

Dear TAA-NJ members and friends,

TAA-NJ plans to hold an "Island Beach State Park Excursion" on July 20 (Saturday). Below are the details for the trip.

Time: July 20 (Saturday), 2019, 8 am - 2 pm (low tide is 9 am). We will do clamming and crabbing until ~12 pm. After clamming/crabbing, you can spend the rest of the day sun bathing at beach Area 1 and 2.

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Place: Island Beach State Park, NJ (IBSP) (<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/island.html>). Be at IBSP early, the park close frequently when its full. We will meet at the last modern restroom (Area 23). If you have done it before please proceed to the clamming ground.

Activities

8:00 am - 12 pm (Group activity), Clamming, crabbing, canoeing/kayaking at the bay (low tide will be 9 am). We will meet at the last modern rest room facility (the one with a wind mill) right before the end of paved road in IBSP. There are limited parking space. If it is full, you need to park your cars in another parking lot. Don't park at the road side. You will get tickets.

After 12 pm (Self managed activities): Hiking or walking on the beach, swimming/surfing at bathing areas.

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What to Bring:

*** We need to wade 300 feet at up to chest-deep water to crabbing/clamming areas. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing (or swim suite). We have a canoe (provide by Mark) to shuttle kids to the clamming area. Carry minimal stuff with you.

- Park entry fee: ~ \$10/car(NJ resident), \$20/car(non-resident). Free for NJ seniors over 62 years old. Car pools strongly encouraged.
- Your favorite drinks and food (no alcohol allowed). There is a nice hot-water shower facility in the First Bathing Area with a food and drinks.
- If needed, bring a zip-lock plastic bag to keep your wallet, cell phone and license dry.
- Suntan lotion, bug spray (many bugs at this beach), swim ware, beach towel, hats, changing clothes, etc.
- Canoe, Kayak, sailboat, tube - anything that floats (optional).

- Rakes for clamming and mesh bags for clams; Crabbing nets for crabs. Do not bring Kids' toys.
- Wear sneakers or long wool socks (to feel clams) is encouraged.
- Clamming license is required if you plan to keep clams. You can go to your fishing equipment shop to obtain Clamming license. Alternatively, you can do it online (<https://www.nj.wildlifelicense.com/ALS/licCtrl.php>). If you are over 62 years old your license is free and for life. Park rangers checked license frequently.
- Crabbing does NOT require license.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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