



# Sandy Hook Visitor Programs

## Summer 2007

### Summer at the Hook

Lifeguards are on duty at five Sandy Hook beaches from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. For your safety you should swim only in life-guarded areas.

Beach parking fees are in effect Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The daily beach fee is \$10 per vehicle, or \$50 for a seasonal pass, which is available at the Fee Plaza. Visitors with a Golden Age Senior Pass (\$10 for age 62 and over) or a Golden Access Pass (free for the disabled) receive a 50% discount on parking fees. There are no fees for pedestrians or bicyclists and no charge for parking or visiting Fort Hancock

Summer weekends may be busy. When parking areas are full, the park closes until parking becomes available. To avoid delays, arrive before 10 a.m. or after 3 p.m. Traffic is never a problem on weekdays.

Weekend ferry service from New York City to Sandy Hook is offered this summer by: **Seastreak Ferry** (1-800-BOATRIDE or [www.seastreak.com](http://www.seastreak.com)) and **Circle Line Downtown** (1-866-925-4631 or: [www.circlelinedowntown.com](http://www.circlelinedowntown.com)). Contact the companies directly for their most current schedule and fee information.

### Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Visitor Center is in the historic Spermaceti Cove Life-Saving Station and features exhibits and a bookstore. Call 732-872-5970.

### Fort Hancock Museum

Daily, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum is in the former post guardhouse.

### Sandy Hook Lighthouse Tours

Weekends, noon to 4:30 p.m.

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Tours are first-come, first-served. You must be at least 48 inches tall to climb the tower. Grounds and video in adjacent barn are always open.

### Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

Weekends, noon to 5 p.m.

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Sign up here for Lighthouse tours and see exhibits on New Jersey Lighthouses.

### History House

Weekends, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesdays, beginning June 20, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A restored 1898 lieutenant's residence on "Officers Row" overlooking Sandy Hook Bay is furnished to the 1940s, the busiest time at Fort Hancock.

### Sandy Hook Bird Observatory

Building 20, Fort Hancock's Officers Row

Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (in June); 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (in July & August)

Sundays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (in June); closed in July & August

NJ Audubon Society field center with a bookshop and displays. 732-872-2500.

### Battery Potter

Weekends, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore Sandy Hook's oldest gun battery, completed in 1894.

### Nike Missile Radar Site

Parking Lot L

Saturdays, June 2 & 16, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sundays, June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tour the Cold War Nike Missile radar site that once guarded New York.

## Music on the Hook

### Sandy Hook Summer Beach Concerts. On the Beach at Area E, Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

The Sandy Hook Foundation sponsors this annual free concert series. Bring a chair and join us for an evening of music on the beach. If weather is a factor, a decision will be made at 2 p.m. on the day of the concert. You can go to: [www.sandyhookfoundationnj.org](http://www.sandyhookfoundationnj.org) or call 732-291-7733 for rain cancellations.

Date	Performer
June 20	Philadelphia Funk Authority ( <i>Funk/Soul</i> )
June 27	Silver Starlite Orchestra ( <i>WWII Big Band</i> )
July 4	Next Generation of Soul ( <i>Rhythm &amp; Blues</i> )
July 11	Cherubs ( <i>Classic Rock</i> )
July 18	BethAnne Clayton Band ( <i>Country Rock</i> )
July 25	Jobonanno & the Godsons of Soul ( <i>Rock &amp; Roll</i> )

Date	Performer
August 1	Tim McLoone & The Shirleys ( <i>Rock/Americana</i> )
August 8	Pat Guadagno & The Candle Brothers ( <i>Folk Rock</i> )
August 15	The Robert Murdoch Band ( <i>British Invasion/60s</i> )
August 22	<i>Rain Date Concert (Band To Be Announced)</i>
August 29	Jazz Lobsters Big Band ( <i>Swing</i> )

## JUNE

### At the Seashore

Monmouth Beach Cultural Center  
Route 36, Monmouth Beach

Tuesday, June 5 at 6 p.m.

This slide program looks at the ferries and railroads visitors rode to the Jersey Shore in the years before WW II.

### Monmouth County

#### Audubon Society Bird Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Thursday, June 7 at 6 p.m.

Walk the beach to observe nesting Piping Plovers, Least Terns and Ospreys. Bring binoculars.

#### Sandy Hook Lighthouse Day

Saturday, June 9, noon to 4 p.m.

Commemorate the first lighting of the Sandy Hook Lighthouse in 1764. There will be a birthday cake at noon and a walk to see the lighthouses of New York Harbor at 2 p.m. Lighthouse tours by NJ Lighthouse Society volunteers all afternoon.

#### Battery Gunnison Preserved

Battery Gunnison

Sunday, June 10, noon to 4 p.m.

The Army Ground Forces Association is a volunteer group who are restoring Battery Gunnison and its 6- inch guns. Visitors are invited to stop by on this work day to chat and learn more.

#### Wildflower Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, June 10 at 6 p.m.

Join a park ranger on a walk to learn about the variety of wildflowers that are found on Sandy Hook.

#### Birding for Beginners

Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Parking Lot

Thursday, June 14 at 6 p.m.

Join a NJ Audubon Society naturalist for an introductory look at some of the many species of birds that inhabit Sandy Hook. Open to all skill levels and ages. Bring binoculars.

#### Cold War Defenses

Meet at the Nike Ajax Missile,  
¼ mile north of the Ranger Station  
Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

A car caravan to Sandy Hook's Nike Missile sites built as part of the Cold War harbor defenses in the 1950s.

#### Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, June 16 at 8:30 p.m.

Explore a Sandy Hook habitat on this after dark program. Bring a flashlight.

#### Going Bunkers

Meet at Fort Hancock Museum

Sunday, June 17 at 7 p.m.

A car caravan tour to a number of Fort Hancock's gun batteries

#### Canoe Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Wednesday, June 20 at 9 a.m.

For individuals and families – children must be at least 7 yrs old, and not afraid of the water. We provide lifejackets, canoes and instructions. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

#### Summer Solstice Shorewalk

Guardian Park at Fort Hancock

Thursday, June 21 at 8 p.m.

Join the American Littoral Society on this walk to the tip of the Hook and a tour of a gun battery. Free but call 732- 872- 0055 to give us a head count.

#### Seining in Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Friday, June 22 at 9 a.m.

This hands- on program explores the creatures of the bay. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

#### Horseshoe Crab Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, June 23 at 7 p.m.

Learn about this ancient marine animal on this ranger walk.

#### Salt Marsh Walk

Parking Lot L

Sunday, June 24 at 7 p.m.

Explore a wetland salt marsh along Sandy Hook Bay.

#### Beach Succession Walk

Meet at the Nike Missile,  
¼ mile north of Ranger Station  
Tuesday, June 26 at 10 a.m.

Explore the plants and wildlife of our beaches, dunes, and maritime holly forest on this walk across the Hook's different seaside habitats.

#### Canoe Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Wednesday, June 27 at 9 a.m.

See June 20 description. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

#### Have a Safe Trip!

#### Enjoying Your National Parks

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Wednesday, June 27 at 2 p.m.

A visit to any of America's 391 National Parks is always fun and educational. In this one- hour program learn ways to make it a safe and healthy trip too.

#### Seining in Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Thursday, June 28 at 9 a.m.

This hands- on program explores the creatures of the bay. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

#### F.I.S.H. with the NJ Marine Sciences Consortium - Families Investigate Science Hands-on

For information or to register for these fee programs, call the NJMSC at 732- 872- 1300, ext. 30 or 19.

#### On Sandy Shores

Sunday, June 3 at 1 p.m.

Friday, July 27 at 11 a.m.

#### Terrific Terrapins

Saturday, June 9 at 3 p.m.

Friday, July 20 at 11 a.m.

#### Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab- Evening Edition!

Saturday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Salt Marsh Investigation

Friday, July 6 at 11 a.m.

#### Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab

Friday, July 13 at 11 a.m.

#### Incredible Crustaceans!

Friday, August 3 at 11 a.m.

#### Lenape and the Jersey Shore

Friday, August 17 at 11 a.m.

# JULY

## What is Sandy Hook?

Monmouth Beach Cultural Center  
Route 36, Monmouth Beach  
Tuesday, July 10 at 6 p.m.  
This slide show is on Sandy Hook's natural and cultural history and its recreational opportunities.

## Seining in Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Wednesday, July 11 at 9 a.m.  
This hands-on program explores the creatures of the bay. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

## Monmouth Co. Audubon Society Bird Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Thursday, July 12 at 6 p.m.  
Walk the bayside for herons, egrets and birds of the marsh. Bring binoculars

## Seining in Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Friday, July 13 at 9 a.m.  
This hands-on program explores the creatures of the bay. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

## Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Saturday, July 14 at 8:30 p.m.  
Explore a Sandy Hook habit on this after dark program. Bring a flashlight.

## Nike Missile Launch Site Tour

Meet at the Ajax Nike Missile,  
¼ mile north of the Ranger Station  
Tuesday, July 17 at 4 p.m.  
Tour Fort Hancock's Nike missile site. Supersonic missiles once stood ready here to defend the metropolitan area from air attack during the Cold War.

## Canoe Sandy Hook Bay

Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Wednesday, July 18 at 9 a.m.  
For individuals and families – children must be at least 7 yrs old, and not afraid of the water. We provide lifejackets, canoes and instructions. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

## Holly Forest Ramble

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Thursday, July 19 at 10 a.m.  
Explore Sandy Hook's 64 acre maritime holly forest.

## Hidden Harbor Defenders

Parking Area K  
Thursday, July 19 at 4 p.m.  
Join this walk on Nine- Gun Battery that ends at the Observation Deck and its view of New York Harbor. Bring binoculars and a flashlight.

## Old Dune Trail Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Friday, July 20 at 7 p.m.  
Explore an ocean side habitat through the dunes and holly forest, and past a freshwater pond.

## Salt Marsh Walk

Parking Lot L  
Saturday, July 21 at 7 p.m.  
Explore a wetland salt marsh along Sandy Hook Bay.

## Battery Gunnison Preserved

Battery Gunnison  
Sunday, July 22, noon – 4 p.m.  
The Army Ground Forces Association is a volunteer group who are restoring Battery Gunnison and its 6- inch guns. Visitors are invited to stop by on this work day to chat and learn more.

## Birding for Beginners

Meet at the Sandy Hook Visitor Center Parking Lot  
Tuesday, July 24 at 6 p.m.  
Join a naturalist from the New Jersey Audubon Society as we look for Ospreys with young, egrets, terns and more. Open to all skill levels and ages. Bring binoculars.

## Seining in Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Wednesday, July 25 at 9 a.m.  
This hands-on program explores the creatures of the bay. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

## All-Women Lifeguard Tournament

Wednesday, July 25, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Beach Area E  
Two hundred women from across the country compete in this daylong event. Spectators welcome.

## Canoe Sandy Hook Bay

Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Thursday, July 26 at 9 a.m.  
For individuals and families – children must be at least 7 yrs old, and not afraid of the water. We provide lifejackets, canoes and instructions. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

## Seining in Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Friday, July 27 at 9 a.m.  
This hands-on program explores the creatures of the bay. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

## Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m.  
Explore a Sandy Hook habit on this after dark walk. Bring a flashlight.

## Beach Succession Walk

Meet at the Nike Missile,  
¼ mile north of Ranger Station  
Tuesday, July 31 at 10 a.m.  
Explore the plants and wildlife of our beaches, dunes, and maritime holly forest on this walk across the Hook's different seaside habitats.

## American Littoral Society Family Nights at the Hook

Building 18, Fort Hancock  
Tuesdays, July 10 to August 14  
at 6 p.m.  
Bring the kids to pull a seine net, look at plankton through a field microscope and discover a whole new world just below the surface. Reservations required for this ALS fee program. Call 732- 872- 0055.

## AUGUST

### Holly Forest Ramble

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Wednesday, August 1 at 10 a.m.  
Explore Sandy Hook's 64 acre maritime holly forest.

### Canoe Sandy Hook Bay

Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Thursday, August 2 at 9 a.m.  
For individuals and families – children must be at least 7 yrs old, and not afraid of the water. We provide lifejackets, canoes and instructions. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

### Old Dune Trail Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Friday, August 3 at 7 p.m.  
Explore an ocean side habitat through the dunes and holly forest, and past a freshwater pond.

### Salt Marsh Walk

Parking Lot L  
Saturday, August 4 at 7 p.m.  
Explore a wetland salt marsh along Sandy Hook Bay.

### Thunder on the Beach

Monmouth Beach Cultural Center  
Route 36, Monmouth Beach  
Tuesday, August 7 at 6 p.m.  
A slide program about the Sandy Hook Proving Ground, where U.S. Army weapons were tested and developed from 1874 until 1919.

### Seining in Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Wednesday, August 8 at 9 a.m.  
This hands- on program explores the creatures of the bay. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

### Holly Forest Ramble

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Thursday, August 9 at 10 a.m.  
Explore Sandy Hook's 64 acre maritime holly forest.

### Seining in Sandy Hook Bay

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Friday, August 10 at 9 a.m.  
This hands- on program explores the creatures of the bay. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

### Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Saturday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m.  
Explore a Sandy Hook habit on this after dark program. Bring a flashlight.

### Beach Succession Walk

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Meet at the Nike Missile,  
¼ mile north of Ranger Station  
Tuesday, August 14 at 7 p.m.  
Explore the plants and wildlife of our beaches, dunes, and maritime holly forest on this walk across the Hook's different seaside habitats.

### Canoe Sandy Hook Bay

Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Wednesday, August 15 at 9 a.m.  
For individuals and families – children must be at least 7 yrs old, and not afraid of the water. We provide lifejackets, canoes and instructions. Reservations required at 732- 872- 5970.

### Hidden Harbor Defenders

Parking Area K  
Thursday, August 16 at 4 p.m.  
Join this walk at Nine- Gun Battery that ends at the Observation Deck and its view of New York Harbor. Bring binoculars and a flashlight.

### Monmouth County Audubon Society Bird Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Thursday, August 16 at 6 p.m.  
Hike the Fisherman's Trail to the salt pond in search of migrating shorebirds. Bring binoculars.

### Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Friday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.  
Explore a Sandy Hook habit on this after dark program. Bring a flashlight.

### Battery Gunnison Preserved

Battery Gunnison  
Sunday, August 19, noon – 4 p.m.  
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### Birding for Beginners

Meet at the Sandy Hook Visitor Center Parking Lot  
Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Thursday, August 23 at 6 p.m.  
An evening bird walk with the New Jersey Audubon Society featuring migratory shorebirds, terns, egrets, and other birds of the seashore. Open to all skill levels and ages. Bring binoculars

### Salt Marsh Walk

Parking Lot L  
Friday, August 24 at 7 p.m.  
Explore a wetland salt marsh along Sandy Hook Bay.

### Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Saturday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m.  
Explore a Sandy Hook habit on this after dark program. Bring a flashlight.

### Old Dune Trail Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Friday, August 31 at 10 a.m.  
Explore an ocean side habitat through the dunes and holly forest, and past a freshwater pond.

Visit Gateway on the web at:  
[www.nps.gov/gate](http://www.nps.gov/gate)

# Sandy Hook Map

## Children's Programs



### National Park Service Junior Naturalist

Sandy Hook Visitor Center  
Fridays at 9 a.m.

June 29

July 20

August 3

August 17

Kids ages 7- 12 are invited to join a park ranger for this 3- hour exploration of Sandy Hook's ocean side habitats including the holly forest, dunes and freshwater pond. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent and water. Free. Reservations required: 732- 872- 5970

### New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium Summer Camp

NJ Marine Sciences Consortium  
Building 22, Fort Hancock.

For more information or to register for these fee programs, please call the NJ Marine Sciences Consortium on Sandy Hook at 732- 872- 1300, ext 30 or 19.

June 25- 29 (for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

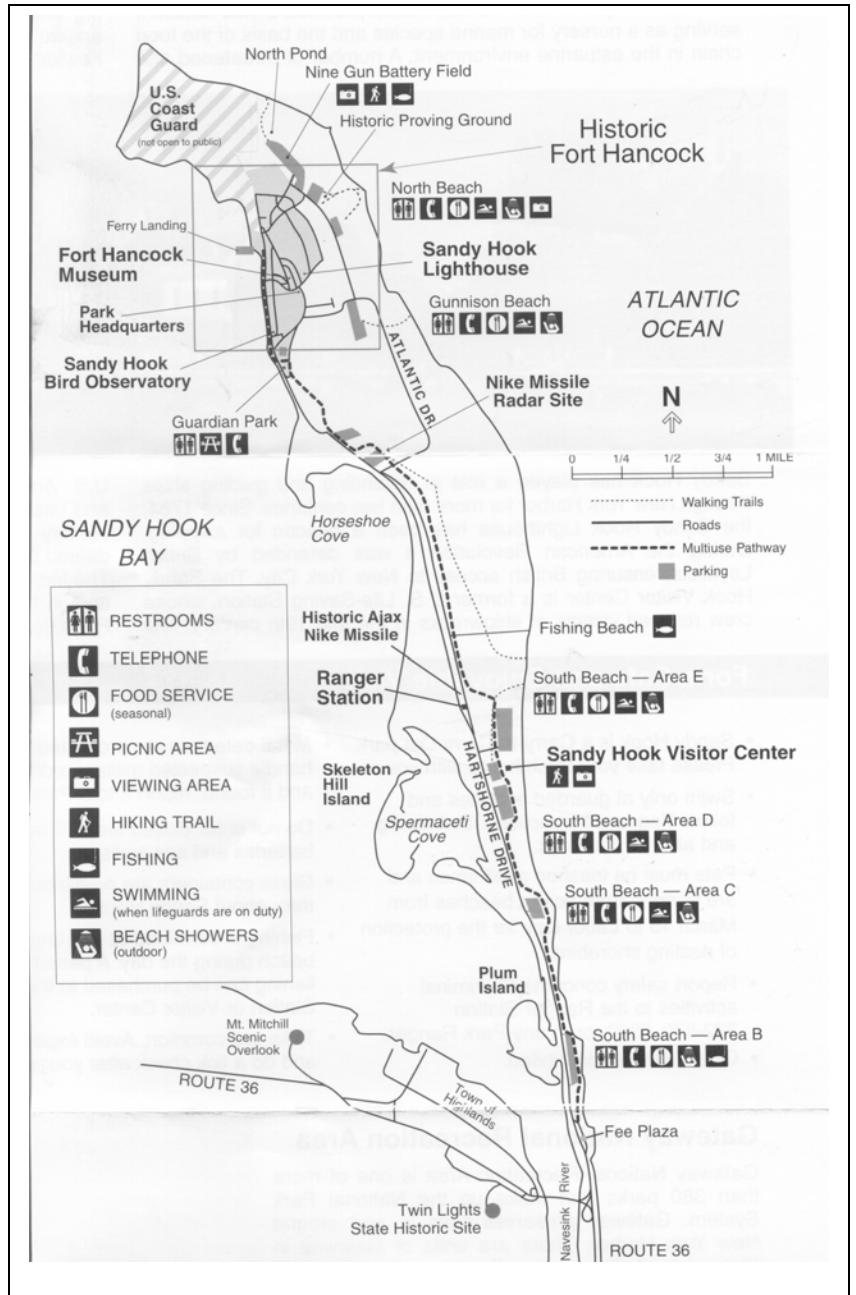
July 9- 13 (for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

July 16- 19 (for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

July 23- 27 (for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

July 30- August 2 (for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

August 13- 17 (for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)





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## Sandy Hook Cooperators

The National Park Service's partners in Education and research at Sandy Hook are:

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## New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail

Sandy Hook is a site on the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail. The purpose of the NJCHT is to provide for public appreciation, education, understanding and enjoyment of the significant natural and cultural sites in the coastal area of New Jersey. For Information, call 856-447-0103 or visit: [www.nps.gov/neje](http://www.nps.gov/neje)