

OUTER BEACH PARKS

Smith Point County Park Shirley – 631-852-1315

The County's largest ocean front beach. Fishermen and beach goers can access the Outer Beach from the East Booth Check Station. In season, Smith Point offers Outer Beach camping for self-contained campers and trailers—call for availability.

Cupsogue Beach County Park Westhampton—631-852-8111

Cupsogue Beach provides limited outer beach camping on the bay side of Moriches Inlet for self-contained campers and trailers. Reservations can be made through the online reservation system at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/parks.

Charles F. Altenkirch County Park Hampton Bays—631-854-4949

Located on the west side of the Shinnecock Inlet this park offers ample fishing and general beach use. Limited off road vehicle access is permitted between September 15-March 15 with an Outer Beach Permit.

Shinnecock East County Park Southampton—631-852-8899

Flanking the eastern border of the Shinnecock Inlet where it meets the Atlantic Ocean, this rugged, barrier beach park includes both ocean and bay beach recreation areas. Shinnecock is a favorite spot for striped bass fishing. Outer Beach camping is available for self-contained campers and trailers—reservations can be made through the online reservation system at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/parks.

Cedar Point County Park East Hampton 631-852-7260

The 607 acre park, has commanding views of Gardiner's Bay and Northwest Harbor. The 1860 Cedar Point Lighthouse once stood on an island 200 yards from shore and its beacon guided whaling ships through Sag Harbor. The 1938 hurricane transformed the shoreline and created a walkable strip that now connects the lighthouse with the mainland. No camping on the outer beach but the park offers many tent and trailer sites for visitors. Reservations can be made through the online reservation system at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/parks.

Montauk County Park Montauk 631-8852-7879

With over 3 miles on Block Island Sound, Outer Beach permit holders may access the outer beach for day use and night fishing. Outer Beach camping is available for self-contained campers and trailers via the online reservation system at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/parks. Launching of small boats and personal water craft is permitted as directed by park personnel.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Jack, jackboard, shovel, rope, chain or snap line, fire extinguisher, spare tire, tire gauge, flashlight, first-aid kit, and portable air compressor or air tank

TIPS AND PRACTICES

- When possible, use existing tracks.
- Use designated access roads only. Undesignated area access is illegal, and can cause erosion leaving the beach vulnerable to storm damage.
- Ruts and holes caused by a stuck vehicle must be filled in after said vehicle has been removed.
- Tire pressure should be at least one half the maximum recommended vehicle tire pressure.
- Stay away from all vegetation as the weight of the vehicle could destroy root systems.
- Avoid the high water rack line, as birds often feed in this area, and it is subject to debris and hard conch shells that could damage your tires.

WHAT IF I GET STUCK?

- Do not spin your tires
- Check and make sure you are in 4 wheel drive.
- Lower tire pressure between 15 and 18 psi.
- Pull a small amount of sand away from the front and rear of all four tires.
- Slowly attempt to drive in reverse, were the sand is compacted.
- Keep front tires straight, back up attempt to free your vehicle.
- Proceed evenly, keeping up your momentum without spinning your tires.
- If buried, jack vehicle up first, then compact sand under tires.

BEACH INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

For up-to-date information on beach conditions (visit our website at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/parks)

For Emergencies: Call 911

Non-Emergency/Rule Violation: 631-852-COPS

For Park Information, call 631-854-4949

Visit www.suffolkcountyny.gov/parks

SUFFOLK COUNTY PARKS

Outer Beach and Night Fishing Guide



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Montauk County Park - Montauk



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Outer Beach Recreational Vehicle Permit:

Properly equipped off-road vehicles with a valid outer beach recreational vehicle permit may access Suffolk County Park outer beaches for fishing or day trips. Seasonal and daily permits are available year round with a valid Suffolk County Green Key card.

HOW TO PURCHASE AN OUTER BEACH PERMIT

WHERE YOU CAN PURCHASE:

The Outer Beach Permit can be purchase at any of the Outer Beach Parks as well Blydenburgh, Cathedral Pines, Indian Island, Sears Bellows or the West Sayville Administration.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Suffolk County Parks Green Key Card
- Vehicle registration
The name that appears on the vehicle registration Should match the name on the Green Key, or reflect a relationship between the two (i.e. marriage).
Additional documentation may be required for business owned vehicles and new or leased vehicles.

NIGHT FISHING:

Insuring that surfcasters enjoy increased fishing opportunities, the Department allows access for night time fishing after Parks are closed. Patrons who have Outer Beach Permits have access to outer beach and all other night fishing locations. A separate Night Fishing Permit is available for fisherman *not fishing on the Outer Beach*. Night fishing is permitted at the following Parks: Smith Point, Shinnecock East, Charles F. Altenkirch, Cedar Point, Orient Point, Shinnecock Canal, Montauk, Cupsogue Beach, Cordwood Landing and Lake Ronkonkoma. Permits are available at all outer beach parks and the Parks Administration Office.

Rules For Night Fishing :

- Permits are valid only for vehicle listed on the permit.
- Park as directed.
- Display permit on vehicle dash (in lieu of Outer beach permit)
- Saltwater fishing registration is required.
- Only fishermen actively fishing will be permitted at night.

OUTER BEACH RULES

DAY TRIPS

- Vehicles must have a valid Outer Beach Recreational Vehicle User Permit permanently affixed to the vehicle in the Department's designated location.
- All outer beach permits expire on December 31, of each year.
- All vehicles MUST carry ALL required equipment while on Outer Beach.
- Alcoholic Beverages are not permitted.
- Fires are not permitted.
- All vehicle tires must be aired down to at least one-half the maximum rated tire pressure or the recommended off road pressure.
- 10 MPH is the maximum speed at all times.
- Pedestrians have the right-of-way; please be courteous to people walking on the beach.
- Only marked cuts, roads, entrances and exits are to be used. No driving on dunes, swails or vegetation.
- All vehicles must park as posted or directed by the Park's Department.
- Driving in bird nesting areas prohibited.
- All vehicle passengers must wear seatbelts.
- Take litter and debris with you and discard in trash receptacles.
- Please fill in ruts and holes caused by stuck vehicles.
- All dogs must be leashed and under owner's control at all times.
- Launching or retrieval of all motorized boats (includes personal watercraft, jet skis etc.) is prohibited at Shinnecock East, Smith Point, and Cupsogue Beach County Parks. Check with park personnel for specific information regarding towing boat trailers to a County park.
- When the outer beach is closed , vehicles with outer beach permits or night fishing permits are permitted to park in parking lot at no additional fee.

PIPING PLOVER

Plovers, Least Terns and other endangered species



Many beaches on Long Island are excellent habitat for shorebird nesting. Among these birds, is the piping plover. The **plover** is a small sand-colored bird with a black ring around its neck and a black band across its forehead. The piping plover is listed as a threatened species and therefore is protected under the Endangered Species laws. Although nesting areas are well marked with signs and fencing, adults and chicks need to feed along the water's edge and may be found outside of string fencing. Please stay away from the birds and the protected areas.

Working With U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Suffolk County Parks has been working diligently with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Parks Environmental Team to ensure that access to county beaches remain open throughout the season. Park staff will continue to advocate for uninterrupted access but needs your help to ensure that the Department remains in compliance with all federal regulations which have closed beaches in the past. You can help by following these simple rules:

- Please keep off the dunes.
- Please do not walk or drive in plover designated areas.
- Please keep all pets leashed and under your control at all times.
- Talk to your friends and educate your fellow beach goers.

Together we can keep the Outer Beaches open this season.

ATTENTION ALL OUTER BEACH USERS: The Parks Department reserves the right to prohibit vehicle use on County beaches due to changes in beach conditions from natural occurrences (storms, tides etc.), or maintenance (jetty repairs, dredging etc.), or for the best management of its lands and natural resources.