



Visitor Programs

Winter 2009 – 2010

A guide for Jamaica Bay, Sandy Hook
& Staten Island Units of Gateway NRA

Jamaica Bay

December

NYC Audubon Winter Bird Walk

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, December 6

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Walk around the ponds and gardens to look for late fall migrants and newly arriving winter birds with naturalist Don Riepe. Bring binoculars.

Jacob's Gift

Jacob Riis Park Bath House

Saturday, December 12

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Join the Aquinas Honor Society of Immaculate Conception School for a dramatic reading from "Jacob's Gift," the story of how Jacob Riis brought the tradition of Christmas caroling from Denmark to the United States. A sing-along will follow.

Winter Animal Homes

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, December 13

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Children ages 4 – 8, with an adult, explore how animals live through the chilly season. Listen to a winter story, make decorations that benefit wildlife, and then take a brief nature walk with a ranger. Reservations required.

Winter Mysteries: Solved

Fort Tilden, Bldg. 1

Saturday, December 19

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Investigate the mysteries of winter. Are the trees alive? What happens to turtles, ducks & fish in the ice? Are snowflakes really all different? Do I have to wear sunscreen in the winter? Learn the answers on this fun for the family program. Reservations required.



From the simple beauty of a snow covered pinecone, to spying a snow goose, Gateway National Recreation Area offers programs at all of its sites to let you discover the wonders of winter.

North Forty Winter Ramble

Floyd Bennett Field

Main Entrance Ranger Station

Sunday, December 20

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

As the solstice approaches, explore the winter wonderland of the North Forty with American Littoral Society naturalist Mickey Maxwell Cohen. Bring binoculars. Reservations required.

January

New Year's Day Beach Walk

Fort Tilden, Bldg. 1

Friday, January 1

10 a.m. – 12 noon

Join members of the American Littoral Society for this annual brisk walk along the beach, dunes and woods. At noon, signal across the bay to hikers at Sandy Hook. Reservations required. For information call (718) 318 – 9344.

The Women of Floyd Bennett Field

Jacob Riis Park Bathhouse

Saturday, January 9

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Jacqueline Cochran, Laura Ingalls, and Amelia Earhart all helped advance aviation in the 1930's. The WAVES served alongside men at the field with the Navy during World War II. Join a park ranger for a presentation on these women, and their contributions to Floyd Bennett Field's history.

Blue Shadows

Opening Reception

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, January 10

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Meet poet Jeffrey Rabkin and experience the sights, sounds – and even, smells – of winter through the reading of his haiku poetry. Spend time in the gallery space to encounter some of Rabkin's work on exhibit. Exhibit runs Sunday, January 10th through Sunday, February 28th.

Winter Residents of the Feathered Kind

Canarsie Pier Ranger Station

Sunday, January 17

1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Walk along the pier to scan the bay for ducks, geese, gulls and other winter birds. Bring binoculars.

The Coast Artillery During World War I

Jacob Riis Park Bathhouse

Saturday, January 23

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

The U.S. Army's Coast Artillery did more than just guard the shores of the United States during World War I. Join a park ranger for a slideshow presentation to find out about their service "over there."

For updated program information,
visit us at www.nps.gov/gate

Signs of Spring in Mid – Winter

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, January 24
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Walk the East Pond Trail to discover where the kernels of spring hide during winter. Bring binoculars.

Summer in January

Jacob Riis Park Bathhouse
Saturday, January 30
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Does the winter cold have you down? Warm up by joining a park ranger for a slideshow history of beach recreation.

Experience the Year's Lowest Tide

Fort Tilden, Bldg. 1
Sunday, January 31
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Sun, Moon, and Earth are in position to create the lowest tides of 2010. Walk the sea floor with American Littoral Society naturalist, Mickey Maxwell Cohen. Wear waterproof footwear and bring binoculars. Reservations required.

February

A Frosty Morning Walk

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, February 6
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

A frosty walk on the East Pond Trail while exploring a few poems by Robert Frost.

Famous First Flights

Jacob Riis Park Bathhouse
Saturday, February 6
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Jamaica Bay has had its fair share of famous first flights taking off and landing from its shores. Join a park ranger for a slideshow about these flights, and many others.

Valentine's Day Duck Walk

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, February 14
10 a.m. – noon

Bring someone special for a walk around the ponds to look for wintering ducks and other wildlife with naturalist Don Riepe.

Winter through the Senses

Fort Tilden, Bldg. 1
Sunday, February 21
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Take a sensory filled walk through the trails of Fort Tilden. Find smells, sounds, sights, and touch in nature. Fun for the whole family. Bring binoculars. Reservations required.

Winter Waterfowl Walk

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Saturday, February 27
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A brief indoor presentation followed by a walk to the West Pond. Gather a few tricks to tell birds apart, and talk of migration and adaptations to cold. Bring binoculars, or a scope, if you have one.

Blue Shadows

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
Sunday, January 10 –
Sunday, February 28th.
Poet Jeffrey Rabkin presents the sights, sounds, and even, smells of winter through displays of his haiku poetry in the gallery space.

Rockaway Artists Alliance

Fort Tilden
Studio 6 and Studio 7
Saturdays, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Sundays, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
All exhibitions are free of charge. For more information, call the RAA at (718) 474 – 0861, or e-mail your questions to: rockart116@aol.com

Spanning Connections

January 16 – February 14
Reaching, spanning connecting – this multimedia exhibit will showcase bridges, tunnels, overpasses, and more.

Open Mic Night

Thursdays
8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Free to participate, or just to enjoy. Sign up is at 7:45 p.m., for those wishing to participate.

Jamaica Bay Unit Continuing Programs

Cross Country Skiing

Floyd Bennett Field
Ryan Visitor Center
Follow the cross country ski trail through the North 40. A park ranger will cut a track at first snow. Call 718-338-3799 for trail conditions.

Floyd Bennett Garden Association

Membership applications are available at the Floyd Bennett Field Ranger Station. Contact the FBGA at (718) 338 – 4255.

Historic Aircraft Restoration Project

Floyd Bennett Field
Hangar B
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Weather permitting, bring the family and observe park volunteers as they restore vintage aircraft. Anyone with an interest in aviation or history is encouraged to join in this volunteer effort. Call (718) 338 – 3799 for more information.

P.A.R.C.S. Model Aircraft

Floyd Bennett Field
Radio Controlled Flying Field
Open Daily (weather permitting)
Join the Pennsylvania Avenue Radio Control Society at their “mini-airport in an airport.” Enjoy the antics of these pilots as they show off their flying skills with model planes, jets and helicopters.

Saltwater Fly Tying Workshops

Floyd Bennett Field
Building 272
Wednesdays,
(beginning January 13)
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Join expert fishermen for 5 workshops that will cover the art of fly-tying. There is a \$25 fee. Space is limited. Reservations required.

For updated program information,
visit us at www.nps.gov/gate

Sandy Hook Unit

Park Winter Hours

6 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Emergency (732) 872-5900

December

Fort Hancock Lantern Tour

Friday, December 4

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Meet at the Post Theater

Parking Lot

Walk around the fort with the Park Historian to learn about garrison life during World War II. Dress for the weather, and don't forget your flashlight.

December MCAS Bird Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, December 12

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Help the Monmouth County Audubon Society scout for wintering birds in preparation for Sandy Hook's Christmas Bird Count.

Fort Hancock Holiday Walk

Sunday, December 13

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Post Theater Parking Lot

Take a tour around the fort and learn how the soldiers celebrated the holidays.

Christmas Holly Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, December 20

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Explore the winter landscape and discover the "holly" of Christmas in Sandy Hook's 64-acre maritime holly forest.

January

New Year's Day Walk "Round the Hook"

Fort Hancock, Building 18

Friday, January 1

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Welcome the New Year on this annual walk led by the American Littoral Society. At noon, signal across the bay to hikers at Fort Tilden. For more information call (732) 291-0055.

Animal Tracking

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, January 10

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

No snow? Learn how sand and baking flour can help. Join a park ranger and learn the few simple skills needed to master the art of tracking animals on Sandy Hook.

Winter Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, January 16

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Bring a flashlight on this after-dark walk along Sandy Hook's beaches or trails.

Holly Forest Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, January 24

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Experience the unique charm of this 64-acre maritime holly forest on this ranger-led winter walk.

February

Birding for Beginners

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, February 7

10 a.m. – 12 noon

Join New Jersey Audubon staff for a winter bird walk in search of waterfowl, loons, and assorted snow birds.

Shipwrecks & Lifesavers

Monmouth Beach Cultural

Center, Monmouth Beach

Sunday, February 7

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

A slide program about the shipwrecks and rescues off Sandy Hook.

Winter Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, February 13

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Bring a flashlight on this after-dark walk through Sandy Hook's 64-acre maritime holly forest

February MCAS Bird walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, February 20

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bundle up with the Monmouth County Audubon Society and look for waterfowl and harbor seals that winter at the Hook.

Marine Mammal Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, February 28

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Join a park ranger on a walk along Sandy Hook Bay and observe seal activity during their migration.

Reservations required. Call (732)

872-5970.

Holiday Happenings at History House

History House will be open on week ends. Week days: Dec. 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31.

1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

History House is decorated for the holidays as it might have been during World War II. Refreshments and music are sure to get you into the holiday spirit.

Children's Christmas

Cookie Decoration

History House

Saturday, December 5

Sunday, December 6

2 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Children are invited to participate in a ranger-led holiday cookie decorating program. Reservations are required; space is limited. Call 732-872-5970 to reserve a space for your child.

Annual Holiday

Party at History House

Featuring: *The John Doe Trio*

History House

Saturday, December 12

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Come and bring a friend to enjoy live holiday music, 40's jazz and refreshments.

Santa Claus Visits

History House

History House

Sunday, December 13

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Bring your family and the camera and take a photo with Santa! Refreshments will be served.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse

Saturdays and Sundays
(through December 13)
12 noon – 4:30 p.m.

Tours first come, first served.
Children must be 48 inches tall to
climb the tower, and sturdy shoes are
recommended.

Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

Saturdays and Sundays
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters is
a great place to learn more about
Fort Hancock, and also features
many interesting exhibits about
many New Jersey lighthouses.

Grounds and video in adjacent barn
are open during regular park hours.

Visitor Centers and Contact Stations

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Open Daily

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (732) 872-5970

The Visitor Center holds the park
information desk, bookstore, and
exhibits about the history of the U.S.
Lifesaving Service and the natural
resources of Sandy Hook.

Fort Hancock Museum

Closed for the season.

History House

Saturdays and Sundays
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

A restored 1898 lieutenant's
residence on Officers Row furnished
to represent the World War II years.
Exhibits highlight everyday life at
Fort Hancock.

Sandy Hook Bird Observatory

Fort Hancock's Officers Row
Building 20

Tuesdays – Saturdays,
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sundays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Closed Mondays.

The New Jersey Audubon Society
field center features a bookshop and
numerous displays. (732) 872 – 2500.

Sandy Hook cooperators are:

Sandy Hook Foundation

(732) 291-7733

<http://www.sandyhookfoundationnj.org/>

American Littoral Society

(732) 291-0055

www.littoralsociety.org

Brookdale Community College

(732) 224 – 2435

[www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/](http://www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/index.html)

sandyhook/index.html

Clean Ocean Action

(732) 872 – 0111

www.cleanoceanaction.org

New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium

(732) 872 -1300

www.njmsc.org

Army Ground Forces Assoc.

www.armygroundforces.org

New Jersey Audubon Society

(732) 872 -2500

www.njaudubon.org

Sandy Hook Child Care Ctr.

(732) 291-2368



Sandy Hook is a
"Carry in – Carry out"
facility.

Gateway Holiday Programs

Many of Gateway National
Recreation Area's sites are made of
former military installations. For
those serving at Forts Hancock,
Wadsworth, Tilden, and Miller, and
Floyd Bennett Fields, the traditional
holiday season could be difficult for
those servicemen and women
stationed at these posts, especially
during wartime.

The military did what they could to
make the holiday season seem more
"normal," especially for those
soldiers and sailors who lived on post
with their families. Parties and
shows were common at all of the
military sites currently cared for by
the National Park Service at Gateway
National Recreation Area.

Gateway will offer several programs
that offer a glimpse into what the
holiday season was like for those
men and women that served our
nation in times of war, and peace.
Sandy Hook's History House is
offering several programs that will
focus on the holiday season during
World War II. The house will be
decorated as it might have been
during the 1940's.

Mont Sec House, at Staten Island's
Fort Wadsworth will also host
several programs on how military
families celebrated the holidays.
These programs will take visitors on
a journey from the 19th century's
Victorian era, through the 20th
century.

Jacob Riis Park will host a reading of
"Jacob's Gift," which tells the story
of how Jacob Riis introduced
Christmas caroling, a tradition in his
native Denmark, to the United
States. The reading will be done by
the Aquinas Honor Society of
Immaculate Conception School,
whose members wrote the book. A
sing along will follow.

On New Years Day, attend one of
the Beach Walks at Jamaica Bay's Ft.
Tilden at 10 a.m. or Sandy Hook's Ft.
Hancock at 11 a.m. See schedule for
details.

Staten Island Unit

December

Holiday at Mont Sec House: Victorian Holiday Card

Fort Wadsworth

112 A Mont Sec Avenue

Saturday, December 5

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Experience the holiday season at Mont Sec House. Try your hand at the “new” Victorian invention of sending holiday cards by making a card of your own. Materials provided. Reservations required.

Lantern Tour of Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth

Visitor Center

Friday, December 11

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy this popular ranger tour of Fort Tompkins at night. Bring a flashlight. Space is limited.

Holiday at Mont Sec House: Victorian Tree Trimming

Fort Wadsworth

112 A Mont Sec Avenue

Saturday, December 19

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Step back in time with this visit to historic Mont Sec House. Create an ornament for our tree and one to take home. Materials will be provided. Reservations required.

January

Lighthouse Arts & Crafts

Miller Field Ranger Station

Sunday, January 10

12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Create a lighthouse model, like the Elm Tree lighthouse that once stood on the shore at Miller Field. Supplies and materials will be provided. Program is suitable for all ages. Reservations required.

Winter Walk at Crooke's Point

Great Kills Park

Education Field Station

Saturday, January 16

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join a park ranger for a pleasant winter hike along the trails of Great Kills Park. Look for snow birds, winter greens and other cold weather fare. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

An Afternoon at Mont Sec House

Fort Wadsworth

112 A Mont Sec Avenue

Saturday, January 23

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Visit with a park ranger at this historic residence and learn about the lifestyle of people living during the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries.

February

Buffalo Soldiers Bicycle Corps

Fort Wadsworth

Visitor Center

Saturday, February 6

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join a ranger for a talk about the African – American infantry soldiers who rode bicycles from Montana to Yellowstone National Park and to St. Louis, Missouri in the 1880's. A Black History Month program.

Sea Arts & Shell Crafts

Miller Field Ranger Station

Sunday, February 7

12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Craft a necklace, keychain or picture frame using natural treasures from the sea. Supplies and materials will be provided. All ages are welcome. Reservations required.

Victorian Valentine at Mont Sec House

Fort Wadsworth

112 A Mont Sec Avenue

Saturday, February 13

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Children ages 7 – 12, make a Victorian Valentine for that special person. Parents and care givers are welcome to participate too. Materials will be provided. Reservations required.

Maritime Forest Winter Walk

Great Kills Park

Education Field Station

Saturday, February 20

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy a winter walk through the forest at Great Kills Park. Look and listen for winter's plants, birds and wildlife. Learn why Great Kills Park is a winter hotspot for nature. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear.

Walking Tour of Fort Wadsworth

Fort Wadsworth

Visitor Center

Wednesday – Sunday

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Ranger-led tours of the fortifications.



Staten Island Unit Permit and Visitor Contact Stations

Permits

Fishing and bird watching/nature study parking permits are available at Miller Field and Great Kills Park. Boat launch permits are issued only at Great Kills Park.

Fort Wadsworth

(718) 354 – 4500

The visitor center is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Great Kills Park

(718) 987 – 6790

The ranger station at Great Kills Park is open Friday through Tuesday from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Miller Field

(718) 351 – 6970

The ranger station at Miller Field is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Gateway Goings – On Park News

Jamaica Bay Junior Ranger Program



This October, Gateway introduced the Junior Ranger program for Jamaica Bay. This means there are now junior ranger programs available at all of Gateway's sites!

The completion of the Jamaica Bay program was made possible by a grant from the National Park Foundation's Junior Ranger Ambassador program, which provided a Student Conservation Association intern who helped park staff to design the activities, the booklets, the badges and patches.

Children ages 7 -12 can take part at four of Jamaica Bay's sites: Floyd Bennett Field, Fort Tilden, Jacob Riis Park, and the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge. Just pick up a booklet, and do the activities! All junior ranger candidates will receive a junior ranger badge, a certificate for each site completed, and if they complete all four sections, the junior ranger patch!

Junior ranger programs are a fun way for kids and families to enjoy national parks. Pick up a booklet, and become a junior ranger today!

Teacher – Ranger – Teacher Comes to Gateway

The National Park Service strives to provide opportunities for all Americans to connect to their national heritage through our parks, and the stories they have to tell. However, these opportunities are lacking for some — often due to a variety of social and economic factors. The Teacher to Ranger to Teacher (TRT) Program offers a solution by linking National Park units with teachers.

Under TRT, selected teachers spend the summer working as park rangers. They perform various duties depending on their interests and the needs of the park, including developing and presenting interpretive programs for the public, and developing curriculum-based materials for the park.

Then, during the school year, the Teacher Rangers bring the parks into the classroom by developing and presenting curriculum – based lesson plans based on their summer's experience. In April, during National Park Week, Teacher Rangers wear their NPS uniforms to school, discuss their summer as a park ranger, and engage students and other teachers in activities that relate to our national parks.

This past summer, Gateway was fortunate to have Renay Moran – Kurklen who worked at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge as a teacher - ranger. To find out about her experiences through her journals and podcasts, visit www.nps.gov/gate, and go to the "For Teachers" link.



Teacher – Ranger Renay Moran Kurklen

Podcasts Now Available for Gateway Sites

National Parks in Your Pocket: The New Video Podcast Series

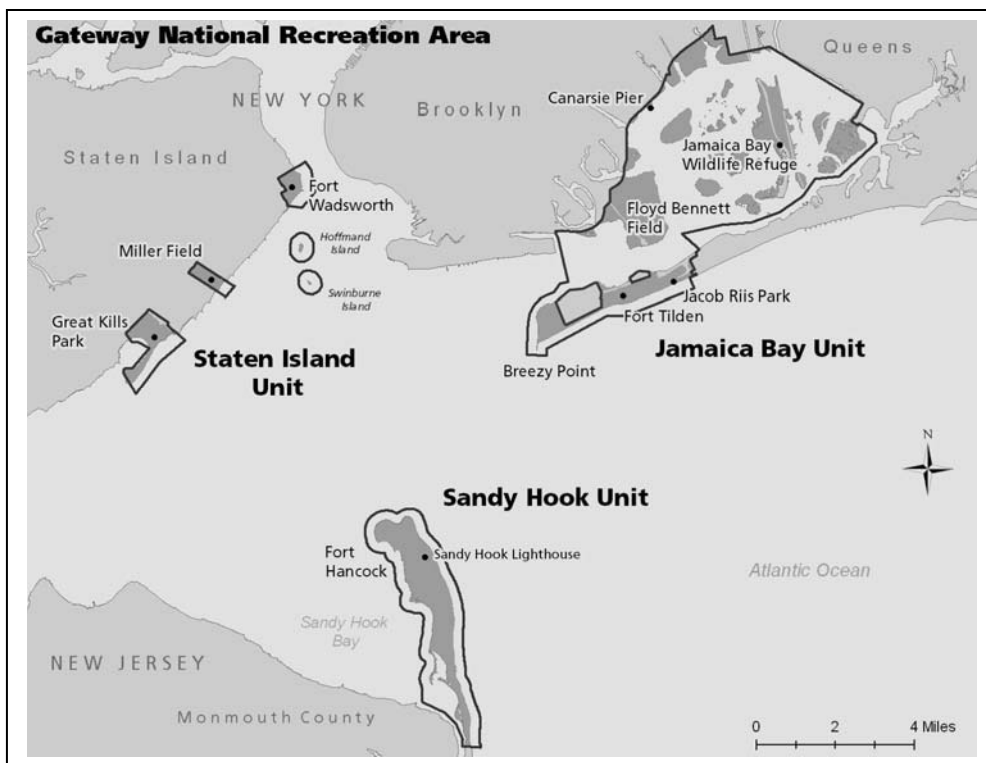


Fort Wadsworth is featured in 2 of the podcasts, available for download.

Gateway National Recreation Area has it all! The park hosts beaches, bike and hiking trails, historic forts, nearly 350 species of birds and even hungry goats. This series of video podcasts helps you explore what the park offers at Sandy Hook, Jamaica Bay and on Staten Island. Find out how volunteer "citizen scientists" help us monitor natural species and what Gateway is doing now to save Jamaica Bay's salt marshes from the dangers of climate change.

Videos can be seen in three formats: Windows Media (.WMV), Quicktime for iPods (.MOV) or Apple TV (.m4V). If videos take too much time to open, right-click them and save them to your computer. Videos for all Gateway units (Staten Island, Sandy Hook and Jamaica Bay) are available at www.nps.gov/gate, under the "Photos and Multimedia" link.

You can also see the entire series of videos for the other National Parks of New York Harbor, including the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Governor's Island, and all the sites in Manhattan.



Why do we ask for reservations?

The National Park Service asks for reservations on many programs for a variety of reasons. While we do our best to accommodate everyone, group size on some programs may be limited. This could be due to capacity on boats or other vehicles, or to minimize impact on the environment. Additionally, some programs may have to be cancelled, or changed due to issues beyond our control, such as severe weather. If a program is going to be cancelled, we will make every effort to contact the people or groups that have made reservations within a reasonable amount of time. However, sometimes this is not possible. When planning to attend a park program, please call ahead.



**Serving the Visitors to America's
National Parks and Other Public Trusts**

Purchases made at Eastern National bookstores help to financially support park programs. Gateway has four Eastern National bookstores, located at Floyd Bennett Field, Fort Wadsworth, the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, and Sandy Hook. These bookstores offer many items that will help visitors remember their trip to Gateway, and learn about other sites in the national park system. Stop in on your next visit!

Gateway National Recreation Area

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210 New York Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10305

Contact Information

For updated information on park programs, or to make reservations, please contact the following sites, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.:

Communications and Public Affairs

(718) 354 – 4606

Jamaica Bay (New York)

**Floyd Bennett Field
Ranger Station**
(All Jamaica Bay permit sales.)
(718) 338 – 3799

Jacob Riis Park / Fort Tilden
Jacob Riis Bathhouse is closed for the season. For information and reservations for winter programs scheduled at Fort Tilden and Jacob Riis Park, please call
(718) 318 – 4340.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
(718) 318 – 4340

Sandy Hook (New Jersey)

Visitor Center
(732) 872 – 5970

Staten Island (New York)

Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center
(718) 354 - 4500

Great Kills Park
(718) 987 – 6790

Miller Field
(718) 351 – 6970





National Park Service
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New Jersey / New York

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24 – Hour
Emergency Numbers:

National Park Service
(Sandy Hook, New Jersey)

(732) 872 – 5900

United States Park Police
(Jamaica Bay and
Staten Island New York)

(718) 338 – 3988



Our New Look

You might notice something a little different about the Gateway Visitor Program Guide. We are now including all of the programs, for all of the park's sites, in one easy-to-use guide. Now, you can find the program offerings for each unit of the park, listed in this one publication.

We are hoping that this will encourage our visitors to explore all of Gateway, and to discover everything that the park has to offer. Whether it's seeing the historic fortifications, getting back in touch with nature, or taking advantage of the park's many recreational opportunities, Gateway offers a full national park experience for everyone. We hope you visit soon!