

# New Jersey Saltwater Fishing Beach Access

compliments of New Jersey Beach Buggy Association

## GATEWAY SANDY HOOK:

- *Dates of operation:* The season runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and the times are from 7AM to 5 PM.
- *Permit fee:* \$25 Good for the year. Required for night fishing.
- *Permit obtained from:* The Ranger station. No cash, check or money order only.
- *Beach access points:* None.
- *Parking lots available at:* Fee parking at all parking lots except lot F; also known as South Beach. The fee at Sandy Hook is \$4 on weekdays and \$5 on weekends (per car).
- *Special comments:* More information can be obtained at the Ranger Station.

## SEA BRIGHT BEACH:

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy operation. Year round walk on access for fishing. Memorial Day to Labor Day for bathing.
- *Permit fee:* Bathing requires permit. Fee varies.
- *Permit obtained from:* Office.
- *Beach access points:* Walk-on over designated Public Access Stairways over sea wall.
- *Parking lots available at:* Designated near Public Access Stairways or on side Streets as designated
- *Special comments:* Access to beaches and jetties are largely through the various beach clubs that line Ocean Avenue from the sea wall south of Sandy Hook down through the town. During the summer season, running Memorial Day through Labor Day (give or take a week), you may access the beach but you must be off the club's property by about 9 AM. Before or after the season, access is quite easy and you can stay longer, as most clubs are closed. Starting at Ship Ahoy Beach Club and moving south along Ocean Avenue, access can be gained at the following: Ship Ahoy B.C.; Surfrider; Anchorage B.C.; Sea Bright B.C.; Sea Bright Public Beach; Donovan's; Tradewinds; Edgewater B.C.; Driftwood B.C.

## MONMOUTH BEACH:

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy operation. Year round walk on access for fishing. Memorial Day to Labor Day for bathing.
- *Permit fee:* Bathing requires permit. Fee varies.
- *Permit obtained from:* Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion
- *Beach access points:* Big Monmouth Bath & Tennis Club is a private club & beach ("Big Monmouth") Monmouth Beach Bathing Pavilion is the public beach ("Little Monmouth") These are the two primary access points.
- *Parking lots available at:* Parking in designated areas on side Streets.
- *Special comments:* There is a "Fisherman's Gate" at Little Monmouth for "Car Toppers" or trailers, to launch small boats for fishing. Parking is limited. To the South is an open access (stairway) over the seawall. To the North are two stairwells over the seawall near the now defunct State Marine Police Building and there is limited parking in the old lot.

## SEVEN PRESIDENTS BEACH: (Joline Ave. Long Branch):

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy operation. Year round walk on access for fishing. Memorial Day to Labor Day for bathing.

- *Permit fee:* Parking lot \$4 day, \$4 seasonal. Bathing permit fees vary.
- *Permit obtained from:* Pavilion.
- *Beach access points:* Walk-on through Park for fishing.
- *Parking lots available at:* Parking in designated areas on side Streets.
- *Special comments:* No fishing within 50' of bathing areas. Anglers are encouraged to park on local Streets to avoid lot closings. Recreational fishing encouraged, year round on beach & jetty's.

**BRICK TOWNSHIP:**

- *Dates of operation:* October 1<sup>st</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. Permits go on sale October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$35
- *Permit obtained from:* Township Clerk, 401 Chambers Bridge Road.
- *Beach access points:* Entrance at the North Brick Beach lot.
- *Parking lots available at:* Ocean Beach III.
  - *Special comments:* Permit entitles buggies to operate north of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Normandy Beach to the Mantoloking line. No buggies permitted beyond that line. Safety inspection required –NJBBA guidelines

**OCEAN BEACHES:** (Dover Township)

- *Dates of operation:* September 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$10
- *Permit obtained from:* Police Headquarters at 255 Oak Avenue.
- *Beach access points:* There is no buggy operation north of Normandy Beach / Mantoloking Boro Line.
- *Special comments:* In the areas north of Island Beach State Park, there is no buggy operation during the summer season. Police monitor CB channel 9.

**LAVALLETTE:**

- *Dates of operation:* Beaches will be closed from May in to September 15<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday and Sunday from September 15<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$20
- *Permit obtained from:* Lavallette Police Station, 1300 Grand Central Avenue.
- *Beach access points:* Beach entrances are located at Ortley and Philadelphia Avenues.
- *Special comments:* Inspection is required for the proper equipment for beach use and fishing NJBBA guide-line for equipment Speed limit is 10 MPH. As of 7-26-98 beach erosion has caused extensive damage, and beach opening in fall of 1998 is tentative.

**ORTLEY BEACH:**

- *Dates of operation:* September 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$10
- *Permit obtained from:* Police Headquarters in Toms River or at the Ocean Beach Firehouse on Kittiwake Avenue.
- *Beach access points:* Entrance at Harding and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**SEASIDE HEIGHTS:**

- *Dates of operation:* September 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$15
- *Permit obtained from:* Seaside Heights Boro Hall.
- *Beach access points:* Enter on Heiring Avenue.

- *Special comments:* Access is Heiring Avenue North to end of boardwalk.

#### **SEASIDE PARK:**

- *Dates of operation:* No operation of Buggies form May 16<sup>th</sup> to Sept 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$40 Good for calendar year.
- *Permit obtained from:* Code enforcement, 1201 Barnegat Ave.
- *Beach access points:* Enter on Brighton Ave.

#### **ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK:**

- *Dates of operation:* From weekend of May 16 to Labor Day, buggy operation is limited to the area from parking lot A-7 south. The park is closed from midnight to 4 AM, but beach buggy permittees will be permitted to stay in the park 24 hours per day providing that during this period they actively fish or park in a designated location.
- *Permit fee:* Yearly fee is \$125 for buggy and driver. 72-hour buggy permit is \$25, which includes driver. The total number of 72-hour permits will be limited to 50 at any one time and may not be renewed for more than one consecutive 72-hour period. \$35 yearly fee for statewide state park pass is good for unlimited walk-on fishing as well.
- *Permit obtained from:* Gatehouse.
- *Beach access points:* Areas of buggy operation include the area from Gilliken's south to the inlet. No buggy operation is allowed north of Gilliken's although walk-on fishermen may fish this area through specified marking access points. There are three marked access points to the beach. Gilliken's, A-7, and A-23 for buggies.
- *Parking lots available at:* Parking is limited to two lots and no parking is allowed along the side of the main road.
- *Special comments:* NJBBA nature trail along park center. Location of NJBBA sponsored Governor's Cup tournament the first Sunday in October. Don't miss!

#### **BARNEGAT LIGHT:**

- *Dates of operation:* 7 days / week from Memorial Day to Labor day. Off-season weekends only weather permitting.
- *Permit fee:* Free parking for walk on fishing. Fee for lighthouse tour for ages 12 + up \$1.
- *Beach access points:* Walk on fishing only. Facilities for handicap anglers.
- *Parking lots available at:* At the foot of the lighthouse.
- *Special comments:* No buggy operation permitted. No swimming. Picnic area along inlet. Nature trail.

#### **LOVELADIES:**

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy access from Memorial Day to Labor day.
- *Permit fee:* Falls under jurisdiction of Long Beach Township.
- *Permit obtained from:* At Township Bldg. 76<sup>th</sup> and Long Beach Blvd.
- *Beach access points:* North Beach Avenue.
- *Parking lots available at:* Street parking available.

#### **HARVEY CEDARS:**

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy access from Memorial Day to Labor day.
- *Permit fee:* \$10
- *Permit obtained from:* At Township Bldg.76<sup>th</sup> and Long Beach Blvd.

- *Beach access points:* 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Cape May and Hudson Avenues.
- *Parking lots available at:* Limited street parking available.

**SURF CITY:**

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy access from Memorial Day to Labor day.
- *Permit fee:* \$15
- *Permit obtained from:* Police Headquarters, 1813 Long Beach Blvd.
- *Beach access points:* 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Street, and 5th Street. Third Ave.
- *Parking lots available at:* Street parking available.

**SHIP BOTTOM:**

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy access from Memorial Day to Labor day.
- *Permit fee:* \$15
- *Permit obtained from:* Police Station, 1621 Long Beach Blvd.
- *Beach access points:* Access at 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Street.
- *Parking lots available at:* Street parking available.

**LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP:**

- *Dates of operation:* Beaches closed during the summer season for buggy operation (May 16<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>). Correct dates obtained with permits.
- *Permit fee:* \$50 Good on all Long Beach Township Beaches. (Brant Beach to Holgate)
- *Permit obtained from:* Police station at 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Long Beach Island Blvd. 24 hrs. /day, 7 days/week.

*Beach access points:*

**BRANT BEACH** – 46<sup>th</sup> Street, 66<sup>th</sup> Street.  
**BEACH HAVEN PARK** - Nebraska Avenue (106<sup>th</sup> Street)  
**BEACH HAVEN TERRACE** - New Jersey Avenue (129<sup>th</sup> Street).  
**BEACH HAVEN CREST** – 79<sup>th</sup> Street, 90<sup>th</sup> Street.  
**BEACH HAVEN PARK** – 106<sup>th</sup> Street, 119<sup>th</sup> Street.  
**BEACH HAVEN** – Taylor Avenue, Center Street, Holyoke Avenue.

- *Special comments:* Beach Buggy Hotline (609) 361-1000 ext. 203. Police monitor channel 9. If paying for permit after 4PM on weekdays or on weekends or holidays, you must use an instate check or money order. No cash. Must present vehicle, driver's license, registration and insurance card. A striper derby is usually held in October and November for a fee of \$25.00 which is only good for the derby.

**HOLGATE:**

- *Dates of operation:* Closed from June thru August for migrating birds.
- *Permit fee:* \$50
- *Permit obtained from:* Police station at 68<sup>th</sup> Street and Long Beach Island Blvd. 24 hrs. /day, 7 days/week.
- *Beach access points:* Nelson Avenue, Scott Avenue, Harding Avenue, Washington Avenue.
- *Parking lots available at:* Harding Avenue, end of boulevard.
- *Special comments:* Federal Wildlife area.

**BRIGANTINE:**

- *Dates of operation:* Year round except for North End section past old Coast Guard Station which is closed for Piping Plover nesting from approximately May 15 – August 15.
- *Permit fee:* \$100
- *Permit obtained from:* Permit obtained at City Hall or Lifeguard Headquarters, 17<sup>th</sup> Street & the Beach.
- *Beach access points:* North End entrance at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Jetty entrance at Seaside Road are open 24 hours. Cove entrance at end of Lagoon Blvd. open throughout the night for fishing purposes only.
- *Parking lots available at:* Street parking where legal.
- *Special comments:* Vehicle inspection required.

#### **ATLANTIC CITY:**

- *Dates of operation:* During Striper Derby only.
- *Permit fee:* Free. Must show Striper Derby Pin.
- *Permit obtained from:* City Hall, Room 603, 1301 Bacharach Boulevard
- *Beach access points:* Access roads at New Hampshire, Delaware and Albany Avenues
- *Parking lots available at:* Street parking where legal, numerous paid lots.
- *Special comments:* Must show Striper Derby Pin. Required to cross boardwalk.

#### **VENTNOR CITY:**

- *Dates of operation:* During the Striper Derby only.
- *Permit fee:* Free
- *Permit obtained from:* Police Records Dept., 6201 Atlantic Ave.
- *Beach access points:* Access roads at Suffolk and Newport Avenues.
- *Parking lots available at:* Street parking where legal.
- *Special comments:* Must show Striper Derby pin.

#### **MARGATE:**

- *Dates of operation:* During Striper Derby only.
- *Permit fee:* Free
- *Permit obtained from:* Police Dept. 111 N. Decatur Ave.
- *Beach access points:* Access roads are at Delevan, Grandville, and Washington Avenues.
- *Parking lots available at:* Street Parking where legal
- *Special comments:* Must show Striper Derby pin.

#### **LONGPORT:**

- *Dates of operation:* During Striper Derby only.
- *Permit fee:* Free
- *Permit obtained from:* Police Dept. 2305 Atlantic Ave.
- *Beach access points:* at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and the jetty north to the sea wall.
- *Parking lots available at:* Street parking where legal.
- *Special comments:* Must show Striper derby pin.

#### **OCEAN CITY:**

- *Dates of operation:* September 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$75. Permits limited to 300. Waiting list in effect for permits.
- *Permit obtained from:* Police station.
- *Beach access points:* 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 57<sup>th</sup> Street, 59<sup>th</sup> Street.

- *Parking lots available at:* Various on street parking during off-season.
- *Special comments:* No buggy operation between North Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

#### **CORSON'S INLET:**

- *Dates of operation:* September 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$25
- *Permit obtained from:* Corson's Inlet State Park, PO Box 450, Woodbine, NJ 08270.
- *Beach access points:* There is a marked access gate at the south end of Central Ave.
- *Parking lots available at:* 54<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Ave.
- *Special comments:* No pets between April 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. Those not actively engaged in fishing must leave the park between midnight and 4 AM.

#### **SEA ISLE CITY:**

- *Dates of operation:* September 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$15
- *Permit obtained from:* Police Dept. at 233 JFK Blvd. during the week from 9AM to 4:30 PM.
- *Beach access points:* For fishing north of 31<sup>st</sup> enter/exit at 22<sup>nd</sup> St. For fishing south of 57<sup>th</sup> St. enter/exit at 75<sup>th</sup> or 85<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- *Parking lots available at:* Street parking available.

#### **AVALON:**

- *Dates of operation:* Sept 15 to May 15.
- *Permit fee:* \$10
- *Permit obtained from:* Borough clerk or by writing for an application and enclosing a self addressed, stamped envelope.
- *Beach access points:* Entrances are marked.
- *Special comments:* Inspection of vehicle & equipment is required at the police station between 9AM and 4 PM.

#### **STONE HARBOR:**

- *Dates of operation:* Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Permit fee:* \$20
- *Permit obtained from:* Permit can be obtained only from the borough clerk at 9508 Second Avenue between August 15<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9am and 4 PM during the week or by writing for an application and enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.
- *Beach access points:* Ramps at 85<sup>th</sup>, 96<sup>th</sup>, 102<sup>nd</sup>, 118<sup>th</sup>, 122<sup>nd</sup>, 123<sup>rd</sup> Streets.
- *Parking lots available at:* 96<sup>th</sup> Street, 123<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- *Special comments:* Inspection of vehicle and proper equipment is required. South of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street, hours are 4AM-1AM. North of 122<sup>nd</sup> Street, hours are one half hour before sunrise until one half hour past sunset only.

#### **NORTH WILDWOOD:**

- *Dates of operation:* Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday before Memorial Day.
- *Permit fee:* \$5 permit for North Wildwood residents and \$15 permit for non-residents is required.
- *Permit obtained from:* Permit obtained at North Wildwood Police station at 10<sup>th</sup> & Atlantic Ave.

- *Beach access points:* Entrances at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. & 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- *Parking lots available at:* On street parking available.
- *Special comments:* Safety equipment required. Location of NJBBA Great Fall Classic Tournament. The 5<sup>th</sup> weekend after Labor Day annually. Don't miss it!

**WILDWOOD:**

- *Dates of operation:* Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> to Thursday before Memorial Day.
- *Permit fee:* \$15
- *Permit obtained from:* City clerk's office, 4400 New Jersey Avenue.
- *Beach access points:* Access is at Cresse Ave.
- *Parking lots available at:* On street parking available.
- *Special comments:* Must have required equipment. Call 1 800 WWBYSEA for information.

**WILDWOOD CREST:**

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy access.
- *Parking lots available at:* Various on street parking, during off-season.

**CAPE MAY:**

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy access.
- *Parking lots available at:* All along the seawall.
- *Special comments:* For information stop at Cape May County Information center at exit 6 on Garden State Parkway.

**HIGBEE BEACH:**

- *Dates of operation:* No buggy access.

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