Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion requires membership.

Resident membership: \$135 for those aged 12 to 64, and \$50 for children aged 5 to 11 or adults aged 65 or older. Non-resident membership: \$360 for those aged 12 to 64, \$140 for children aged 5 to 11, and \$125 for adults aged 65 or older.

Pavilion members may purchase cards that allow their guests beach and pool access for ten visits. These cards cost residents \$90 and non-residents \$140.

Beach Season: Open weekends only from Memorial Day through June 14 and every day from June 15 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms and showers are available at the Bathing Pavilion for members only. No public restrooms, showers, or changing rooms.

Parking: Seasonal parking tags at the Bathing Pavilion are available for \$40.00 each, however, a tag does not guarantee a parking space. Free parking is available, depending on space, in a lot on Seaview Avenue less than a block from the pavilion.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty at the Bathing Pavilion from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Ramps connect the sidewalk to the Bathing Pavilion, where beach wheelchairs are available.

Food: Coolers are permitted. Glass bottles and alcoholic beverages are not.

Additional Info: Beach fires are prohibited, as are dogs. Lockers in the Bathing Pavilion at Ocean Avenue and at Valentine Street, and umbrella spaces, are sold out for the season.

For more information, call (732) 229-2204 or visit www.monmouthbeach.us

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Neptune Township-Ocean Grove

Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

Fee: Daily: \$7. Weekend (2-day): \$12. Weekly: \$35. Season: \$70; \$35 for children aged 12 to 17; \$40 for adults aged 65 or older. Free for children 11 and under. Beach badges are on sale at the beach office during the summer season and at the camp meeting before the season begins.

Beach Season: Open weekends only from May 23 through June 7; every day from June 13 through Sept. 7; and the weekend of Sept. 12 & 13.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at the beach office and on Middle Beach. Several showers are located along the boardwalk. Changing rooms are located in the beach office and are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Parking: On-street parking is available. There is also a lot at the south end of the beach. To use this lot, one must purchase a daily badge.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The Beachwheels program provides beach wheelchairs for those who need them. Wheelchair ramps are located at Embury Avenue, Ocean Pathway and Bath Avenue. Stairs on the pier near the water allow visitors who have trouble walking in the sand to spend less time doing so.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Charcoal grilling is permitted after 6 p.m. Open fires are prohibited.

Additional Info: Ball playing is permitted.

For more information, call (732) 766-4009 or visit www.oceangrove.org.

NJ Army National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt

Fee: This beach is owned by the New Jersey Army National Guard and is available to active, reserve and retired members of the military stationed or resident in New Jersey, current or retired members of the New Jersey State Police, employees of the State Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and law enforcement officers and first responders in the Borough of Manasquan, Sea Girt, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, and Wall Township. Free beach passes are available only to members of these groups who show an official photo identification card.

Beach Season: Open Memorial Day weekend through the second weekend in September.

Restrooms and Showers: Showers and portable toilets are available during the summer season for authorized users.

Parking: Free parking is available on the base and near the beach for authorized military, law enforcement, State Police and first responder groups.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards patrol this beach.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Beach wheelchairs are available for use by visitors with disabilities.

Food: Eating and drinking are allowed on the beach, but alcohol is not permitted.

Additional Info: The beach may be closed occasionally for military operations. Visitors are asked to observe all posted warnings and follow instructions of base personnel.

For more information, call (732) 775-0900.

Sea Bright

Fee: Daily: \$8; \$4 on Wednesdays. Season: \$100; \$35 for adults aged 65 and older. Children 11 and under are free.

Beach Season: Open only on weekends from Memorial Day through June 21 then everyday through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located on the beach, as are outdoor showers and an enclosed changing room.

Parking: Parking is free in a municipal lot; however, parking is shared with downtown stores. Adjacent publicly owned lot prohibits parking. Limited free on-street parking is available. Parking is limited.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends from Memorial Day through June 16, after which they are on duty daily through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Access to the beach is available at various points along the boardwalk. All main entrance points are accessible at ground level.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted, as are coolers. Glass containers are not permitted, nor are beach fires.

Additional Info: Volleyball is permitted on a designated area on the main beach. Anchorage Beach is a state-owned, free beach, used primarily by surfers and fishermen. There is limited parking at Anchorage Beach.

Much of the length of the town has no parking and no access to beach over the seawall.

For more information, call (732) 842-0099 or during the season the Beach Office (732) 842-0215 or visit www.sea-bright.com.

Sea Girt

Fee: Daily: \$8. Season: \$80; \$50 for adults aged 65 or older. Free for children aged 12 and under. Badges are available 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Beach Pavilion. Badges must be paid for in cash.

Beach Season: Open from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are available at the pavilion but use of the restrooms requires a beach badge. Showers and changing rooms are available only to beachgoers with seasonal passes.

Parking: Free, on-street parking is available.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 9:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on weekends from Memorial Day through June 21, after which they are on duty daily through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The beaches are wheelchair-accessible and beach wheelchairs are available.

Food: Food on the beach is prohibited. Non-alcoholic beverages in non-disposable containers are permitted.

Additional Info: Dogs are not permitted on the beach from May 1 to Sept. 30. Bicycle riding on the boardwalk is restricted to 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. Motorized vehicles, skates and skateboards are not permitted at any time on the beach or boardwalk. The throwing of hard balls or other objects such as Frisbees, paddleball and football and the use of baseball bats is prohibited on beaches during bathing hours during the entire beach season. Kite flying is prohibited on all beaches. Surfing is permitted only at Philadelphia Boulevard beach. Kayaking is allowed at Trenton Boulevard and North Bell Place. Catamarans are permitted north of the Beacon Boulevard jetty as posted. Free tours of the Sea Girt Lighthouse, circa 1896, at Beacon Boulevard and Ocean Avenue are offered from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays. Names of Public Beaches: Beacon Beach, Brooklyn Beach, Baltimore Beach, Trenton Beach, North Beach, Chicago Beach, New York Beach, Boston Beach and Neptune/Seaside Beach.

For more information, call (732) 449-9433 or visit www.seagirtboro.com or www.seagirtbeachpatrol.com.

Spring Lake

Fee: Daily: \$8. Full season: \$100. Half season: \$60. Free for children aged 11 and under.

Beach Season: Weekends only May 23 until June 20, which will begin the regular season. Regular season runs through Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2009.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms and showers are available at Ludlow and Atlantic, Salem and Atlantic and Brown and Atlantic avenues. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Free parking is available along Ocean Avenue and side streets.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 9 am to 6 pm weekends beginning Memorial Day weekend and daily from June 20 through Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2009.

Sandy Hook-Gateway National Recreation Area

Fee: Daily: \$10 per car. Season: \$50; \$25 for adults aged 65 and older with "America the Beautiful" senior pass. That pass costs a one-time fee of \$10 and provides a 50% discount to national parks and monuments.

Beach Season: Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located throughout the park. Showers are located in the beach parking area. Changing is allowed in the restrooms.

Parking: Parking is available in lots at each of the beach sites. The park fills quickly on summer weekends; visitors are advised to arrive by 10:30 a.m.

Lifeguards: On duty from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The boardwalk leading to the beach is accessible and beach wheelchairs are available. For beach wheelchairs, contact the concessionaire at the Seagull's Nest (732) 872-0025 (at Area D).

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Wheelchair ramps are located at the intersections of Atlantic and Ocean Avenues, Tuttle and Ocean Avenues, and Remsen Avenue, Salem Avenue and Brown Avenue. A few beach wheelchairs are also available. Accessible parking is available at Worthington, Ludlow, Tuttle, Atlantic, Salem avenues and Brown Avenue. Public restrooms are accessible for visitors with disabilities.

Food: Food is not allowed on the beach from 9 a.m. to 6 pm. Non-alcoholic beverages are to be transported in a non-disposable bottle or recyclable bottle. Please be advised that Spring Lake police officers patrol the beach to ensure compliance, especially on the weekends. Violators are subject to citations and fines. Barbeque cooking is not allowed.

Additional Info: Volleyball is permitted at Pitney and Morris avenues. Surfing is permitted at Remsen, Washington and Monmouth avenues. The Spring Lake Bath and Tennis Club gives exclusive services including chairs and umbrellas to their members on the beach near Jersey and Ocean Avenue. However, all patrons with a Spring Lake beach badge can still sit on that beach, and all other beaches in Spring Lake.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Visitors are to take all trash out of Sandy Hook when they leave. Grilling and glass containers are prohibited.

Additional Info: Windsurfing is permitted on South Beach Area C. Hiking trails begin at the Sandy Hook Visitor Center and at the North end of Nine Gun Battery Field. Walking ocean beaches is permitted except in shorebird nesting areas, which are closed during spring and summer.

The Sandy Hook Lighthouse, which has been in use since 1764, is the country's oldest operating lighthouse.

For more information, call (732) 872-5970 or visit www.nps.gov/nps.gov/gate.

Ocean County Beaches



Barnegat Light

Fee: Daily: \$5. Weekly (Saturday thru Friday): \$20. Season: \$35; \$22 if purchased until June 15; \$8 for adults aged 65 or older. Free for children aged 11 and under.

Beach Season: Open from June 20 until Sept. 7.

Parking: Free parking is available at Barnegat Lighthouse State Park and along side streets.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from June 20 through Sep7. 1 on 9th to 30th streets.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at 10th Street and Bayview Avenue and at Barnegat Lighthouse State Park. There are no showers or changing rooms.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The beach has entrances accessible for wheelchairs at 9th and 29th Streets. Beach wheelchairs are available by appointment with the borough. Call (609) 494-9196 to reserve a beach wheelchair.

Bay Head

Fee: Daily: \$6. Season: \$65. Half season: \$45. A half-season badge grants a visitor access to the beach either from June 20 through July 31 or Aug. 1 through Labor Day. Free for children 11 and under.

Beach Season: Open June 20 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: There are no restrooms, showers, or changing rooms.

Parking: Parking is available in the municipal lot on Bridge Avenue and on nearby streets, with some time restrictions in certain areas. There is no metered parking.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. from June 20 through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The beach is accessible to visitors with disabilities via a platform at Howe Street. Beach wheelchairs are not available.

Food: Food and beverages are prohibited on the beach.

Additional Info: Dogs are prohibited on the beach between April 15 and Oct. 1. Fires are not permitted. There are restaurants and stores along Long Beach Boulevard, Bayview Avenue and Broadway.

For more information, call (609) 494-9196 or visit www.barnlight.com.

Food: Food and beverages are not permitted. Water in clear plastic container is permitted.

Additional Info: Dogs are not permitted.

For more information, call (732) 892-4179.

Beach Haven

Fee: Daily: \$5. Weekly: \$15. Season: \$20 if purchased before June 27th and \$35.00 after then. Free for children aged 12 and under and adults aged 65 or older.

Beach Season: Open from June 27 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located near the Centre Street Beach, on the bayside at Taylor Avenue, at the public dock on Dock Road and the bay, at the tennis courts on Pearl Street and at the playground at Nelson and West avenues. One outdoor shower is located on Centre Street. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Free on-street parking is available.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily during the beach season at various locations.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Wheelchair-accessible pavilions are located at 5th and Pearl streets.

Berkeley

Fee: Daily: \$5 on weekdays, \$6 on weekends and holidays. Weekly: \$20. Season: \$35, \$30 if purchased by June 19. Free for children aged 12 under and residents of Berkeley aged 62 and older.

Beach Season: Open June 20 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms and outdoor showers are located on the beach. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Limited metered parking is available across the street from the beach, which stretches from 20th Street to 23rd Street.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Beaches are accessible and beach wheelchairs are available at the lifeguard shack at 23rd Avenue.

Food: Small snacks are permitted. Barbeque cooking and alcoholic beverages are not.

Additional Info: Game playing is permitted at the discretion of a lifeguard. Surfing is permitted in a designated area. Fishing and kayaking is permitted 50 yards away from the bay area. Bicycle paths are located at Beach and Atlantic avenues.

For more information, call (609) 492-0111 or visit www.beachhaven-nj.gov.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Food: Food is prohibited.

Additional Info: Fishing and the use of vehicles are prohibited during summer beach hours. Names of the public beaches: White Sands Beach and William Dudley Park.

Beach is located on Barnegat Bay, not the ocean.

For more information, call (732) 269-4456, Tim Yorcisin, Parks Superintendent.

Brick

Fee: Daily: \$5. Season: \$30; \$25 if purchased before June 15. Free for children aged 12 or under and adults aged 65 or older.

Daily badges can be purchased at Beaches I and III or in the Recreation Department, located at 270 Chambers-bridge Rd.

Beach Season: Open weekends Memorial Day through June 14, every day from June 15 through Labor Day, and the weekends of Sept. 12 & 13 and Sept. 19 & 20.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms and outdoor showers are located at Beaches I and III. Changing is allowed in restrooms.

Parking: Beaches I and III have parking lots. Daily parking: \$5; \$1 for adults aged 65 or older. Season parking: \$30 for Brick residents; \$40 for non-residents. Parking permits can be purchased at Beaches I and III and in the Recreation Department, located at 270 Chambers-bridge Road.

Lifeguard: On duty at Beaches I and III from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and at Beach II from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Beaches I and III and Windward Beach are wheelchair-accessible. Visitors can obtain beach wheelchairs by calling the Recreation Department at (732) 262-1044 at least one day in advance.

Food: Food is permitted as long as it is cleaned up. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Additional Info: Bathing is the only activity allowed during bathing hours. Body boards and smoking are allowed only in designated areas. Dogs are not allowed. The Windward Beach, off Princeton Avenue, has a playground, restrooms, a fishing pier, open fields, bocce courts, horseshoe pits and picnic benches under the trees. Groups of 40 or more may reserve the gazebo and picnic area. Fees are available by calling (732) 262-1044.

For more information, call (732) 262-1044 or visit www.twp.brick.nj.us.

Harvey Cedars

Fee: Daily: \$6. Weekly: \$20. Season: \$35; \$23 if purchased by June 15; \$9 for adults aged 65 and older. (Senior badges are for sale only at the Beach Badge Booth in Sunset Park.) Free for children aged 11 and under.

Beach Season: Open from June 20 through Labor Day and weekends of Sept. 12 & 13 and Sept. 19 & 20.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at Sunset Park and at Borough Hall. A portable toilet is located at Bay Beach (at 75th Street). Outdoor showers are located at Sunset Park, 80th Street, Mercer Avenue and 75th Street on the Bay Beach. Changing rooms are located at Sunset Park.

Parking: Parking is allowed on most side streets and at Sunset Park.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from June 20 through Labor Day and the weekends of Sept. 12 & 13 and Sept. 19 & 20.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Wheelchair-accessible ramps are located at Mercer Avenue and 80th Street. Parking for visitors with disabilities is available. To reserve a beach wheelchair from the borough, call (609) 494-6905.

Food: Picnicking, glass containers and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Additional Info: The beach stretches from William Street to 86th Street. Windsurfing, kayaking and fishing are allowed off Sunset Park on the bay, but swimming is not. Bay swimming is allowed at the end of West 75th Street. Smoking is not permitted at Sunset Park in children's playground area. Sunset Park has a playground and courts for bocce, tennis and basketball.

For more information, call (609) 494-6905 or visit www.harveycedars.org.

Island Beach State Park

Fee: Daily: \$6 per car on weekdays and \$10 per car on weekends and holidays. Bicyclists and hikers are free. Season pass for a car: \$55.

Beach Season: The Park is open all year, and the beach is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Showers, dressing rooms and restrooms are available at two separate Pavilions on the beach. Additional restrooms are located at each parking lot and on some of the trails.

Parking: Parking lots are located approximately 3.5 miles from the gate next to the two swimming beaches. Parking is also available throughout the park but not within walking distance of a swimming beach.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards patrol only the swimming beaches. They are on duty while the park is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Pavilions are completely accessible with ramps onto the beach. Beach wheelchairs are available free of charge.

Food: Picnicking is allowed on the ocean beach in the Recreation and Southern Natural areas. Island Beach is a carry in- carry out park. Alcohol is not permitted.

Additional Info: A refreshment pavilion is located at each parking lot in the bathing beach section. Visitors can purchase concessions and rent beach umbrellas and chairs. Cycling is permitted in the bike lanes along the main park road. State law requires that all children under age 14 wear helmets. There are no bike trails at Island Beach State Park.

Open fires are permitted 50 feet east of the dune line from Parking Area 3 south to the inlet. No fires or cooking devices of any kind are permitted on the beach in the lifeguard areas during the summer season. Pets are allowed on beach south of the swimming pavilion as long as they are kept on a leash at least six feet long.

Seasonal access to the beach for mobile sports fishing (which requires a vehicle permit) costs \$195. A three-day vehicle beach pass costs \$50.

For more information, call (732) 793-1698.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*



Lavallette

Fee: Daily: \$6. Weekly (Saturday to Saturday): \$25.

Season: \$45; \$35 if purchased by June 15; \$12 for adults aged 65 and older. Free for children aged 11 and under.

Daily badges are sold at the entrances to the beach.

Season badges are sold at the Beach Badge Office, adjacent to the Police Department, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Beach Season: Badges must be worn from June 20 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: There are no restrooms, showers, or changing rooms.

Parking: Free street parking is available, but spaces are limited. Additional parking is available at two municipal lots that charge \$7.00 for a season permit.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty during the beach

season from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors with disabilities can enter the beach at Ortley, Philadelphia, and Dover avenues. Beach wheelchairs available in Lifeguard Headquarters at Philadelphia Avenue.

Food: Picnicking is not permitted on the sand, nor are alcoholic beverages.

Additional Info: Smoking is prohibited on two bay beaches. Boogie boards are allowed between Blue and White Flags. Surfing is allowed at Haddonfield, Brown, and Dover avenues between green flags. Kayaking is permitted in the same locations that surfing is, but kayakers must wear life jackets.

For more information, call (732) 793-2111, for the Beach Badge Office, (732) 793-2566 for Beach Patrol, or visit www.lavalletteboro.com.

Long Beach

Fee: Daily: \$5. Weekly: \$20. Season: \$35; \$25 if purchased before June 15. Free for children 11 and under and adults aged 65 and older with proof of age. (Senior badges need not be renewed annually.)

Badges are on sale at the township municipal building, at Long Beach Boulevard, and at Brant Beach.

Beach Season: Badges must be worn from June 20 to Sept. 7.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at Holgate on the southern end, at Harbor South in Loveladies and Brant Beach located on 68th Street. Showers are located at Bayview Park, 68th Street, and Brant Beach. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Parking is available at Bayview Park or on alternate side streets which take effect in the summer months. Parking is available in the Holgate section municipal lot, near the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, for a fee. The National Refuge is closed through August due to the nesting of endangered birds.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Lifeguard Hours: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from June 21 through September 7. Two lifeguards are stationed at each of the township's 54 beaches.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Accessible parking and ramps are available in almost all sections of the township. Beach wheelchairs are available for children and adults. Call Beach Patrol office for availability (609) 361-1000.

Food: No food allowed. Visitors may bring a non-alcoholic beverage, but no more than one quart per person.

Additional Info: Summer windsurfing is available at Brant Beach bay area for a seasonal fee. Names of Public Beaches: Bay Vista, Beach Haven Crest, Beach Haven Gardens, Beach Haven Heights, Beach Haven Inlet, Beach Haven Park, Beach Haven Terrace, Brant Beach, Brighton Beach, Haven Beach, Holgate, Loveladies, North Beach, North Beach Haven, Peahala Park, Silver Sands, Spray Beach, The Dunes, South Beach Haven.

For more information, call (609) 361-1000 or visit www.lbtbp.com.

Mantoloking

Fee: Season: \$12. There are no daily badges. Free for children aged 12 and under.

Beach Season: Badges must be worn from June 15 to Sept. 15.

Restrooms and Showers: No restrooms, showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Visitors may park for two hours.

Lifeguard: No lifeguards at municipal beach..

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

A wheelchair-accessible ramp is located at Downer and Lyman avenues. Beach wheelchairs are available at Borough Hall.

Food: Picnicking and eating are prohibited. Non-alcoholic beverages in non-disposable containers are allowed.

Additional Info: Fishing and surfing are allowed, with priority given to bathers.

For more information, call (732) 899-6600 or visit www.mantoloking.org.

Point Pleasant (River Beaches)

Fee: Daily: \$1. Season: \$15; \$10 for adults aged 65 and older. Free for children aged 12 and under.

Beach Season: Open June 15 to Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at River and Maxson avenues. Outdoor showers are available, but there are no changing rooms.

Parking: Parking on the street is free.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The beaches are wheelchair-accessible.

Food: Food is permitted. Alcoholic beverages are not.

Additional Info: Flotation devices and ball-playing are prohibited. Names of Public Beaches: River Avenue Beach and Maxson Avenue Beach, located near the site of the old Point Pleasant hospital..

For more information, call (732) 892-5813 or visit www.ptboro.com.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Point Pleasant Beach Borough - Maryland Avenue

Fee: Daily: \$6 on weekdays and \$7 on weekends and holidays. Season: \$75. Free for children aged 11 and under with an adult. A private company, Aqua Service Lifeguard Services, sets fees—732-295-2071.

Beach Season: June 13 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Port-a-Johns at Maryland Avenue entrance. No showers or changing rooms.

Parking: On-street parking (some free, some metered at \$1.50/hr) depending on availability

Lifeguards: 400' wide beach - Lifeguards are present from 9-5 each day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:
Unknown

Food: Eating and drinking of non-alcoholic beverages is allowed.

Point Pleasant Beach Borough Bradshaw Beach

Fee: Daily: \$6 on weekdays; \$7 on weekends. Season: \$90. Free for children aged 11 and under. A private company, Aqua Service Lifeguard Services, sets fees—732-295-2071.

Beach Season: June 13 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Unknown

Parking: Unknown

Lifeguards: Yes

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:
Unknown

Food: Unknown

Additional Info: No cooking or bonfires.

Maryland Avenue is located at the southern end of the borough. Entrance to the beach at the foot of Maryland Avenue. The public access on Ocean Avenue is marked by a small blue sign which is easily overlooked. The entrance is located directly across from the Dunes Motel. The path runs from the street between new homes constructed at Bay Head Pointe. The borough consider the public area east of Bay Head Pointe only seaward of the mean high water line.

For more information call (732) 892-1118 Ext. 211
Or visit: www.pointpleasantbeach.org

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Additional Info: Amenities such as beach chairs, umbrellas, and use of the bathhouse are on site for rental

This beach is located at the southern end of town, north of the Maryland Avenue public beach. Badges are for sale at a small shed. This area of the boardwalk is privately-owned. Access to the beach is monitored at all entrance points.

www.pointpleasantbeach.org

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Seaside Heights

Fee: Daily: \$5. Season: \$35; \$30 if purchased by May 14; \$10 for a lifetime pass for adults aged 65 and older. (Senior passes for sale only at Borough Hall.) Free for children aged 11 and under.

Beach Season: Open weekends from Memorial Day weekend through June 15, then open every day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located along the boardwalk at Webster, Kearny and Hiering avenues. Hot showers are available for \$2 on weekdays and \$3 on weekends and holidays at the intersection of Hiering Avenue and the Boardwalk at the Beach Control Building. Limited free changing rooms are available at Hiering Avenue.

Parking: Parking is located at the Hiering Avenue beachfront parking lot. It costs \$5 on weekdays and \$10 on weekends and holidays.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The surf chair program provides beach access at no charge. Call Lifeguard Headquarters at (732) 793-4646 during any operational day to make arrangements. There is an accessible ramp at Kearny Avenue.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages in plastic bottles are allowed on the beach. Glass is prohibited.

Additional Info: Kites, kayaks, ball playing, and Frisbees are allowed on the beach before 9 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

For more information, call (732) 793-9100 or visit www.seaside-heightsnj.org.



Seaside Park

Fee: Daily: \$8. Weekly: \$30. Seasonal: \$45; \$40 if purchased by June 14; \$20 for adults aged 65 or older. Free for children aged 12 and under.

Beach Season: Open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms, showers and changing rooms are located on Ocean Avenue.

Parking: A parking lot is located at North Ocean Avenue between Farragut and Stockton avenues. Visitors can pay for parking in quarters at kiosks at this lot and park for up to 7 and a half hours. Parking is also available in two other lots, and visitors can find metered parking along the street.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty weekends only from Memorial Day weekend to June 14, and daily from June 15 through Labor Day, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Visitors with disabilities can enter the beach between F Street and 7th Avenue.

Ship Bottom

Fee: Daily: \$7; \$3 for adults aged 65 and older. Weekly: \$17. Season: \$35; \$25 before May 31. Free for children aged 12 and under. Badges are for sale at Borough Hall on 17th Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard, and from badge checkers on the beach.

Beach Season: Visitors must wear beach badges from June 20 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located near the boat ramp at 10th Street and Shore Avenue, Borough Hall, and Wawa 9th Street. No public showers or changing rooms. For a fee, visitors can use privately owned showers and changing rooms at the Sandbox Café, located at 2604 Long Beach Blvd.

Parking: Parking is available on streets and at the plaza between 18th and 22nd streets.

Lifeguards: On duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 20 through Labor Day.

Food: Food and beverages are permitted on the beach. Alcohol is prohibited. Coolers will be checked.

Additional Info: Fishing is permitted from the piers at 5th and 14th avenues.

For more information, call (732) 793-3700 or visit www.seasideparknj.org.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Ramps are located at 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 25th and 30th streets. Beach wheelchairs are available, but visitors must reserve them by calling (609) 494-9481 or (609) 494-2171 ext. 116.

Food: Food is not allowed on the beach before Oct. 1. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on the beach at any time.

Additional Info: Names of public beaches: Ship Bottom Ocean Beach 3rd—31st streets and Bay Beach at 13th—16th streets. Surfing is allowed in designated areas only from 10 a.m. to 5 a.m. and anywhere outside of those hours.

For more information, call (609) 494-2171 ext. 116 or visit www.shipbottom.org.

Surf City

Fee: Daily: \$7. Weekly: \$17. Season: \$35; \$25 if purchased before May 31. Free for children aged 12 or younger and adults aged 65 or older. Badges can be purchased at Borough Hall, 8th Street and Long Beach Boulevard.

Beach Season: Open June 20 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: The public restrooms nearest to the beach are located at the municipal building on 9th street. No showers or changing rooms are available.

Parking: Parking is located along Long Beach Boulevard and along designated side streets. Two handicapped parking spaces are located at the ocean side of each street end.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 20 through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: An accessible ramp is located on 12th Street. Beach wheelchairs are available. Visitors can reserve them by calling (609) 494-3064.

Food: Picnicking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the beach, but light snacks are allowed. Glass bottles are prohibited.

Additional Info: Surfing is permitted between South 1st and South 2nd streets. Fishing is permitted from North 23rd Street to North 24th Street.

For more information, call (609) 494-3064.

Toms River

Fee: Daily: \$5. Weekly: \$20. Half-Season: \$30. Full Season: \$45; \$35 if purchased by May 25. Free for children aged 12 and under and for Toms River residents aged 62 or older. Badges for sale at the Toms River Recreation Administration Building, located at 1810 Warren Point Rd.; at the Toms River Senior Center, at 652 Garfield Ave.; or at the 3rd Avenue Lifeguard Headquarters, at Ortle Beach Monday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting.

Beach Season: Open weekends only from Memorial Day weekend through June 14, and daily from June 15 through Labor Day, and visitors must wear beach badges.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at all public beaches. Outdoor showers are located at Ortle Beach. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: On-street parking is available and a free municipal lot is located at 4th Avenue.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends only from Memorial Day through June 14, and every day from June 15 through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: All beaches are accessible to people with disabilities. Visitors may reserve beach wheelchairs by calling the Lifeguard Headquarters at Ortle Beach, at (732) 793-3890, 24 hours in advance.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted if they are carried in plastic containers. Coolers are also permitted.

Additional Info: Ball playing and Frisbees are prohibited. There are designated smoking areas on all beaches. Beach fires are prohibited. Dogs are not permitted. Name of public beaches: Ortle Beach, Shelter Cove and Money Island Beach. Ortle Beach is located on the ocean; Shelter Cove and Money Island Beach are located on Barnegat Bay.

For more information, call (732) 341-1000 ext. 8415 or visit www.tomsrivertownship.com.

Atlantic County Beaches



Atlantic City

Fee: Free.

Beach Season: Open from Memorial Day weekend through Sept. 30.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located along the Boardwalk at Bartram Avenue, at Albany, Chelsea, New York, New Hampshire and Caspian avenues, at Kennedy Plaza at Mississippi Avenue, and at the Garden Pier at New Jersey Avenue. Showers are located at Lifeguard District Stations and at Bartram, Albany, Chelsea, Texas, Mississippi, Michigan, Kentucky, South Carolina, States, New Hampshire and Caspian avenues, and at Casino Beaches. City changing booths are located at Albany and South Carolina avenues.

Parking: Side street meter parking is available for 50 cents per hour outside of casino areas. Private lots charge \$5 to \$10 per 8 hours.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend through Sept. 30.

Brigantine

Fee: Daily: \$8. Weekly: \$14. Seasonal: \$18. Free for children aged 11 and under and adults aged 65 or older. Beach badges are available at the Beach Fee Office, located at 15th and Brigantine Blvd., across from City Hall, and from beach tag inspectors on the beach. The Beach Badge Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Beach Season: Beach badges must be worn from June 13 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Portable toilets are available throughout the beach area. Showers are on the beach. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Parking is available in municipal parking lots. Using these lots requires a permit. Daily permits cost \$8 dollars; seasonal permits cost \$25.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Beaches with a lifeguard are marked.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Accessible ramps are located at Bartram, Annapolis, Albany, Providence, Chelsea, Iowa, Michigan, Kentucky, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Hampshire avenues, and between Missouri and Columbia avenues. Restrooms that are ADA compliant are available at Caspian Avenue. Beach wheelchairs are available for free on a first come-first served basis. Visitors can arrange to obtain them by calling (609) 347-5312.

Food: Grilling is allowed on beaches only on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Only charcoal grills are permitted. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Additional Info: Surfing is permitted at Crystal Beach at New Hampshire Avenue, the Delaware Avenue Beach and the Downtown Beach at Raleigh Avenue. Kayaking and windsurfing are permitted at Jackson Avenue. Boogie boarding with leashes is permitted at all beaches, ocean conditions permitting. Ball playing and animals are prohibited. No open fires.

For more information, call (609) 347-5312 or visit www.acbp.org. or www.cityofatlanticcity.org

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Beach wheelchairs are available. Visitors may arrange to obtain them by calling (609) 266-5233.

Food: Food and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted. Cooking is allowed on barbeque grills that use charcoal or propane tanks.

Additional Info: Fishing is allowed north of 14th Street North, at 45th through 47th streets, at 49th Street (area north of Seaside Road), South of Jetty (Absecon Inlet) and Brigantine Bridge. Surfing is permitted at 12th Street North, 10th Street South, North of the South End Jetty and South of the Sandy Lane bathing area. Kite flying is permitted on 34th Street South to 38th Street South.

For more information, call (609) 266-1122 or visit www.brigantinebeachnj.com.



Margate

Fee: Weekly: \$10. Season: \$15; \$3.50 for adults 65 and older if purchased before June 1. No daily badges. Badges are sold at the Martin Bloom Community Pavilion, at the intersection of Huntington and the Beach. The Martin Bloom Community Pavilion is open daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Badges can also be purchased at City Hall, which is located at 1 South Washington Ave. City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as weekends. During the weekend, badges can be purchased from Beach Patrol headquarters at Decatur Avenue. Free for children aged 11 and under.

Margate and Ventnor accept each other's tags.

Beach Season: Open from June 20 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Portable toilets are located every few blocks along the beach. There is a public restroom on Hunting Beach and one at the Lifeguard Headquarters. No showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Non-metered street parking is available.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 20 through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Beach Patrol has sand wheelchairs. call to reserve, (609) 822-3382. Martin Bloom Pavilion has sand wheelchair call (609) 822-2285.

Food: Small food items and non-alcoholic beverages are allowed. Barbeque cooking is allowed only on Independence Day and Labor Day.

Additional Info: Surfing is permitted at a designated area. For more information on the places at which one can surf, visitors can call (609) 822-2370. Tennis courts are located at Jerome Avenue. Lucy the Elephant, a six story historic landmark, is located on the beach.

Beach free Thursdays, June 25 through August 27.

For more information, call (609) 882-2605 or visit www.margate-nj.com.

Longport

Fee: Weekly: \$10. Season: \$30; \$15 if purchased by June 28; \$5 for adults aged 65 and older. No daily rates.

Beach Season: Open weekends only from Memorial Day through June 14, and every day from June 15 through Labor Day. Some beaches will be open the weekends of Sept. 12 & 13 and Sept. 19 & 20.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms and showers are located on 33rd and Atlantic Avenue in the Community Building. There are no changing rooms.

Parking: Metered parking is available on Atlantic Avenue up to 15th Street. On-street parking is available but limited.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends only from May 23 until June 14, and every day from June 15 through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Beach wheelchairs are available at headquarters. There is a sand ramp at 35th Avenue and cutaways in the bulkhead at 16th and 33rd avenues.

Food: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Additional Info: Surfing is permitted at 12th, 22nd, 28th and 32nd streets. Kayaking and windsurfing is permitted between 14th and 15th streets, 22nd and 23rd, 27th and 29th, and 32nd and 33rd streets. Fishing is allowed at unguarded beaches only. Beach patrons must have their badges at all times.

For more information, call (609) 823-2731.

Ventnor

Fee: Weekly: \$10. Season badge: \$15; \$3.50 for adults 65 and older if purchased before May 31. Beginning May 1, Seasonal Beach Badges can be purchased at the City Hall, Tax Office. The office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting May 1. Badges can be purchased at Beach Patrol Headquarters, the Ventnor City Fishing Pier or on the beach by beach badge inspectors. Ventnor and Margate accept each other's tags.

Beach Season: Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at Suffolk and New Haven avenues, the Fishing Pier and City Hall. There are no showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Metered parking is available at New Haven, Surrey, Somerset and Suffolk avenues.

Lifeguards: Locations vary during the season. Lifeguards at Vassar Square, Austin, Frankfort, Suffolk, Dorset, Sacramento, New Haven, Buffalo, Lafayette and Washington.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Access for visitors with disabilities at Suffolk and Newport avenues. These locations offer parking accessible to visitors with disabilities. Call Beach Patrol for beach chairs at (609) 822-7948.

Food: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited. Charcoal grilling is allowed on May 23, 24 & 25; July 3, 4 & 5; and Sept. 5, 6 & 7.

Additional Info: Surfing is permitted alongside the Fishing Pier at Cornwall Avenue during daylight hours. Kayaking is permitted on Princeton Avenue during daylight hours.

For more information, call (609) 823-7904 or visit www.ventnorcity.org.

Cape May County Beaches



Avalon

Fee: Daily: \$6. Weekly :\$12. Season: \$24; \$19 if purchased before May 31. Access to the beach for the full season is free to children aged 12 or younger. Reciprocity of beach tags is observed between Avalon and Stone Harbor.

Beach Season: Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located in Borough Hall (closed on weekends) at 32nd Street and Dune Drive; In the Public Safety Building at 31st and Dune Drive; in Community Hall at 30th Street and Avalon, in the Tennis Building at 8th and 39th streets, at 8th Street and Dune Drive, at 10th Street and Dune Drive, at 30th Street and Dune Drive, and at 39th Street and Dune Drive. There are no showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Public parking is available in Borough lots at 3100 & Dune Drive next to the Public Safety Building, at 32nd Street and Dune Drive behind the Municipal Building, at 28th through 30th streets and the beach; and on the corner of 21st Street and 5th Avenue.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. From June 6 through Aug. 16 all designed beaches will be guarded. From Aug. 16 through Sept. 7, a limited number lifeguards will be on duty. Visitors are allowed to swim only in areas patrolled by lifeguards.

Cape May City

Fee: Daily : \$5. Weekly : \$13. Three Day pass: \$10. Season: \$25. Beach tags for sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Tax Office in City Hall, located at 643 Washington St. Free for children aged 11 and younger.

Beach Season: Select beaches open on weekends from May 23 through June 7, 2009. Starting June 13, 2009, all beaches open everyday through the Labor Day weekend. Cape May City opens its beaches in three phases, some on May 23, more on June 20 and all beaches starting June 27.

Beaches open starting on May 23-First Ave., Grant St., Steger, Stockton, Queen St. Section 1 & 2 and Philadelphia East of Jetty.

Beaches open starting on June 20-Second Ave., Broadway, Colton Ct., Windsor, Hunt, Hagy, Howard St., Jefferson, Madison Ave., Philadelphia West of Jetty, Congressman William Hughes, and Poverty.

Beaches open starting June 27-Third Ave., Cleto L. Cannone, Congress, Colonial, and Baltimore.

Restrooms and Showers: There are restrooms available. Select beaches also have showers. There are no changing rooms.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: There are ramps from the boardwalk to the beach at 30th Street, to the beach at 8th Street and Avalon Ave., and to an observation platform and to the beach at 80th Street. Hard packed gravel paths from the street to the beach are located at 32nd, 38th and 6th streets. Parking is available at 30th and 32nd streets. Restrooms are located at 30th Street and the beach and at the 10th Street & Dune Drive Recreation Field, The Senior Center (31st Street & Dune Drive), Borough Hall (32nd & Dune Dr.) and Community Hall (30th St. & the beach). There are surf chairs available at 8th, 30th and 80th Streets. Visitors can call the Avalon Beach Patrol at (609) 967-7587 to reserve a beach wheelchair.

Food: Picnicking on the beach is permitted. Fires, alcoholic beverages, bottles and glass are prohibited.

Additional Info: Raft beaches (use of rafts and inflated objects) is allowed at 12th, 18th, 24th, 28th, 35th, 40th, 50th, 61st, 69th and 78th streets. Surfing on 30th Street. Loud noise and indecent language and actions are prohibited. For more information, call (609) 967-5530 or visit www.avalonboro.org.

Parking: Metered parking along Beach Avenue and intersecting streets. Meters are in effect from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Ramps are located at the entrances to the beaches and beach wheelchairs are available, as are accessible bathrooms.

Food: Open fires and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Additional Info: Animals are prohibited.

For more information, call (609) 884-9530 or visit www.capemaycity.com.

Cape May Point

Fee: Daily: \$6. Weekly: \$15. Season : \$25; \$20 if purchased before Memorial Day weekend. Free for children aged 11 and under.

Beach Season: Open from June 13 to Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: No restrooms, showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Non-metered street parking is available.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from June 13 through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: A ramp and accessible parking are located at Whilldin Avenue. Visitors may reserve beach wheelchairs by calling the Beach Patrol at (609) 884-8468 ext. 15.

Food: Picnicking is allowed. Glass bottles and alcoholic beverages are not.

Additional Info: Volleyball is not permitted on the beach.

For more information, call (609) 884-8468 ext. 10 or visit www.cmpnj.com.

North Wildwood

Fee: Free

Beach Season: Open from Memorial Day weekend through the third weekend of September.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at 3rd, 7th, 10th, 15th, 18th, and 22nd Avenues. Showers and changing rooms are located at 24th Street behind the boardwalk.

Parking: There are pay lots throughout the city and there is metered street parking.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10:00 am until 5:30 pm at every street.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: There is parking for people with disabilities at 15th Avenue. 12 surf chairs are available at the 15th Avenue building and also at 5th Avenue and Inlet Beach.

Food: Food is permitted. Alcohol is prohibited.

Additional Info: The surfing beach is located at 12th Avenue, and fishing beaches are located at 2nd St. and Inlet Beach during lifeguard hours. Animals, skim boards, fires and feeding of seagulls are prohibited. On the landward area of the beaches, activities such as Frisbee, horseshoes and volleyball are allowed.

For more information, call (609) 522-7500 or visit www.northwildwood.com

Ocean City

Fee: Daily: \$5. Weekly: \$10. Season: \$20; \$15 if purchased before May 31. Free for children aged 11 and under.

Beach Season: Open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Beach badges must be worn from June 13 through Sept. 7.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at the Boardwalk at Moorlyn Terrace, 1st, 6th, 8th, 12th and 34th streets. No showers or changing rooms on municipal beach.. Private showers and changing rooms are located on 13th Street. Visitors must pay \$6 per day to use them

Parking: Metered parking is available. Visitors can also find parking lots on 8th and 9th streets and Moorlyn Terrace. Private parking lots are also available.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty weekends from Memorial Day weekend through June 7, and every day from June 8 through Labor Day weekend. Certain locations have lifeguards on weekends only until the final week of June.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Access to the beach is available, and accessible bathrooms are located at the Boardwalk, 1st, 6th, 8th, 12th, and 34th streets, and at Moorlyn Terrace.

Food: Picnicking and fires are prohibited.

For more information, call (609) 525-9333 or visit www.ocnj.us.

Sea Isle City

Fee: Daily: \$5. Weekly: \$10. Season: \$20; \$15 if purchased by May 15. Free for children 12 and under. Wednesdays are free.

Beach Season: Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located on 32nd, 40th, 44th, 85th and 94th streets. There are no showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Metered Parking is available, and visitors can also find parking at JFK Boulevard, Promenade, and on other city streets.

Lifeguards: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Protected bathing beaches are located at 24th, 28th, 32nd, 34th, 38th, 40th, 43rd, 45th, 49th, 51st, 54th, 59th, 61st, 65th, 71st, 75th, 77th, 81st, 84th, 87th and 90th streets.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Ramps are located at 44th and 85th streets. Visitors can reserve beach wheel chairs by calling (609) 263-3655.

Food: Picnicking and alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Additional Info: Visitors can raft at 24th, 28th, 34th, 40th, 45th, 51st, 59th, 65th, 75th, 81st and 87th streets. Visitors can surf at 26th, 37th, 42nd, 48th, 53rd, 63rd, 74th and 82nd streets. Patrons can kayak at 30th, 56th and 79th streets. Patrons can play volleyball at 25th, 30th, 53rd, 57th, 67th, 72nd and 88th streets.

Beach is free every Wednesday.

For more information, call (609) 263-4461 or visit www.sea-isle-city.nj.us.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Stone Harbor

Fee: Daily: \$6. Weekly: \$12. Season: \$24; \$19 if purchased before Memorial Day weekend. Free for children 12 and under.

Beach Season: Open from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Parking: Free, on-street parking available at most access points. Municipal parking lot located at 1st Avenue and 96th Street charges 25 cents per hour.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located on 82nd and 1st, 95th and 1st, and 123rd and 1st. All restrooms are located within 200 yards of the beach. No showers or changing rooms.

Lifeguard: A lifeguard is stationed every two blocks. They are on duty daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Over 30% of the beach entrances are accessible. Chairs are available on 95th and 1st. Free parking for persons with disabilities is available at many locations.

Food: Picnicking, barbeque cooking, alcoholic beverages, fires and glass bottles are prohibited.

Additional Info: Sail craft must be licensed and beached at designated areas only. Vehicles are permitted on the beach by permit only from Oct. 1 through Feb. 28. Swimming rafts and surfboards are permitted at protected and designated beaches only. Unless noted otherwise designated beaches are for swimming only. Swimming and rafting beaches are 83rd, 87th, 93rd, 96th, 100th, 108th and 117th streets. Surfing beaches are 110th and 81st streets.

For more information, call (609) 368-5102 or visit www.stone-harbor.nj.us.

Upper Township

Fee: Free

Beach Season: Open from June 6 through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Portable toilets are located on Williams Avenue and Randoff Avenue. There are no showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Free, on-street parking is available.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and are located on Sherman, Vincent, Webster, Willard, Williams, Sea Cliff and Putnam avenues.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: The beach is accessible at Williams Avenue. There are beach wheelchairs, one accessible parking space, and an accessible portable toilets.

Food: Packed lunches are permitted. Barbeque cooking and alcoholic beverages are not.

Additional Info: Surfing, fishing, kayaking and windsurfing are permitted in designated areas (check with a lifeguard). Personal watercraft are not permitted on beach, emergencies excepted. Dogs are not permitted on any Upper Township Beaches. Swimming is permitted only in designated areas, when lifeguards are present. Fires are prohibited. Names of public beaches: Beasley Point Beach and Strathmere Beach.

For more information, call (609) 628-3343 or call Beach Patrol (609) 263-1151 or visit www.uppertownship.com/Beach_patrol/index.html.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

Wildwood City

Fee: Free.

Beach Season: Open weekends only from Memorial Day weekend through June 14, every day from June 15 through Labor Day; and on the weekend of Sept. 12 & 13.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms located along the Boardwalk at Glenwood, Schellenger, Youngs and Learning Avenues. There are no showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Private, pay lots are available, as is on-street, metered parking. Publicly-owned pay lots are located next to the convention center.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekends from Memorial Day weekend through June 14, every day from June 15 through Labor Day, and the weekend of Sept. 12 & 13. Twenty-one lifeguard stands are located at street ends from Cresse Avenue to 26th Avenue.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities:

Ramps are located at Schellenger and Rio Grande avenues. Visitors can access the beach directly at Cresse Avenue. Beach wheelchairs are located at the lifeguards' headquarters on Lincoln Avenue. Visitors must present two forms of ID to obtain a beach wheelchair, but there is no charge for using one. The restrooms are accessible.

Food: Alcoholic beverages and barbeque cooking are prohibited.

Additional Info: Surfing and fishing are permitted after lifeguard hours. Vehicles are prohibited on the beaches. Volleyball is allowed on the beach in regulated areas. Fires, skim boards and animals are prohibited. Permitted on the beach are floating devices, ball playing and Frisbee in designated areas; lifeguards will advise. Beaches are completely closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

For more information call, (609) 522-8258 or (609) 884-2054 or visit www.njwildwood.com or www.wildwoodbeachpatrol.com.

Wildwood Crest

Fee: Free

Beach Season: Open from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Restrooms and Showers: Restrooms are located at Heather, Miami, Preston, Hollywood, Topeka, St. Louis and Trenton avenues. Portable toilets are located on the beach. There are no showers or changing rooms.

Parking: Most of the parking available is metered, on-street parking.

Lifeguard: Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on every street.

Access for Visitors with Disabilities: Beach wheelchairs available at Headquarters. Restrooms are accessible for a person with disabilities.

Food: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Additional Info: Vehicles are prohibited on the beach, as is fishing during bathing hours. Ball playing is allowed in the back of the beaches. Feeding the seagulls is prohibited.

For more information, call (609) 522-5176 or visit www.wildwoodcrest.org.

* info based on online and phone correspondence*

The Department of the Public Advocate obtained its data on New Jersey's beaches through various online sources, telephone calls to the municipalities and private beach clubs mentioned in the guide, and follow-up surveys to verify our data. We apologize if any of the data in this guide is inaccurate and encourage you to contact our office to update our information. We also ask that citizens with concerns or comments about beach access or beach fees e-mail the address below or call our office. We thank you in advance for contributing to our efforts to keep New Jersey residents informed.



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