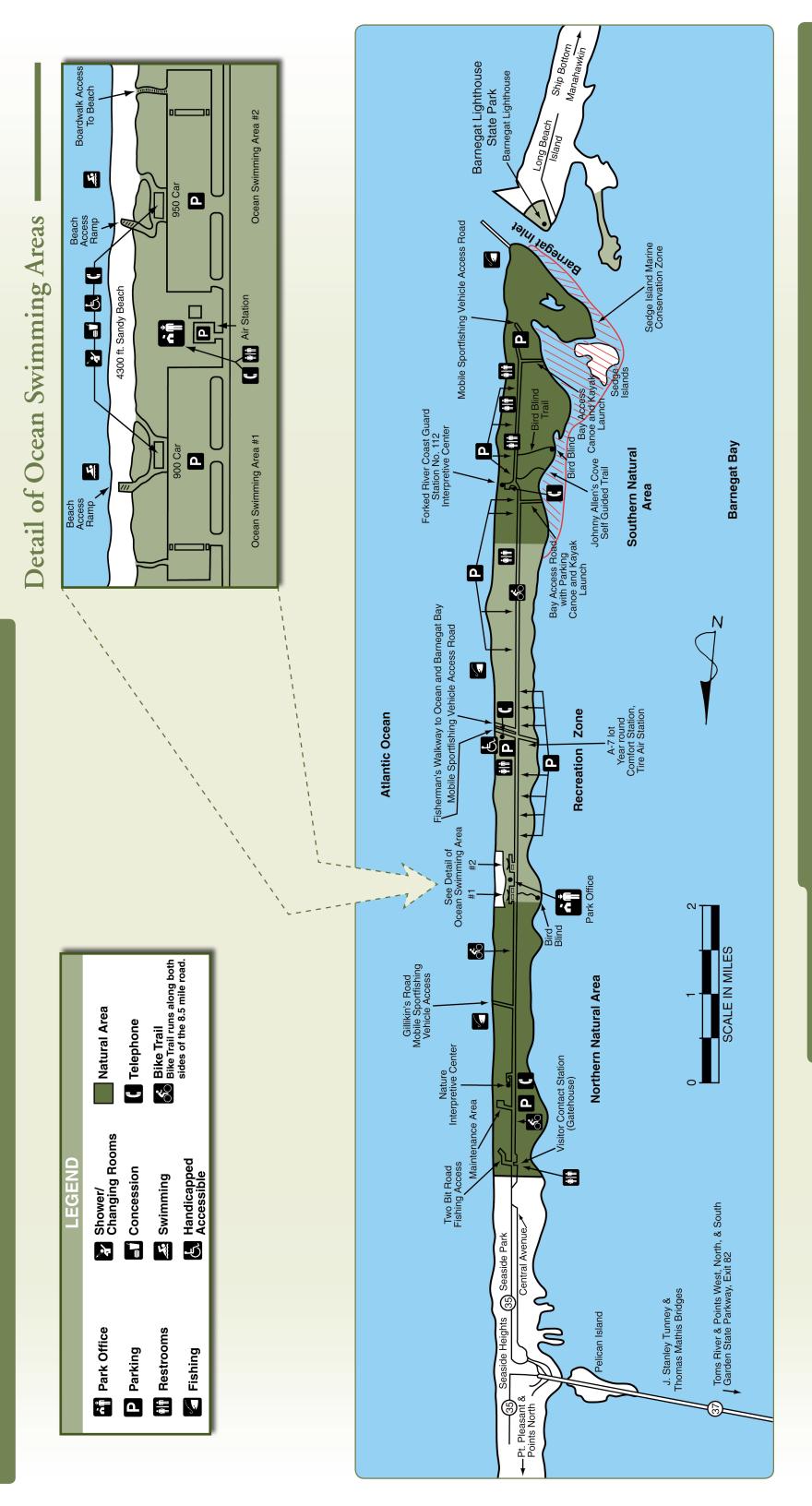
## JH State Park ISLAND BEA



the park office for further information. horse rental facilities in or near the park. Please contact tor horse trailers during this time period. There are no October 1 through April 30. A parking area is designated portions of the park are available for equestrian use from road. Six miles of ocean beach in the southern and central

along more than 8 miles of the main A designated bicycle path is located Bicycling and Horseback Riding





permitted in state parks. before leaving the beach. Alcoholic beverages are not extinguish their fires and remove charcoal from the sand least 50 feet east of the dunes and picnickers are asked to south of the designated swimming area. Fires must be at beach. Grills or beach fires are permitted on the beach

park, visitors may enjoy picnicking on the ocean Although tables and grills are not available at the Picnicking



devices are not permitted. safety of swimmers, inner tubes, rafts and other flotation interpretive station at Ocean Swimming Area 1. For the aid stations, food and beach supply concessions and the areas and facilities with showers, changing areas, firstbeach is staffed with lifeguards. Nearby are parking of the park. From mid-June through Labor Day, this

swimming beach is located in the central portion Approximately one mile of designated ocean Smimming





at Area 20 and Ocean Swimming Area 1. Shoal, Area 13; at Johnny Allen's Cove, and at the bird blinds are located at the Nature Interpretive Center, Area 7; at Tice's information about the park. Self-guided trails with exhibits ter. These facilities offer scheduled activities as well as general Forked River Coast Guard Station No. 112 Interpretive Centhe Interpretive Station at Ocean Swimming Area I and the Interpretive facilities include the Nature Interpretive Center,

Interpretive Center at (732) 793-1698. Group tours may be arranged in advance through the Nature ties scheduled daily in the summer and on selected weekends. natural history of the island through walking tours and activito the kayak tours, the park's interpretive program reveals the natural classroom for the study of a barrier beach. In addition dune formations and relatively undisturbed vegetation create a Interpretive Program - Island Beach State Park's natural sand

Swimming Area 1. views of Barnegat Bay tidal marshes at Area 20 and at Ocean falcons and wading birds. Bird observation blinds provide ticipants may see a variety of wildlife including nesting osprey, Canoe and kayak access is available at Areas 15 and 21. Parthe tidal marshes are conducted during the summer season. ground for birds, fish and other wildlife. Kayak trips through The Barnegat Bay side of the island is a nutrient-rich feeding

dunes and should not disturb the vegetation. storm-driven waves and tides. Visitors must stay off the sand



precious resources, protecting the park and mainland from throughout the park. Sand dunes are one of the park's most of the Southern Natural Area. Nature study is permitted ing and fishing activities are allowed on the ocean beaches ocean beach for fishing and walking. Picnicking, sunbath-Public access to the Northern Natural Area is limited to the designated trails and more than 200 species of plants. dune communities, tidal marshes, freshwater wetlands, natural areas contain 1,900 acres of sand dunes with coastal recreation zone and the Southern Natural Area. The two management zones: the Northern Natural Area, the central this natural vegetation, the park is divided into three of years ago. To accommodate recreation and to protect Today's maritime vegetation is the same as it was hundreds other species of waterfowl, shorebirds and migratory birds. New Jersey's largest osprey colonies, in addition to many oped barrier beaches on the Atlantic coast. It has one of Barrier Beach - Island Beach is one of the few undevel-

## **FEATURES AND ACTIVITIES**

Island Beach opened as a state park in 1959. land to preserve the natural beauty of the island and provide recreation for swimmers, hikers, anglers and ourdoor enthusiasts. successful flight at Island Beach in 1945. In 1953, the State of New Jersey purchased the 2,694-acre Phipps estate and additional Hopkins University used the area for experimental work in anti-aircraft rocketry. A supersonic ramjet rocket made its first After the stock market crash, the area became the Borough of Island Beach. During World War II, the US Army and Johns

before the stock market crash of 1929 brought an end to construction. exclusive seashore resort. Only three large, expensive homes – the Ocean House, Bay House and Freeman House – were built

Steel magnate Henty C. Phipps, a partner of Andrew Carnegie, bought the land in 1926 with visions of turning it into an

and by members of the U.S. Lifesaving Service. first Earl of Stirling. During the  $18^{\rm th}$  and  $19^{\rm th}$  centuries, the area was inhabited by fishermen, who built shacks from driftwood,

Island Beach has a rich and varied history. In 1635, Charles I of England granted a parcel of land, including Island Beach, to the

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beaches, maritime forest, tidal marshes and dunes. can be seen across the inlet from the southernmost point of Island Beach. Park visitors can enjoy the 3,000 acres of sandy This unique environment provides a variety of habitats for a multitude of maritime plants and wildlife. Barnegat Lighthouse Island Beach State Park is a narrow barrier beach stretching for nearly 10 miles between the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay.

INTRODUCTION

Island Beach State Park is popular among saltwater anglers who surf fish for striped bass and bluefish, as well as summer flounder (fluke), weakfish and kingfish. During the appropriate season, fishing for tautog (blackfish) along the north jetty of Barnegat Inlet is especially rewarding. Bait and fishing information may be obtained at local tackle dealers before entering the park. Saltwater fishing is subject to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and State Park Service regulations, which can be found in the New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest - also available at local tackle dealers. Further information about special permits to operate four-wheel-drive mobile sportfishing vehicles on the fishing beaches may be obtained at the Visitor Contact Station at the park entrance. Fishing is not permitted in the designated swimming areas from May 15 through October 15.



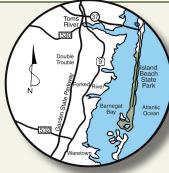




Windsurfing and Surfing Portions of the ocean beach at the extreme southern end of Ocean Swim-

ming Area 2 are designated for windsurfing and surfing. For more information, contact the park office or ask the lifeguards on duty.

Scuba Diving Scuba diving and underwater fishing are permitted along 2.5 miles of ocean beach just north of Barnegat Inlet. Scuba divers must register at the park office prior to their first dive each year. Proof of current diving certification is required. Spear and underwater fishing are subject to New Jersey's Fish and Wildlife regulations. Diving in Barnegat Inlet is permitted and subject to New Jersey Boating Commission Special Regulations.



Directions: Take Route 37 east to Route 35 south to the park entrance.

Access for Persons with Disabilities Island Beach State Park facilities are partially accessible for people with disabilities. The Fisherman's Walkway is a boardwalk that provides access to both the ocean and bay at parking Area 7. Beach wheelchairs for the ocean swimming area, and beach wheelchairs that have been specially fitted for surf fishing are available at the pavilions during the swimming season and at the park office during the remainder of the year. Contact the park office for further information regarding disability access. Text telephone users can call the New Jersey Relay Service at

The Carry In/Carry Out program helps to eliminate trash by encouraging visitors to be good stewards by placing their trash in bags provided throughout the site and taking it home for proper disposal.

Pets are not permitted on designated swimming beach areas or inside buildings and must be caged or restrained by leash (maximum 6-foot length) at all

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.



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